

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1007 By: Mass, Erwin and Fields

A Resolution relating to the Sardis Reservoir; stating the objection of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to certain proposed agreement; providing for expanded public participation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, by enactment of Senate Joint Resolution No. 31, in 1992, the 2nd Session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislature authorized the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to enter into an agreement with the North Texas Municipal Water District for the sale of surplus water from Sardis Reservoir and the Kiamichi River Basin; and

WHEREAS, in the Joint Resolution, the Legislature indicated the concerns raised by many citizens in the area of the Sardis Reservoir about the possible fluctuations in Sardis water levels; and

WHEREAS, since enactment of the Joint Resolution, other citizens across the state have also expressed concerns as to impact of the sale of surplus water on the Sardis Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, when delegating such an authority to an agency, relies on the state agency vested with such authority to ensure adequate citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, even though some public meetings were held, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has failed to provide the public participation necessary to address the concerns of the citizens in the Sardis Reservoir area and those of citizens across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. That the Oklahoma House of Representatives strongly states its opposition to any proposed agreement for the sale of water from Sardis Reservoir to North Texas Municipal Water District until new legislation has been enacted supporting such sale.

SECTION 2. That the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is hereby directed to expand its public participation activities to better answer and address public concerns.

SECTION 3. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Secretary of the Environment, the Corps of Engineers, and the North Texas Municipal Water District.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of

February, 1993.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives