

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

New board members

Two new members of the ANRA Board of Directors were sworn in during the Aug. 12 board meeting.

David King of Nacogdoches and Tom Gann of Lufkin were recently appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to six year terms.

David King is director of human resources for ForeTravel, Inc. He is a member of EMS Star of Texas Award Advisory Committee, Deep East Texas Career/Tech Partnership Advisory Council and The Blood Center of East Texas Board of Directors. He received his bachelor's degree from SFA.

Tom Gann is president of Gann Medford Real Estate. He currently serves on the Texas Real Estate Advisory Committee at Texas A&M. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business administration from Baylor University.

Gov. Perry also reappointed Julie Dowell of Bullard and Alfred Chavira of Jacksonville to the board.

Ms. Dowell is a retired police officer and a past member of the Bullard Elementary School Site Based Decision Making Committee. Her term will expire Sept. 2, 2011.

Mr. Chavira is a self-employed contractor and past president of the Jacksonville Jayces and member the Hope Inc. finance committee. His term will expire Sept. 5, 2013.



David King



Tom Gann

ANRA seeking \$48 million from Water Development Board fund

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) received applications for water improvement loans totaling in excess of \$1 billion. ANRA's application for \$48,000,000 is the only one seeking funding from the "State Participation Fund," as the balance of applicants sought funding from the "Water Infrastructure Fund".

The State Participation Fund has adequate funding to fund ANRA's application and with no other applicants seeking funding from that account, ANRA should be successful in gaining approval from the TWDB when they meet in September or October to deliberate these requests.

As with the previously approved funding of \$15.6 million, the funds being sought will be approved contingent upon ANRA receiving its 404 permit from the Corps. of Engineers.

The total of both TWDB commitments would carry the project up to the point of actual dam construction.

Environmental Impact Study filed

The final version of the Preliminary Draft EIS was filed for record on August 14th.

The more than 200-page document contains all the recommended changes directed by the Corps of Engineers. The Corps office in Ft. Worth has indicated their review would take about one month.

Once the Corps is satisfied with the document, they will publish a notice seeking public comment on the information contained within the document. The public comment period will last for 60 days and during that 60 day period, a public hearing will be held. ANRA has asked that the public hearing be held in Jacksonville.

How much time would it take ...

... to fill Lake Columbia?

To fill Lake Columbia — based on historical runoff:

If the wettest season was to repeat itself, the lake would fill in 78 days (based on the runoff that occurred 1/18/1945 - 4/5/1945).

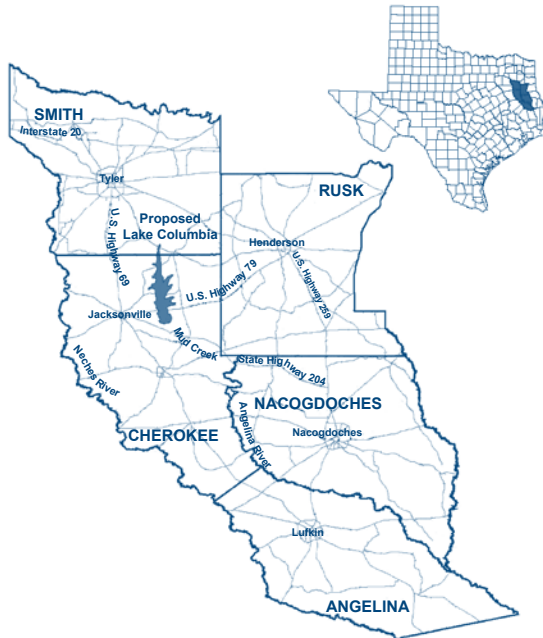
If the driest season was repeated, the lake would take 1,468 days to fill (based on the runoff that occurred 4/16/1962 - 4/22/1966). That's the range of days that it might take Lake Columbia to fill.

Deason, Vorpahl retire from ANRA Board

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Angelina and Neches River Authority deeply appreciate the services of Mr. Vorpahl and Mr. Deason. Their insights into Authority issues has been beneficial to the well being and growth of the organization.



George Vorpahl



U.S. Forestlands abundant

The most recent USDA Forest Service data confirms that U.S. forestland is roughly as abundant today as it was 100 years ago. The Forest Service's Resource Planning Act 2007 (RPA data) reveals both state and regional increases in forestland across the country.

Among the key findings in the report:

- There are 750 million acres of forestland in the U.S. today, about the same as in 1907.
- Historical trends indicate that the standing inventory (volumn of growing trees) of hardwood and softwood tree species in U.S. forests during the 20th century increased by 40 percent between 1953 and 2006.

Lake Columbia Participants

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| City of Alto | City of New London |
| Afton Grove WSC | City of New Summerfield |
| City of Arp | North Cherokee WSC |
| Blackjack WSC | City of Rusk |
| Caro WSC | Rusk Rural WSC |
| Cherokee County | Stryker Lake WSC |
| Jackson WSC | Temple-Inland, Inc. |
| City of Jacksonville | City of Troup |
| City of Nacogdoches | City of Whitehouse |

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