



## RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and Bastrop County have been closely aligned for many years, with the lower Colorado River flowing through Bastrop County; and

Whereas, LCRA has numerous other connections to Bastrop County, including 233 employees and 145 retirees living here and 89 employees working at facilities in Bastrop County; and

Whereas, LCRA facilities in Bastrop County include the Lost Pines Power Park, Smithville Railcar Maintenance Facility, Hilbig Gas Storage Facility, North and South Shore parks, and McKinney Roughs Nature Park; and

Whereas, this region is in one of the worst droughts in history, with combined storage of lakes Travis and Buchanan below 40 percent; and

Whereas, LCRA is seeking permission to drill five wells and pump up to 10,000 acre-feet of groundwater from its property at the Lost Pines Power Park, which would allow LCRA to use groundwater in conjunction with surface water to provide water at the power park; and

Whereas, LCRA's request is pending before the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD); and

Whereas, the Bastrop County Commissioners Court recognizes the great value of LCRA's people and facilities in Bastrop County and wishes to do all that it can to support LCRA in its vital mission of generating electric power for the citizens of Bastrop County and Central Texas; and

Whereas, on April 8, 2013, the Bastrop County Commissioners Court unanimously passed a resolution encouraging the LPGCD Board to be cautious and careful in considering all pumping requests and to adhere to and comply with the Districts Management Plan to assure Desired Future Conditions (DFC) within the District; and

Whereas, the LCRA has stated that the groundwater would not be taken out of Bastrop County and would be used by LCRA power plants at the Lost Pines Power Park;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Bastrop County Commissioners Court supports, to the extent necessary during times of extreme drought, LCRA's desire to assure the viability of electric generation by supplementing available surface water with the use of groundwater at the Lost Pines Power Park and asks the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District to give careful consideration to LCRAs request for a permit to pump ground water for the Lost Pines Power Park, and

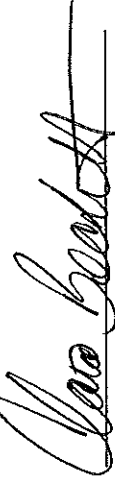
Be it further resolved that the Bastrop County Commissioners Court requests that, to the extent that LCRA's needs for a reliable water supply at the Lost Pines Power Park can be met within the District's Management Plan, the LPGCD Board approve, as soon as possible, a reasonable permit amount.

abstain

Paul Pape  
County Judge



Willie Piña  
Commissioner Precinct 1



Clara Beckett  
Commissioner Precinct 2



John Klaus  
Commissioner Precinct 3

Noted No

Bubba Snowden  
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