



FRIENDS OF CANYON LAKE

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Mission Statement

To protect the fragile recreation and tourism-based economy of central Comal County, and ensure environmental protection of the Guadalupe River and Canyon Lake by all appropriate means, including legal action, if necessary.

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President's Message from Bob Wickman

The Annual Membership Meeting of Friends of Canyon Lake will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23rd at the GVTC auditorium on FM 3159. All members of FOCL are urged to attend, and the public is invited. Membership applications will be available at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The agenda will include an update on our attempts to get the state and the federal government to require an Environmental Impact Statement to assess the damage feared by the massive project to remove 90,000 acre-feet of water each year from Canyon Lake and the Guadalupe River.

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority has sold the water to outlying areas to support growth and more golf courses. We believe such a large diversion during dry weather periods will severely damage the delicate recreation-based economy of Canyon Lake and New Braunfels. The Guadalupe River ceased to flow and recharge the lake during the most recent drought in 2000.

We also fear that increasing the discharge of municipal and industrial sewage into Canyon Lake and the river will further harm recreational use, especially with a much lower lake to absorb the effluent. Rapidly declining water quality is

already a serious concern for residents, even during a relatively wet year as we are experiencing.

To add to our concerns, we recently learned of a legislative initiative in Austin to require construction of even more sewage plants to support new development. No environmental impact assessment has been made, and state agencies have steadfastly refused to perform such a study, apparently bending to the demands of developers. Sewage treatment is a profit center for GBRA.

The planned agenda for our annual meeting will also include discussion about a forthcoming Area Summit Meeting of many concerned organizations, like FOCL, to coordinate efforts to save the Guadalupe and Canyon Lake from further abuse. Declining water quality will be discussed, as well as municipal incorporation.

Anyone interested in serving on the FOCL board can apply for a position by sending a brief resume with cover letter, explaining reasons for his/her interest, to P.O. Box 1392, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133. Director positions are not compensated, and duties require considerable time and effort in support of FOCL's many activities.

For more information about our organization and its goals, please visit our website at www.friendsofcanyonlake.com.



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FOCL Lapel Pins will be available at the annual meeting for only \$5!



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- \$ 15.00 - 24.99 Member, Friends of Canyon Lake
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**A certificate suitable for framing will be awarded to those contributing at three levels indicated.*

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