

# PLTA

## NEWS!

The Protect Lake Travis Association  
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### COLORADO RIVER WATCH FOUNDATION

During this spring and summer a group of concerned citizens from up and down the Colorado River met on several occasions to set up and start a new environmental 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation in order to administer the Colorado River Watch Network (CRWN). The CRWN is a confederation of citizens groups and teachers/students from San Saba to Matagorda Bay who voluntarily monitor Colorado River water on a weekly basis for 10 parameters (pH, Dissolved Oxygen, Fecal Coliform, Nitrates, Phosphates, Total Dissolved Solids, Chlorides, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Streamflow or Turbidity, Water Temperature).

The Colorado River Watch Foundation's Board of Directors, organizations they are from, and CRWF officers are:

Dr. Wes Halverson, President  
(LBJ Science Academy - Clear Clean Colorado River Assn.)  
Bob Vann, Vice-President  
(Protect Lake Travis Assn.)  
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(Lake Travis Ind. School Dist.)  
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(Lower Colorado River Auth.)  
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Les Appelt, Director  
(Clear Clean Colorado River Assn.)  
Constance Corman, Director  
(Bay City Ind. School Dist.)  
Craig Pence, Director  
(Clear Clean Colorado River Assn.)

The Foundation's Directors and all members of the network are volunteers who are interested in keeping the water of the Colorado River as clean as possible. The students involved have been an invaluable resource in our fight for clean water. Many of the students have testified before the city councils of Austin and LaGrange for these cities' successful bans on phosphate detergents. In addition, the Lake Travis Middle School's Science Club monitoring team alerted LCRA and the Texas Water Commission to an increase in Lake Travis water clarity; a water clarity reading of 33 feet was observed by the students and set a new state record surpassing the 30 foot record previously held by Lake Amistad.

Very good things are looked forward to from this new organization and a big THANK YOU is owed to the Lower Colorado River Authority, its employees, and especially to Mark Rose, General Manager, for their expertise, assistance and funding of the Network.

Clean water--Accept no substitute!!

## COLORADO RIVER ASSESSMENT

As part of LCRA's commitment to ensuring a clean and plentiful supply of water for future generations, they have decided to perform a comprehensive assessment of the waters of the Colorado River. To help in completing this assessment LCRA has formed an advisory task force comprised of 23 community leaders from the 10 counties along the lower Colorado River basin.

Representatives appointed from Travis County are County Judge Bill Aleshire, Austin Councilmembers Louise Epstein and Charles Urdy, Jim Marston, and PLTA President Bob Vann. The Colorado River Comprehensive Assessment Advisory Task Force meets approximately once each quarter to review updates and work on preparing this initial assessment which is the first of its kind in Texas and will take about two years to complete. The findings will be presented to the Texas Legislature and the Texas Water Commission and will continue to be assessed and presented every two years thereafter.

## UPDATE ON HIGHLAND LAKES NPS ORDINANCE

LCRA has formed a Highland Lakes Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Ordinance Citizens Task Force to review and fine tune the expansion of the already existing Lake Travis NPS Ordinance to cover all of the upper Highland Lakes. Several meetings have been held on this matter and should reach a conclusion in September, 1991. Travis County's representative on this task force is PLTA President, Bob Vann. If you would like more information on this matter or anything else dealing with Lake Travis, you can call him at 266-2500.

## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

LCRA has been awarded two Certificates of Recognition from the EPA, Region VI. The first award went to LCRA's Board of Directors for their leadership in adopting the Lake Travis Non-Point Source Pollution Control Ordinance. The second award went to LCRA's video team for their production of Pointless Pollution, a film which "starred" PLTA's own Dr. Taylor Ollmann and Jack Strickland. Congratulations LCRA!

# PROTECT LAKE TRAVIS



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PLTA Board of Directors

The 1991-92 PLTA Board of Directors and officers are:

Bob Vann, President	John Strickland, Jr.
Dr. Taylor Ollmann, Vice-President	Mary Ann Krohn
Evelyn Scott, Secretary	Jason Star
Jim Davis, Treasurer	Joan Hawbaker
Sam Warrington	

Our thanks go to these volunteers who donate their time and energy serving to protect Lake Travis for all of us to enjoy.

PLTA's 3rd Annual Garage Sale

PLTA's 3rd Annual Garage Sale was held in May at Scuba Point Travis and raised \$527. This was less than our other garage sales, but this time we stayed open for only one day instead of three days. All in all it was a pretty nice day! Our thanks go out to PLTA's special helpers: Bill Atwood (owner of Scuba Point Travis), Jim Davis, Sam Warrington, and the Vann clan: daughters Connie and Lara, wife Becky and Bob Vann.

Marble Falls, Bills Due, & the Future

The City of Marble Falls is still discharging their sewage into Lake Marble Falls. The discharge point is near their dam and is quickly flushed into Lake Travis. They have agreed to work on an irrigation permit and have such a permit pending. All this news was reported to you in the last newsletter. What all of us concerned with Lake Travis need to realize is that without the proper amount of pressure to hurry the removal of the sewage discharge into Lake Marble Falls, it is estimated that it will take 3 more years at this "leisurely" pace.

PLTA cannot afford to have our attorney do the extra work necessary to speed this process up! PLTA has paid all of the expenses we incurred in fighting the City of Marble Falls to this point, EXCEPT our attorney fees. The attorney bill has been reduced, but PLTA still owes: \$5,549.

The fight for water quality at Lake Travis is far from over. Marble Falls is not the end of Lake Travis' problems. Coming up is the Kingsland MUD sewage discharge permit and the fight against that sewage discharge may cost us as much as our Marble Falls fight. And we have to remember that there are still two direct sewage dischargers into Lake Travis left to fight.

If all of you will send in at least \$10 (\$10!!) this bill will be paid. Lake Travis is worth it!

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Membership and/or Special Contributions, Mail to:  
 The Protect Lake Travis Association  
 10801 Rush Rd., Austin, TX 78732

[ ] Enclosed is my annual membership dues of \$10.

[ ] Enclosed is my Special Contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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Remember, the Protect Lake Travis Association is made up of 100% volunteers. Because PLTA is a 501c.3 Non-Profit Organization, contributions are tax deductible. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

No Sewage in Our Lakes!

PLTA - EUGENE MORAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

PLTA is taking applications for a \$250 scholarship to be awarded during Fall semester, '91. This scholarship will be awarded to a college student who is working toward a degree in a field which will advance the environmental movement. The scholarship is in memory of past PLTA Director Eugene Moran and funded by donations from PLTA members who wish to help a deserving student continue his/her education and to help our environment.

The deadline for submitting applications is October 15 and should be mailed to 10801 Rush Rd., Austin, Texas, 78732. Applications will consist of an auto-biography, a transcript showing at least 75 semester hours completed, proof of current enrollment, and an essay of 325 words or less explaining your environmental philosophy and how you intend to use your college degree. Preference may be shown for the following but is not required: PLTA member or family member, Lake Travis area resident, past environmental record, grade point average, and financial need.

PLTA would like to continue giving this scholarship and we hope as you renew your membership dues throughout the year that you will remember our future environmental leaders and help us encourage them in their studies.

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The new LCRA director for San Saba County is:

Betty Jo Miller  
502 Commerce Phone: 915-372-3723  
San Saba, TX 76877

This completes the list of LCRA Board of Directors which was included in the last PLTA News.

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