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December, 13, 2007

Hays County Judge Liz Sumter
111 San Antonio Street, Suite 300
San Marcos, TX 78666

RE: TWDB Grant Application for Regional Water Supply and Wastewater Facility Planning

Dear Judge Sumter,

The Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) welcomes the opportunity to partner with Hays County and other political subdivisions in the submittal of a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for a Regional Water and Wastewater Facilities Planning grant. On November 20, 2007, the District unanimously approved HTGCD Resolution No. 20071120 to support and partner with Hays County and others for a grant from the TWDB. A copy of the resolution is attached to this letter.

The District will contribute to the matching grant in the sum of \$5,000.00. In addition, the District will commit at least one member of our organization to be an active partner and stakeholder in the planning process when the time comes.

The District looks forward to participating in this important planning process.

Sincerely,

Andrew Backus
Board President
Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Attachment: HTGCD Resolution No. 20071120

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Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
Resolution Number 20071120

Resolution Concerning Support for a Partnership with Hays County and other Texas Political Subdivision for a Texas Water Development Board water and wastewater regional planning grant.

A high quality water supply and effective waste water treatment is of critical importance to all citizens of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and Hays County

WHEREAS Hays County is projected to be the fastest growing county in Texas in the next 50 years

WHEREAS Jacobs Well, the most prolific artesian underwater cave and spring in Texas and headwaters to Wimberley's Cypress Creek, stopped flowing for the first time in recorded history in July, 2000.

WHEREAS the district is probably experiencing aquifer mining, a condition exceeding sustainable production.

WHEREAS water utilities are requesting permits for water withdrawals for more water than groundwater availability models indicate is available.

WHEREAS the aquifer fed streams and springs are huge economic engines for the region and are major contributors to our quality of life.

WHEREAS Dozens of water wells dried up during a moderate drought in 2006.

WHEREAS the Districts Groundwater Management Plan reflects a priority for groundwater resources and the maintenance of spring and stream flow.

WHEREAS some areas of the District are more capable of producing groundwater and meeting future water demands while maintaining spring and stream flows than other areas.

Therefore, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board and Staff of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District do hereby support and partner with Hays County and other Texas political subdivisions for a Texas Water Development Board Water and Waste Water Regional Planning Grant.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this ____ day of _____, 2007.

By: _____
Andrew H. Backus, Board President

Attested: _____
Dana R. Carmean, Interim General Manager