

RESOLUTION NO. 20230803

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A RESOLUTION OF THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO OPPOSE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED SEWAGE 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 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (S.B. 1911) and in Act of May 27, 2001, 77th 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, rain and surface water enter and recharge aquifers through recharge zones; and

Whereas, the entire HTGCD is on the Trinity Aquifer Recharge Zone; and

Whereas, surface water and groundwater interact and are in communication in the Trinity Aquifer recharge zone in the HTGCD; and

Whereas, discharged treated sewage has harmful residual components that are not possible to remove and may contaminate the Trinity Aquifer through recharge; and

Whereas, the Trinity Aquifer is the sole drinking water source for most of the population of the southern half of the HTGCD; and

Whereas, HTGCD has a mandate to protect groundwater quality that can be influenced by surface water flows; and

Whereas, HTGCD has an interest in assuring that water that may cross its boundaries as surface or groundwater flows is free of treated sewage for the aquifer's water quality protection; and

Whereas, HTGCD Board of Directors recognize that the City of Blanco has sewage treatment needs that can be met without a direct discharge; and

Whereas, HTGCD Board of Directors held an open Meeting on August 3, 2023, for discussion and possible action concerning the City of Blanco Utility's discharge of treated sewage into the Blanco River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPPOSES ANY DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE INTO RIVERS AND STREAMS OF THE TRINITY AQUIFER RECHARGE ZONE.

ADOPTED and APPROVED on this 3rd day of August 2023.



Linda Kaye Rogers, President



David Smith, Secretary