

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-09-07-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL, ELGIN, TEXAS  
OPPOSING THE GUADALUPE BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY  
SIMSBORO WATER PROJECT IN BASTROP AND LEE COUNTIES**

**Whereas**, the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (the "GBRA") entered into a letter agreement for the purchase of water to be produced from the Simsboro aquifer located in Bastrop and Lee Counties; and

**Whereas**, GBRA intends to build a pipeline to transport this groundwater to the San Marcos-New Braunfels area; and

**Whereas**, applications have been filed with Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District ("Lost Pines") for permission to withdraw a total of 56,000 acre feet (AF) of water from the Simsboro aquifer, 30,000 AF of water per year will be withdrawn from Bastrop County and 26,000 AF per year will be withdrawn from Lee County; and

**Whereas**, the currently proposed State Water Plan shows that the Simsboro aquifer in Bastrop County has water availability totaling 28,000 acre/feet of water per year, and Lost Pines has issued permits to local water users for the withdrawal of 43,486 acre feet of water per year; and

**Whereas**, 20,198 acre feet of water was pumped from Bastrop County in 2009; and

**Whereas**, the proposed State Water Plan shows that the Simsboro aquifer in Lee County has water availability of 27,533 AF per year and at the end of the 50-year planning period, there is estimated there will be 19,777 AF/year available; and

**Whereas**, for the purposes of determining groundwater availability in the Simsboro aquifer, Lost Pines looks at water availability in both Bastrop and Lee Counties as a whole as the Simsboro aquifer is a single hydrological unit; and

**Whereas**, the State Water Plan shows that the available water in the Simsboro aquifer in Bastrop and Lee Counties at the end of the 50-year planning period will be 4,500 AF per year, which amount reflects that all of the water is effectively permitted; and

**Whereas**, production of water in excess of 28,000 acre feet per year from Bastrop County will result in more water being removed from the aquifer than is being returned to the aquifer, a condition known as "overdrafting"; and

**Whereas**, sustained overdrafting will make it economically unfeasible to produce groundwater in Bastrop County; and

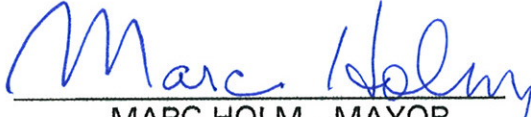
**Whereas**, is of the opinion that the Simsboro aquifer should be protected and conserved so that water from the aquifer will be available to serve the current and future residents of Bastrop and Lee Counties.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** September 7, 2010  
**THAT:** The City Council of the City of Elgin, Texas

1. hereby opposes the GBRA's plan to produce water from the Simsboro aquifer in Bastrop and Lee Counties for transporting to the San Marcos - New Braunfels area.
2. is supportive of all efforts to keep water from the Simsboro aquifer for use for the current and future residents of Bastrop and Lee Counties.
3. Staff is hereby authorized to take any action necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of September, 2010.

  
SHIRLEY GARVEL, City Secretary

  
MARC HOLM , MAYOR