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"Commissioners, and Judge, I'm here because there is a serious cloud of non-transparency hanging over this room. We've heard the rumors, we've seen the plans, and despite the overwhelming pushback from the people who actually live here and pay taxes here, we were told by the Judge that this data center is 'going to happen.'

When the people hear that their voices don't matter and that a project is a 'done deal' before it's even been properly vetted, you create a crisis of trust."

"We are tired of seeing Big Tech industries—multi-billion-dollar corporations—roll into rural Texas and get handed massive tax breaks. We are essentially being asked to subsidize the very industry that is coming here to compete for our most precious resource: our water. While these companies get a 'get out of taxes free' card, the average Jack County family is left wondering if their home value will tank because their well runs dry."

"Now, we are being asked to vote to join the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. And I'll be honest with you: Why on earth would anyone in this county trust any form of governmental control over their water right now?"

If the current leadership is already signaling that Big Tech's interests come before the citizens' concerns, the natural reaction for any freedom-loving Texan is to say 'No' to more regulation. We are rightfully skeptical that a water district will just be another layer of bureaucracy that ignores the 'little guy' while rubber-stamping industrial permits."

"However, we are in a 'Catch-22.' Under the Rule of Capture, if we stay as we are, we have zero protection. Without a GCD, that data center can pump 1 million gallons a day and we can't say a word.

So here is the challenge to this court: If you want us to trust the idea of a Groundwater District, you have to prove it isn't just another tool for the elites. We need to know that the GCD will be used as a shield for the citizens, not a carpet for Big Tech.

"If this data center is 'going to happen' regardless of what we say, then you owe it to us to give us a legal mechanism to stop them from making this county a desert. Don't ask us for our trust—earn it by showing us that you will protect our water with the same energy you used to court these corporations. Our water isn't for sale, and our trust shouldn't be taken for granted. Thank you."

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk  
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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**My Current Well:** 140 ft Deep 30+GPM

Good morning, Judge and Commissioners

My name is Amanda Dale and I live in Precinct 2.

I am here to speak regarding the proposed joining of the Upper Trinity Water District, which stems from the recent CyrusOne-Data Center proposal. I hear this court talk about 'growth' and 'economic development,' but I must ask: at what cost?

*Ground Conservation*

- Our community runs on water. Our homes, our farms, and our livelihoods depend on the wells under our land. Under Texas's current 'rule of capture,' allows landowners to pump groundwater, but it is meant for Beneficial use, not Industrial destruction of our aquifer. *"Rule of capture should not be a license for corporate exploitation."*

If you allow this massive industrial user to come in, they can legally dry up our residential wells, leaving us with nothing but empty pipes and unusable property.

There have been studies that show that these data centers can use 1 million gallons of water a day. When my property value plummets because I have no water, will the tax revenue from this company pay for my lost equity? We are asking this court to act as our stewards. Do not allow a private entity to, in effect, 'take' our property rights by ruining our water source.

Your duty is to protect the residents of this county, not the profits of out-of-state tech corporations. Allowing a company to bring in a project that you *know* will deplete our water is a betrayal of your oath to this community. If this data center cannot operate without stealing water from the people who live here, it has no business being here. I ask you to refuse this project. Protect our water, protect our homes."

Stats of water use: according to energy.gov

A large, AI-focused hyperscale data center can consume between **1 million and 5 million gallons of water per day**. This consumption is primarily used to cool servers via evaporation, with a single facility's daily usage often equivalent to that of a town with 10,000 to 50,000 residents.

Thank you,  
Amanda Dale

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