

RESOLUTION NO. 20100916
A RESOLUTION OF THE
HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONCERNING THE
HILL COUNTRY PRIORITY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) has as its purpose the conservation, preservation and protection of the Trinity Aquifer in Western Hays County; and

WHEREAS, the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area (“Hill Country PGMA”), of which HTGCD is a part, is not yet fully protected by groundwater conservation districts; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) is considering creating a new groundwater conservation district to include the remaining portions of the Hill Country PGMA not already in a groundwater conservation district, and the territory currently inside HTGCD; and

WHEREAS, the population and the taxable property values of Comal County far exceed the population and property values of the portion of Hays County located in HTGCD;

WHEREAS, there are also major differences in the population and taxable property values in the Travis County portion of the Hill Country PGMA as compared to the portion in Hays County;

WHEREAS, the disparities between Comal County, Travis County and Hays County would make managing elections and finances in a single groundwater conservation district that covers portions of all three counties very difficult;

WHEREAS, State Senator Jeff Wentworth, in a letter dated December 17, 2009, asked the TCEQ to “delay further consideration of efforts to include certain areas in southwestern Travis County and Comal County until the [Senate Natural Resources committee interim] study is complete and the legislature is given the opportunity to act on recommendations made by the Senate Natural Resources Committee;” and

WHEREAS, State Senator Jeff Wentworth and State Representative Patrick Rose, in a letter dated November 24, 2009, asked Mr. Andrew Sansom of the River Systems Institute at Texas State University to facilitate a process among identified community stakeholders that results in a consensus position prior to the 2011 legislative session regarding groundwater protection in Hays County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District supports protection of all areas of the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area.
2. The Board of Directors further supports the on-going legislative efforts to investigate groundwater management in Texas.
3. The Board of Directors also supports the efforts of Andrew Sansom of the River Systems Institute at Texas State University to work with a stakeholders group to examine the best means of protecting the water resources of Hays County.
4. The Board of Directors supports delaying action on creation of any new groundwater conservation districts or changes to the boundaries of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District until after the 2011 legislative session.
5. The Board of Directors opposes including Hays County in the same Groundwater Conservation District as any district that includes parts of Comal County or Travis County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 16th day of September, 2010

By: _____
Board President

ATTEST: _____
Board Secretary