## LBCR messages in response to proposed North Texas Reservoir Approval Act:

- We greatly appreciate the support of our legislators who clearly recognize the importance of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project for North Texans.
- The District provides water service to one of the fastest-growing regions in the nation and the future of north Texas depends on this additional water source.
- Permitting for the reservoir has been underway for nearly a decade, and we
  continue to work closely with the Army Corps of Engineers, EPA and other
  agencies to obtain the last remaining permit for the project to proceed.
- Unfortunately, the finish line keeps moving, and now the federal agencies are indicating as much as a one or even two-year delay.
- With recent years of extended drought as well as significant growth in our region, we can't afford to delay this critical resource any longer. No one wants to be in the same situation as California.
- Our goal is to compress the permitting and construction schedule as much as possible.
- Members of Congress from the area have introduced and are supporting legislation to help move the process forward.
- NTMWD is continuing to work on engineering and other planning necessary to begin construction as soon as final approvals are in place.
- We remain committed to building the project in an environmentally responsible way.
- More than 12,000 acres have been purchased in Fannin County solely for the purpose of replacing trees, plants and wetlands that may be impacted by construction of the reservoir.