

**RESOLUTION NO. 20160707**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
TO DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF THE PROPOSED PERMIT BY THE TCEQ TO THE CITY OF  
DRIPPING SPRINGS ALLOWING DIRECT DISCHARGE OF TREATED EFFLUENT INTO THE  
RECHARGE ZONE OF THE TRINITY AQUIFER**

**Whereas**, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, created in Chapter 1331, Acts of the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (S.B. 1911) and in Act of May 27, 2001, 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 966, Part 3, 2001 Texas General Laws 1880 (S.B. 2); (collectively, enabling legislation), and

**Whereas**, HTGCD has as its purpose the conservation, preservation and protection of the Trinity Aquifer in western Hays County; and

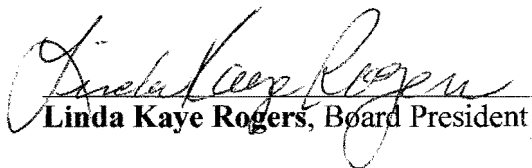
**Whereas**, the HTGCD Board of Directors recognize that the City of Dripping Springs (City) and its surrounding areas are growing, therefore, HTGCD has an interest in assuring that wastewater generated within its boundary is handled in an environmentally sensitive manner

**Whereas**, the HTGCD Board of Directors held an open Special Meeting on July 7, 2016 for discussion and possible action concerning the City of Dripping Springs Treatment Plant and the City's permit with the TCEQ. The Board, after receiving public comments and recommendations, provided the following:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

- 1) Opposes approval by the TCEQ of the Dripping Springs TPDES direct discharge permit application as proposed;
- 2) Directs its staff to provide public comment to TCEQ that provides the scientific and policy justifications for opposing the proposed application;
- 3) Directs its staff to continue working with TCEQ, the City of Dripping Springs, and other affected parties to produce an outcome that provides the City of Dripping Springs with sufficient additional wastewater treatment capacity, as warranted, and that maintains and protects the water quality and existing uses of Onion Creek and the Aquifers; and
- 4) Requests that the TCEQ and the City of Dripping Springs delay action to allow time to conduct the scientific investigations necessary to a) better understand the degree and magnitude of surface water influence from Onion Creek on the Middle Trinity Aquifer and the nearby public water supply wells and b) to better inform the preliminary decision on the application.

**PASSED and APPROVED** on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

  
**Linda Kaye Rogers**, Board President

  
**Mark Hastings**, Board Secretary Treasurer