



April 1, 2020

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Honorable Mayor Cooper,

A lot has happened since we met on March 3, 2020 when I committed to giving an update on Lake Ralph Hall to the Ladonia City Council at your April meeting. Unfortunately, restrictions from the Coronavirus pandemic led us to postpone our presentation; however, I did want to provide you with a written update that you can pass on to your council and to the citizens of Ladonia.

As you are well aware, the Upper Trinity received its permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (404 Permit) in January, 2020. Receipt of this permit culminated a fifteen year quest on the part of Upper Trinity with unwavering support of the City of Ladonia to secure the authorization to construct Lake Ralph Hall, a project that will be a critical water supply for Upper Trinity and a new economic driver for Ladonia. At last, the vision of Leon Hurse and many others from the Ladonia community will become a reality.

Regulatory Issues:

With the 404 Permit in hand, there are a few minor regulatory issues we need to address before we start construction.

The most significant regulatory issue remaining is cultural resources. The 404 Permit requires Upper Trinity to complete cultural resource surveys to ensure that the project will not impact any significant cultural or historic resources. Those surveys have been on-going for the past year and will continue well into next year. Perhaps you have seen crews working in the area. We anticipate having sufficient clearances from the regulators to start construction early in 2021.