

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP
REGARDING MINING OF GROUNDWATER**

WHEREAS, the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (hereinafter referred to as "LCRWPG") was appointed and recognized by the Texas Water Development Board in February and March of 1998 as part of the implementation of Senate Bill 1 passed by the Legislature in 1997;

WHEREAS, the LCRWPG is concerned with water resources in the Lower Colorado Region which consists of all or part of fourteen counties in central and south central Texas; and

WHEREAS, resource sustainability is a major concern of the LCRWPG and resource sustainability is also a key factor in the LCRWPG's selection of appropriate water supply strategies; and

WHEREAS, the LCRWPG is concerned regarding the over-utilization of groundwater within its region at rates which could lead to eventual harm in the possible forms of subsidence, drying up of wells, saltwater encroachment, instream flow losses to alluvial aquifers, and cessation of springflows; and

WHEREAS, the LCRWPG has determined that it will not support the over-utilization of groundwater within its region at rates which could lead to eventual harm as discussed above; and

WHEREAS, the LCRWPG has determined that one form of over-utilization which it will not support is the mining of groundwater except during limited periods of extreme drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution, mining of groundwater is defined as the withdrawal of groundwater from within each aquifer in Region K at an annualized rate exceeding the annualized average recharge rates for each aquifer where the recharge rate can be scientifically derived with reasonable accuracy; and

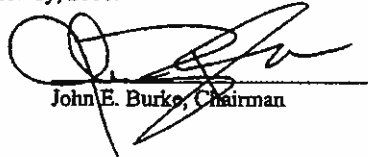
WHEREAS, the LCRWPG has determined that establishing its position on the mining of groundwater is in the best interest of the LCRWPG; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP THAT:

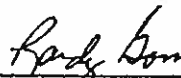
The above recitals are true and correct; and

The LCRWPG and its consultants will henceforth pursue only those water supply strategies that are consistent with the above recitals thus promoting resource sustainability and the minimization of the mining of groundwater.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of February, 2000.


John E. Burke, Chairman

ATTEST:


Randy Goss, Secretary