

RESOLUTION NO. R014-2001

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY IN SUPPORT OF THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY'S REQUEST TO THE TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO AMEND CANYON PERMIT CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NO. 18-2074 AND URGING IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Village of Wimberley are duly elected to represent the citizens of the Village of Wimberley; and

WHEREAS, the management and protection of natural resources, including water resources, are of vital importance to the citizens of the Village of Wimberley; and

WHEREAS, the Guadalupe River Basin and region are experiencing dynamic growth and increased demands for water; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Basin rely on the Trinity Groundwater Aquifer, the Edwards Aquifer, the Guadalupe River and Canyon Reservoir as sources of water; and

WHEREAS, the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers have limited water supplies and have, in recent years, been unable to fully meet the increased demands of a growing population, and

WHEREAS, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is a state agency, mandated to develop, conserve and protect the water resources of the Guadalupe River Basin; and

WHEREAS, Canyon Reservoir is the only firm yield water storage and supply structure in the 21 ½ county Region L water planning Area; and

WHEREAS, Canyon Reservoir was constructed as a multipurpose reservoir to provide flood control and water supply benefits to this Basin; and

WHEREAS, the permit amendment requested by GBRA and the additional water it will provide are key components of the region L and proposed State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, GBRA was the local sponsor for the construction of Canyon Reservoir and holds a state water right permit to store water in the Reservoir and deliver up to an average of 50,000 acre-feet of water annually to municipal, industrial and agricultural customers of GBRA; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, GBRA applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to amend this permit and increase the authorized annual amount to 90,000 acre-feet per year; and

WHEREAS, this request is based on numerous hydrologic studies since the 1960's by GBRA engineers, the TNRCC staff and the staff of the TWDB confirming Canyon Reservoir's ability to deliver more water without negatively affecting senior water rights, environmental flows, or having significant long-term impacts on the level of the lake; and

WHEREAS, Canyon Reservoir's increased supply is critical to sustaining human life; and

WHEREAS, this same increased supply is needed now to prevent overpumping of area aquifers, including the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers; and

WHEREAS, this amendment provides the source for several vital regional water supply projects that will benefit numerous entities, including the cities of Kerrville, Boerne, Fair Oaks Ranch, Bulverde, New Braunfels, San Marcos, Victoria, Kyle, Buda and the Comal ISD; and

WHEREAS, the effect on Canyon Lake will be minimal in that TNRCC'S additional instream flow requirements that will be part of the new permit amendment will actually increase flows downstream of the lake during normal times; and

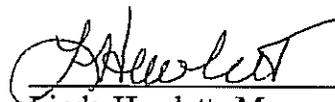
WHEREAS, downstream flows will also be significantly increased during drought periods due to the deliveries of the additional stored water from Canyon Reservoir,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Wimberley confirms its support of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's pending application to TNRCC to amend its existing Canyon Reservoir water right, Certificate of Adjudication No. 18-2074 and hereby requests the duly-appointed Commissioners of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to approve the permit amendment without delay.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of June, 2001, by a 5 to 0 vote of the City Council of the Village of Wimberley, Texas.

VILLAGE OF THE WIMBERLEY

By:


Linda Hewlett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Adelle Turpen, City Secretary