

- Name Dan Andrew

- Address Two wells

- Years lived there _____ Land owned _____

* We would like to believe water unlimited

Fresh, clean, potable water is limited in the sense that nature can only supply a certain undetermined quantity over any given time period. The unknown is: what is that quantity. That answer is what we seek, the second part is: How is it best used?

I've lived in rural areas most of my life. Talk of the future strain on available fresh water has been understood my entire life. So I've been keen on this topic and tried to practice the most conservative level of water usage possible. I think most of the agricultural community does the same.

Water IS the life blood of
ALL LIFE

without water earth's landscape would look like that of Mars.

In my world my domestic well is at the bottom of the aquifer to bed rock. The two irrigation wells are also down to bed rock. Along with these wells are two monitoring wells to monitor water levels monthly until the certified usage can be determined. I watch the data supplied by GMD2 with great interest. Recent years we've benefited from timely growing season rains to ease the demand on irrigation wells. However that can change anytime as we all know.

The requested increase by Wichita is well, shocking and alarming. It's troubling that another entity can invade into the rural areas and take a resource right out from under the land owner.

My deed to my land says I own the mineral rights. Oil companies have to get my permission if they want to drill on my land and then will pay a royalty to me if oil is discovered. What makes water different?

Wichita's request I believe goes beyond sustainable and threatens the viability of the aquifer.

The increased demand threatens me and every other user in the district. Texas has no program to regulate water usage and wells are drying up. I went to buy a circle there a few years back. The ag community is suffering because of no water. The cost of my wells is in the tens of thousands. It's availability adds to the value of the land.

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Clearly the limited aquifer must be aggressively protected. Other sources other methods must be found and developed.

Thank you.

Drilling wells deeper is fool hearty. It simply pumps to tub to a lower level.

Detestable that Wichita would pump water from under ~~the~~ users and then sell that water to others.

We've heard of the fall of the water levels ~~in~~ in the life times of the older residence. These facts cannot be ignored. It hard evidence of an ongoing trend. This trend needs stopped and stopped now. Wichita's request will ^{continue} only accelerate this dangerous trend

The salt plume doesn't need slowed; it needs STOPPED