

# MONEY FLOW & CORRUPTION PIPELINE DIAGRAM

## SECTION XIII – MONEY FLOW & CORRUPTION PIPELINE DIAGRAM

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### ● OIL & GAS / ENERGY / INFRASTRUCTURE DONORS → LEGISLATIVE & POLICY GATEKEEPERS

| Exxon • Chevron • Kinder Morgan • Energy Transfer • Enbridge |  
| Williams • Atmos • Enterprise Products • MPLX • DCP Midstream |  
| TXOGA • Gas Storage PACs • Pipeline PACs • "Infrastructure" PACs |  
| Tech/AI PACs (DFW & Austin-based) |  
| Hillwood-affiliated real-estate donor networks |  
| Timber / land-holding trusts • Corridor-focused real-estate PACs |

| \$ Millions



#### LEGISLATORS RECEIVING DONOR MONEY

##### **State Senate**

- Sen. Charles Perry – Water, Ag & Rural Affairs Chair.
- Sen. Bryan Hughes – Attorney for timber interests; Region C ally.
- Sen. Tan Parker – Infrastructure / developer-aligned.
- Sen. Phil King – Energy, water, and pipeline donor ties.
- Sen. Angela Paxton – Voting record aligned with Region C utilities.

##### **Texas House**

- Rep. Cody Harris – Water bills shaped around Region C priorities.
- Rep. Cole Hefner – District positioned for reservoir impacts.
- Rep. Gary VanDeaver – Red River; aligns with DFW utility agenda.
- Rep. Trent Ashby – Former TFS chair; timber-industry interface.
- Rep. Chris Paddie (former) – Energy/utility mega-corridor architect.
- Rep. Will Metcalf – ERCOT / grid-alignment legislation.

##### **Statewide**

- Governor Greg Abbott – TXOGA and infrastructure-aligned financing.

- Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick – Senate alignment with Region C and corridor bills.
- Speaker Dade Phelan – Large TXOGA funding; pipeline-friendly docket control.
- Commissioner Sid Miller (TDA) – Agriculture/rural-development donor network, corridor-aligned messaging.

**They Approve / Advance:**

- Pipeline bills and eminent-domain expansions.
- TWDB / TCEQ / RRC / TDA leadership and policy direction.
- Anti-local-control land-use laws.
- Incentives for AI megahubs & "innovation corridors."
- Funding mechanisms for water-transfer and reservoir infrastructure.

 REGULATORY POWER – CAPTURED AGENCIES

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS (RRC)**

(Pipeline → Eminent Domain → Non-enforcement)

Officials:

- Christi Craddick – Commissioner
- Wayne Christian – Commissioner
- Jim Wright – Chairman

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| Approves high-pressure pipelines, compressors, storage units |
| Grants eminent-domain status ("common carrier")              |
| Declines aggressive spill/contamination enforcement          |
| Allows pre-routing through future reservoir lands            |
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REGULATORY POWER → PERMITS → EMINENT DOMAIN



**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA)**

(Land Valuation → Rural Policy → Narrative Shaping)

Commissioner: **Sid Miller**

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| Controls agricultural valuation & rural "use" designations |
| Promotes "water scarcity" & drought narratives             |
| Endorses pipeline / transmission / AI corridors as rural   |
| "economic revitalization"                                  |
| Interfaces with timber trusts, land-holding companies, and |
| county appraisal districts                                 |
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POLICY & NARRATIVE POWER → PUBLIC PURPOSE COVER



(Flows merge into the same infrastructure and water-planning funnel.)

## ● PIPELINE & GAS INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

*(Updated With Missing Players)*

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- | Energy Transfer • Kinder Morgan • Williams • Enbridge |
  - | Atmos • Enterprise Products • MPLX • DCP Midstream |
  - | High-pressure corridors • Storage caverns • Gas gateways |
  - | Routes coordinated before genuine public notice |
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## FEEDS



## ● MSB GLOBAL / MATRIX DATA CENTER (AI MEGAHUB)

*(Sulphur Springs / Hopkins County)*

Political & Local Gatekeepers:

- Gov. Greg Abbott – AI incentive packages and "critical infrastructure" framing.
  - Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick – Grid & policy support.
  - Texas Economic Development Corp. (TxEDC).
  - Hopkins County EDC – NDAs with MSB/SSDC1.
  - Sulphur Springs EDC – Land-transfer intermediary.
  - Local county judges & commissioners aligned with EDC/TxEDC messaging.
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- | 2-3+ GW continuous AI load → drives massive gas throughput |
  - | Requires new substations + extra-high-voltage transmission |
  - | Creates "permanent" water demand in Region C models |
  - | Justifies new reservoir as cooling & supply source |
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## DEMAND JUSTIFICATION



## ● REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP (*WEAPONIZED "NEED"*)

Influence Figures:

- NTMWD • TRWD • DWU • UTRWD – DFW utility bloc.
  - Freese & Nichols planning staff.
  - Long-time Region C/utility strategists.
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- | Embeds AI/industrial load inside "municipal" demand |
- | Inflates 50-year DFW projections |

| Suppresses inflow & hydrology contradictions |  
| Overrides Region D objections |

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WEAPONIZED "NEED"



FREESE & NICHOLS (FNI) – TECHNICAL & POLICY MONOPOLY

Key Personnel (Expanded):

- Simone Kiel – Lead architect of Region C plan.
  - Senior FNI water planners and revolving-door TWDB alumni.
  - Subconsultants: AECOM • HDR • Halff • Jacobs.
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| Writes Region C plans & demand models |  
| Drafts TWDB feasibility language |  
| Designs Marvin Nichols reservoir footprint |  
| Designs mitigation banks for timber conglomerates |  
| Writes public-comment responses for Region C & TWDB |  
| Serves both regulators and beneficiaries (dual clients) |

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TECHNICAL VALIDATION



TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)

Officials (Updated):

- Brooke Paup – Chair; Abbott's former attorney.
  - Kathleen Jackson – Industry-integrated policymaker.
  - Jeff Walker / senior executive leadership.
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| Declares Marvin Nichols "feasible" before full evidence |  
| Funds and adopts Region C planning & modeling |  
| Rubber-stamps consultant projections influenced by AI load |  
| Enables land seizures through reservoir designation |

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AUTHORIZATION → FUNDING



MARVIN NICHOLS RESERVOIR – LAND SEIZURE TARGET

Political Sponsors & Institutional Backers:

- Sen. Charles Perry • Rep. Cole Hefner • Rep. Gary VanDeaver.

- DFW utilities (NTMWD • TRWD • DWU • UTRWD).
  - Consultant lobby (FNI, HDR, AECOM etc.).
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| 66,000+ acres seized |  
| Caddo burial & sacred sites inundated or destroyed |  
| Timber, mineral, and surface rights stripped |  
| Rural school finance base hollowed out |  
| Land converted into speculative lakefront & corridor wealth |

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LAND TRANSFER → PRIVATE GAIN

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### ● BILLIONAIRE PROFIT NODES (UPDATED + EXPANDED)

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| HUNT FAMILY → acquiring around rural East Texas |  
| PEROT / HILLWOOD → logistics, industrial & AI corridors |  
| BASS FAMILY / CEM → timber, mitigation, water rights |  
| TATUM / TEMPLE-INLAND timber networks |  
| WestRock & Georgia-Pacific timber divisions |  
| Brookfield & Blackstone land/infrastructure funds |  
| Anonymous Delaware LLC clusters |

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PROFITS: Mitigation banks • Timber liquidation  
Developer platting • Mineral & water rights  
Shoreline real estate • Corridor leases & rents

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### ● RURAL EAST TEXAS – COMMUNITIES WHO LOSE

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| Titus • Franklin • Morris • Red River • Hopkins • Delta |  
| Land seized |  
| Schools defunded |  
| Property values inverted and tax base cannibalized |  
| Water exported to DFW utilities & AI corridors |  
| Ancestral & Tribal cultural sites destroyed |  
| Local control replaced by state-corporate directives |

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## ADDITIONAL SOURCES

1. Marvin Nichols Reservoir – Interregional Conflict, Feasibility, and Harm
  - a. Region C vs Region D conflict & opposition
    - **Dallas Morning News - Interregional conflict problem**  
*North Texas' Marvin Nichols Reservoir plan may have an 'interregional conflict' problem* (Mar. 4, 2025). Confirms: Region D's long-standing formal opposition; Region D can declare "interregional conflict" if Region C includes Marvin Nichols in its plan. [Dallas News](#)
    - **KERA - TWDB formally declares interregional conflict**  
*Texas water board declares a "conflict" over controversial Marvin Nichols reservoir* (June 27, 2025). Confirms: TWDB officially declared conflict between Region C and Region D; 66,000+ acres affected; displacement of families and serious ag impacts. [KERA News](#)
    - **Preserve Northeast Texas / CBS19 - Region D opposed in 2026 plan**  
*East Texas-area water planning group voices strong opposition to Marvin Nichols Reservoir* (Feb. 21, 2025). Confirms: Region D's 2026 Initially Prepared Plan explicitly condemns including Marvin Nichols in any regional or state water plan; reservoir proposed on Sulphur River/White Oak Creek supplying DFW. [preservenortheasttexas.org](#)
    - **Stop Marvin Nichols / CBS19 - Bills to stop project**  
*2 East Texas representatives author bills opposing Marvin Nichols Reservoir* (Jan. 28, 2025). Confirms: State Reps. Cole Hefner & Gary VanDeaver filed HB 2109 & 2114 to block the reservoir, framing it as land seizure for DFW's water problems. [preservenortheasttexas.org](#)
  - b. TWDB feasibility study & its omissions
    - **Dallas Morning News - Draft feasibility report**  
*What the draft feasibility report on Marvin Nichols Reservoir says, how to submit feedback* (Oct. 18, 2024). Confirms: Legislature ordered feasibility study; TWDB draft finds project "timely, financially and ecologically feasible," but admits no quantification of displacement or certain economic losses (timber, cattle, hunting). [Dallas News](#)
    - **Dallas Morning News - Final feasibility "feasible" finding**  
*Texas water board deems Marvin Nichols Reservoir feasible in report submitted to governor* (Jan. 15, 2025). Confirms: TWDB formally deems project feasible for governor/Leg Budget Board despite thousands of comments and Region D's objections. [Dallas News](#)
    - **Tyler Morning Telegraph - Feasible despite local opposition**  
*Marvin Nichols Reservoir deemed feasible despite local opposition* (Jan. 2025). Confirms: ~\$7+ billion cost, significant "high-quality acreage" impacts; study acknowledges uncounted impacts to timber, beef, hunting and calls this an underestimation of true economic harm. [Tyler Morning Telegraph](#)
  - c. Land seizure, agriculture, timber, and community harm
    - **Texas Scorecard - Local impacts & mitigation acreages**  
*East Texas Water Group Considers Controversial Marvin Nichols Reservoir Project* (2024). Confirms: 66,000 acres inundated; another ~130,000 acres for mitigation; >200,000 acres removed from production, devastating timber and ag. [Texas Scorecard](#)
    - **Preserve Northeast Texas Fact Sheet**  
*Marvin Nichols Reservoir: Fact Sheet* (Feb. 2024, PNEN).

Confirms: 66,000+ acres taken; majority bottomland hardwoods/forested wetlands; eminent domain on long-held family lands; flooding of archaeological and historic sites and cemeteries; major damage to timber economy and rural schools. [preservenortheasttexas.org](http://preservenortheasttexas.org)

- **KERA - Conflict story quotes locals**

Shows Red River County landowners describing displacement, mental anguish, and threat to food supply while DFW drives the demand. [KERA News](#)

d. Cultural resources & Caddo sites - TWDB's own data

- TWDB Region C cultural-impact sections
  - 2026 Draft Region C Plan – Appendix J (Quantitative Analysis of Impacts of Marvin Nichols Reservoir). [Texas Water Development Board](#)
  - 2011 Region C RWP analysis & quantification of cultural resources (Table 3/4) showing numbers of known prehistoric/Caddo sites in footprint. [Texas Water Development Board](#)

- **TWDB Sulphur River instream flows / vegetation & habitat**

TWDB report mapping vegetation & inundation for Marvin Nichols II at White Oak Creek; explicitly quantifies bottomland hardwoods / forested wetlands affected. [Texas Water Development Board](#)

- **Region D 2026 Chapter 8 Draft - Highest cultural impact**

Region D draft Chapter 8 notes Marvin Nichols IA had the **highest impact on cultural resources** among alternatives and significant environmental impact overall; NETRWPG opposes unique reservoir designation. [Texas Water Development Board+1](#)

2. Coal Infrastructure, Mines, and Contamination in the Basin

a. Monticello plant & linked mines

- **Monticello Steam Electric Station overview**

Wikipedia entry summarizing Luminant/Vistra's coal plant at Titus County near Lake Monticello; confirms lignite from nearby mines, closure in 2018, and ownership by Luminant/Vistra. [Wikipedia](#)

- **Railroad Commission of Texas - Lignite mine list & production**

RRC coal production report lists Luminant mines including "Monticello Winfield Mine," "Monticello Thermo Mine," "Monticello Thermo A-1," etc., tying multiple mines to the Sulphur basin. [Railroad Commission of Texas](#)

These back your claim that Marvin Nichols' basin is already overlaid with legacy coal mines and CCR-adjacent infrastructure.

b. Coal ash disasters & CCR rule

- **Kingston coal ash spill**

Details 2008 Kingston, TN ash-pond failure and subsequent EPA 2015 CCR regulation; supports your argument that **CCR rules arose from catastrophic failures and require closure or retrofit of ponds that contaminate groundwater**. [Wikipedia](#)

- **Dan River coal ash spill (Duke Energy)**

Describes 2014 Dan River spill (39,000 tons of coal ash), guilty plea by Duke for criminal negligence, and EPA oversight-evidence that **coal ashes in river systems produce major, litigated disasters**. [Wikipedia](#)

These help your INTSUM line that "impounding contaminated landscapes in new reservoirs" is a known, federally litigated hazard.

3. Caddo Archaeology, Looting, and Cultural Genocide

You already have these in your authorities appendix; they are gold for the INTSUM narrative:

- **Perttula & Nelson, "Looting of Prehistoric Caddo Cemeteries in Northeast Texas"**  
Documents desecration of >800 graves, lack of state protection, and specific counties in NE Texas; perfect for your "generational harm / state failure to protect" section. [Texas Water Development Board](#)
- **Perttula, "Titus Phase Ancestral Caddo Vessels ..."**  
Index of Texas Archaeology report enumerating 889 funerary vessels from Titus-phase sites; reinforces density of cultural resources in Marvin Nichols' footprint. [Texas Scorecard](#)
- **Caddo Journal 18**  
Caddo Conference Organization publication discussing looting/desecration and inadequate state response; supports your claim of **patterned failure from Texas institutions**. [The Texas Tribune](#)

#### 4. AI/Data Centers – Water & Power Load Supporting the Corridor Claims

These directly support your INTSUM's "Texas as AI corridor / water-energy sink" frame.

##### a. Fact sheets & statewide data

- **Hill Country Alliance / Aquifer Alliance fact sheet - "AI Could Be Draining Our Future"**  
PDF fact sheet: no legislative caps on data-center water use; Texas has 378+ data centers; one center can use 1-5 million gallons/day; ~80% of water evaporates; cites Musk Memphis example for scale. [Aquifer Alliance](#)
- **Newsweek-summarized data (via SDGtalks)**  
Reports TWDB estimates: **49 billion gallons** of water used by TX data centers in 2025, projected **399 billion gallons** a year by 2030 (~6.6-7% of state use), with San Antonio Microsoft/Army Corps centers alone using 463 million gallons in 2023-24 under Stage 3 drought restrictions. [SDG Talks](#)

##### b. Texas-specific investigative pieces

- **Independent News / Austin Chronicle-sourced piece**  
Article summarizing a July 2025 Austin Chronicle investigation: Central Texas data centers (Microsoft + USACE in San Antonio) used 463 million gallons in 2023-24; quotes Robert Mace on data centers as industrial water users. [IndepNews](#)
- **Statesman - Central Texas data center hotspot**  
*"Tech takes that soul away": Central Texas emerges as data center hotspot, raising rural concerns* (Austin American-Statesman).  
Confirms: Central Texas data centers use the water equivalent of millions of liters daily; strain on drought-stressed aquifers; rural residents alarmed at environmental degradation and grid/water impacts. [Statesman](#)
- **Express-News - Hill Country data centers & water concerns**  
San Antonio Express-News piece on data centers in Medina County/Hill Country confirms utilities negotiating "non-standard" water agreements, heavy draw on Edwards Aquifer, and rising public scrutiny over water use. [San Antonio Express-News](#)
- **San Antonio coverage - Vantage & Microsoft buildout**  
Series of Express-News/MySA business articles document hundreds of millions in new data-center construction (Vantage, Microsoft) in San Antonio and a \$25B megacampus in Shackelford County, showing the **scale of AI/ data-center expansion exactly where your corridor analysis locates it**. [San Antonio Express-News+2MySA+2](#)
- **News/blog syntheses of SAWS data**  
One news blog pulls San Antonio Water System numbers: 19 data centers in SAWS service area used ~31 billion gallons potable + 151 million gallons recycled water in 2023, amid exceptional drought conditions. [Bayposter](#)

These together substantiate your claim that AI/data centers in Central & North Texas are major, unregulated water consumers driving new infrastructure decisions.

#### 5. Vista Ridge – Private Equity, P3 Structure, and Ratepayer Exposure

- **PFI Yearbook (Milbank) – Vista Ridge transaction**  
Describes Vista Ridge as a PPP where Abengoa's financial distress led to control shifting to Garney; notes Garney's 80% equity stake, and long-term WTPA with San Antonio (SAWS). [Milbank LLP](#)
- **Vista Ridge WTPA critique (Vista Ridge "missing loan")**  
Aquifer Alliance PDF analysis of the Vista Ridge Water Transmission & Purchase Agreement: explains a \$120M "bridge loan" liability rolled into the project and ultimately pushed onto SAWS ratepayers when Garney assumed control. [Aquifer Alliance](#)

These support your INTSUM claims about Wall Street-style water privatization, concealed debt, and long-term ratepayer exposure in Texas P3 water deals.

#### 6. Extra: Legislative & Planning Framework

- **SB 3 reservoir designations (80th Legislature)**  
SB 3 introduced text listing Marvin Nichols as a designated potential reservoir site on the Sulphur River upstream of White Oak Creek, codifying it into long-term state planning. [capitol.state.tx.us](#)
- **TWDB board documents - Region D Chapter 8 & Board items**  
TWDB board packet (June 2025) and Region D "Unique Stream Segments / Reservoir Sites" chapter confirm that **Marvin Nichols IA has highest cultural impact** and Region D does *not* endorse it as a unique site. [Texas Water Development Board+2Riverbend Water Resources District+2](#)

#### How to Use This in the INTSUM

1. Evidence Annex / Appendix
  - Create Annex E – Public Data & Media Evidence.
  - Group sources under headings: "Marvin Nichols & Interregional Conflict," "Cultural & Caddo Sites," "Coal/CCR & Contamination," "AI/Data Center Water Loads," "Vista Ridge & Water Privatization."
2. Inline Footnotes in INTSUM
  - When you say:  
"Region D has formally opposed Marvin Nichols for more than two decades..."  
Drop footnotes to Texas Tribune (historic) + 2025 pieces from Dallas News/KERA/PNET. [The Texas Tribune+2KERA News+2](#)
  - When you say:  
"TWDB feasibility report ignored displacement, timber and hunting losses..."  
Cite Dallas Morning News feasibility coverage + Tyler Morning Telegraph summary. [Dallas News+1](#)
  - For Caddo / cemeteries: use Perttula, Caddo Journal, and TWDB cultural tables. [The Texas Tribune+3Texas Water Development Board+3Texas Scorecard+3](#)
  - For AI/Water claims: use the AI fact sheet, Newsweek/SDGtalks summary, and SA/local reporting. [San Antonio Express-News+3Aquifer Alliance+3SDG Talks+3](#)
3. Criminal Exposure Matrix

- For each “line of effort,” attach 1-3 of the most damning sources from above.