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I think the overall approach the ANRC has taken in developing the 2014 Water Plan is commendable. Using surface water in lieu of groundwater where possible is sensible. Protecting existing surface water sources is very important. Lake Erling is over 7000 acres of underutilized surface water. While the lake is a recreational paradise, economically important to business interest, and vitally important to Lafayette County as a source of tax revenue, what Lake Erling can provide in the future is even more important. Lake Erling has the potential to be either a municipal water supply or industrial water supply. In light of the instability of the present ownership of Lake Erling, it is appropriate for the ANRC to monitor Lake Erling closely. This body of water is vital to the future of southwest Arkansas and should be guarded accordingly by state government.

I look forward to the finalization of the 2014 Arkansas Water Plan and have confidence the ANRC is in position to implement standards that will ensure our state remains rich with clean and abundant water.

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