

HAYS WATER DEFENSE RESOLUTION OF CITIZENS ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development has serious concern about proposed unregulated commercial high volume pumping of the Trinity Aquifer in Hays County near the intersection of FM 3237 and FM 150; and

WHEREAS, this unregulated pumping could deplete hundreds of existing residential and commercial wells, which would result in great loss of private property value and damage aquifer flow and function, and could lower the Trinity Aquifer water table cutting off spring flows to Jacobs Well, Wimberley's Blue Hole, and the Pleasant Valley Spring in the Blanco River along with Trinity Aquifer groundwater flows that reach Barton Springs, the San Marcos Spring, and help recharge the Edwards Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) and the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) were created by the Legislature "in order to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater"; and

WHEREAS, extension of the boundary of either the BSEACD or the HTGCD with adequate stable funding, sufficient to cover the remainder of Hays County that lacks Trinity Aquifer groundwater management authority, would help to protect the property rights of area citizens and would stabilize the production of groundwater for the benefit of all citizens; and

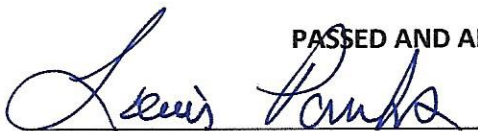
WHEREAS, the HTGCD has since inception performed the duties required by its enabling legislation while operating on a limited budget due to inadequate stable funding mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, without an authorization for a new, stable source of funding in this 2015 legislative session, the HTGCD will be unable to continue its operations as required by law; and

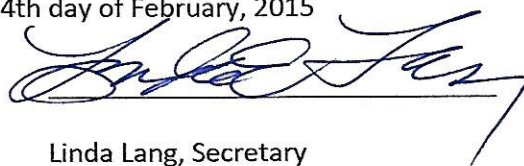
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development supports legislation in the 2015 session of the Texas Legislature to:

1. Establish proper local regulation of commercial and non-exempt groundwater production in aquifer areas currently outside of the respective groundwater conservation districts in Hays County by adjustment of boundaries as required.
2. Establish stable funding for the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District by authorizing a pumping fee of not to exceed \$0.30 per 1,000 gallons charged to non-exempt permit holders within the district and an annual fee not to exceed \$25 charged to all exempt wells within the district, and bring it up to a fully functional groundwater conservation district.
3. Establish additional funding for the BSEACD sufficient to fund increased management responsibility over the Trinity Aquifer in the unregulated portions of Hays County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2015



Louis Parks, President



Linda Lang, Secretary