

RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BASTROP EXPRESSING A VOTE OF
OPPOSITION
TO THE GUADALUPE BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED/ANTICIPATED
SIMSBORO WATER PROJECT IN BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop (hereinafter referred to as "City") has received information indicating that the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (the "GBRA") has entered into a letter agreement for the purchase of water to be produced from the Simsboro Aquifer located in Bastrop County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, based upon reliable information provided to it, it is the City's understanding that the GBRA intends to build a pipeline to transport water produced from the portion of the Simsboro Aquifer that is located in Bastrop County, to the San-Marcos-New Braunfels area, for use in that area ("GBRA Project"); and

WHEREAS, applications have been filed by a large water marketing company, with the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (the "LPGCD"), for permission to withdraw up to 30,000 acre feet ("AF") of water from the Simsboro Aquifer, located in Bastrop County for the GBRA project; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the Simsboro Aquifer in Bastrop County is a major source of water for residents, businesses and industries located in Bastrop County, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, a total of 20,198 AF of water was pumped from the Simsboro Aquifer in Bastrop County, and

WHEREAS, if allowed, the GBRA Project would draw over two times the amount of water from the Simsboro Aquifer in Bastrop County that is currently pumped and used by Bastrop County, and

WHEREAS, based upon information detailed in the State of Texas' currently proposed Water Plan ("Plan"), existing permits to pump from the Simsboro Aquifer already exceed what is shown to be available in Bastrop County as per the Plan, and

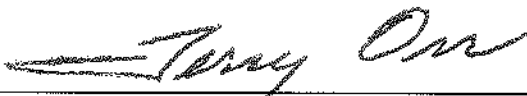
WHEREAS, the City has found that the proposed pumping and transportation out of Bastrop County for the GBRA Project, would: (1) overdraft the Simsboro Aquifer and thereby deplete the Simsboro Aquifer, (2) make it economically impossible to produce groundwater in Bastrop County, in years to come, (3) deprive Bastrop County residents, businesses and industries of water required for the continued health, safety and welfare of citizens of Bastrop County, and (4) deprive Bastrop County access to and use of water necessary for future growth and economic vitality, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bastrop Texas has determined that it is of critical importance to the City, its citizens, residents, businesses, and industries that the Bastrop County Simsboro Aquifer should not be overdrafted, as would occur with the proposed GBRA Project, and further that the Simsboro Aquifer should be protected and water conserved, to ensure the future availability of water to the citizens of Bastrop County in the years to come.

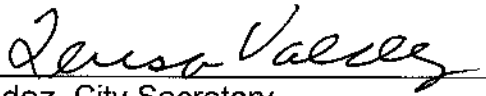
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP:

1. The City Council of Bastrop Texas hereby formally notifies any recipient of this Resolution that it opposes the GBRA's plans to produce water from the Simsboro Aquifer in Bastrop County, for transportation to and use by areas outside of Bastrop County, including but not limited to the San Marcos-New Braunfel's area.
2. The City Council of Bastrop Texas is supportive of all reasonable efforts to keep water from the Simsboro Aquifer underlying Bastrop County, for the sole use of citizens located in Bastrop County, Texas.
3. The City Council hereby formally requests that no action be considered or approved by any entity that would promote the pumping and transportation of water from the Simsboro Aquifer located in Bastrop County to areas outside of Bastrop County, Texas, whether by means of the proposed GBRA Project, or any other project, commercial endeavor or proposal.
4. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Staff, and its City Manager, Michael H. Talbot, to take whatever actions are deemed necessary to implement the policy and goals noted herein and to communicate the Council's position regarding same to any and all interested or effected parties or persons.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bastrop held on the 14th day of September 2010.



Terry Orr, Mayor On Behalf of the City Council
City of Bastrop

ATTEST: 
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary
City of Bastrop