



LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MAY 18, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR THE US CONGRESS AND SENATE CANDIDATES

- 1.) Judge Magnuson (Tri-States litigation) ruled in July 2009 that Lake Lanier was not authorized by congress to provide municipal water supply for Georgia and specifically Atlanta and environs. He charged Georgia, Florida and Alabama to resolve the water supply issue and obtain congressional authorization within three years. The judge did not rule on recreation as an authorized purpose for Lake Lanier. Lanier is a \$1-2 billion economic engine for north Georgia.
 - a.) Do you support making sure that Lake Lanier is authorized for recreation by the US Congress?
 - b.) What steps must be implemented in the Congress in order to insure that recreation is an authorized purpose?
 - c.) How would you influence the US Army Corps of Engineers to manage the ACF system in order to support high Lake Lanier water levels even in major drought situations?

- 2.) The availability of water for future growth in Georgia is a major topic of the Tri-States negotiations as well as the subject of several Georgia task forces.

Some suggestions include conservation, new reservoirs, inter basin transfers and other methods. For the past three years, the Lake Lanier Association has proposed increasing the full pool water level in Lanier for 1071 to 1073 feet above sea level. This additional 2 feet would provide Georgia and downstream users with a new reservoir for 26-27 billion gallons of useable water storage. This could be implemented at a relatively low cost, and in a very short time compared to creating a separate new reservoir. To date the Corps has not agreed to study the implications and costs of raising the Lake Lanier water level. This proposal will benefit recreation on Lake Lanier as well as water supply for North Georgia and down stream users.

- a.) Do you support raising the Lake Lanier full pool water level to 1073 feet above sea level?
- b.) What actions will you take to influence the Corps to study the proposal and then to implement the creation of a new reservoir for North Georgia.