

RESOLUTION NO. 20240404

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A RESOLUTION OF THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO OPPOSE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER WQ0016475001 FOR THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED SEWAGE INTO THE ONION CREEK WATERSHED AND 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 is within the boundary of the Hill Country Primary Groundwater Management Area (PGMA) as defined by the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in 1990; and

Whereas, the PGMA's purpose is to manage surface and groundwater quantity and quality within its boundaries in order to protect future supplies; and

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

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

Whereas, rain and surface water enter and recharge aquifers through recharge features; and

Whereas, The HTGCD has documented recharge features in the Onion Creek stream bed; 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 HTGCD; and

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

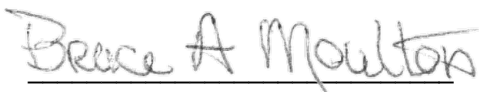
Whereas, HTGCD has an interest in protecting surface and groundwater flows from treated sewage for the aquifer's water quality protection; and

Whereas, HTGCD Board of Directors recognize that Allied Development LLC. has sewage treatment needs that can be met without a direct discharge; and

Whereas, HTGCD Board of Directors held an open Meeting on April 4, 2024, for discussion and possible action concerning Allied Development LLC.'s discharge of treated sewage into Onion Creek and its tributaries.

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 4th day of April 2024.



Bruce Moulton, President



David Smith, Secretary