

Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
Resolution: 2005-1

Regional Water Quality Protection Plan for the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer and Its Contributing Zone.

Whereas, the mission of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District), to protect, preserve and conserve the Trinity Aquifer is compatible with the Guiding Principles of the Regional Water Quality Plan (Plan), and

Whereas, The “Contributing Zone” for the Edwards Aquifer is synonymous with the “Recharge Zone” of the Trinity Aquifer, and

Whereas, The principles of the plan apply to the protection of water quality throughout entire District area, not just the “Contributing Zone” area, and

Whereas, The District has been closely involved in the development and direction of the Plan through representatives on the Executive, Core and Stakeholders Committees, and

Whereas, The District Board members have reviewed the final draft (March 2005) of the Plan in detail and find the stakeholder input and the technical analyses to be of excellent quality and the recommendations sound, and strongly supports the concept of the plan remaining a ‘living document’ through an ‘adaptive management’ process with a standing committee to periodically evaluate and adjust programs through a public process as outlined in the plan with one exception, and

However, The District takes exception to the concept of transferring development rights between aquifers or between major watersheds. The District has a mandate from the State and from the public to protect and preserve the Trinity Aquifer and objects to Plan recommendations that would allow different standards for development within the Edwards Recharge Zone and the Trinity Recharge Zone.

Therefore, the District hereby resolves:

1. To accept the recommendations of the Plan unless otherwise noted;
2. To incorporate the primary features and direction of the Plan in the District Management Plan and develop rules for implementation over the entire District area;
3. To work with and support other governmental entities within the study area to implement the concepts of the Plan and
4. To specifically aid in the Plan implementation process by monitoring wells, gathering data to be provided to the adaptive management process and participating in public awareness programs.
5. To participate in the ongoing adaptive management process through public forums and standing committees.

Approved this day of May 5, 2005 by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board.