RESOLUTION NO. #23-003

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPPORTING H.B. 1540, AS AMENDED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILL METCALF

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
LONE STAR GOUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District ("District") was created by the Texas Legislature through the enactment of House Bill 2362, Chapter 1321, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001 (together with subsequent legislative amendments, the "Act"), pursuant to the authority of Article XVI, § 59 of the Texas Constitution, as a groundwater conservation district operating under Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, Section 59, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, and the Act;

WHEREAS, the creation of the District was confirmed by the voters of Montgomery County on November 6, 2001, and as required by Chapter 356 of Title 31 of the Texas Administrative Code as in effect at the time, the District's original management plan was adopted and submitted to the Texas Water Development Board within two years of the confirmation election and subsequently amended and re-adopted in 2008 and again on November 12, 2013;

WHEREAS, the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) is a river authority subject to Sunset Review by the Texas Legislature;

WHEREAS, SJRA sunset legislation in the 83rd Regular Session is H.B. No. 1540;

WHEREAS, when the Texas House of Representatives was set to debate SJRA sunset legislation, Representative Will Metcalf, and other House Representatives, offered an amendment to H.B. 1540 that would require the SJRA Board of Directors to appoint a new general manager and would prohibit the current general manager from being re-appointed;

WHEREAS, on a record vote, the amendment was adopted by a supermajority of the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Groundwater District Board of Directors ("Board") supports the amendment to H.B. 1540 requiring an appointment of a new general manager of the SJRA. The Board believes that the current SJRA general manager is an obstacle to the Montgomery County community coming together and solving the high-water bill problems that our community has been facing for years; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to thank Representative Metcalf (and Representatives Cecil Bell and Steve Toth who Representative Metcalf has recognized for providing assistance), as well as Senator Brandon Creighton and Senator Robert Nichols, for their leadership in this legislation and their unwavering commitment to do what is best for the citizens of Montgomery County.

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WHEREAS, the Board would like to see H.B. 1540 heard and voted out of the Senate Committee and ultimately heard by the full Senate. H.B. 1540 is a local bill and deference should be given to the local Montgomery County delegation who know what is best for the citizens of Montgomery County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.

2. The Board hereby adopts this Resolution 23-003 and fully supports H.B. 1540 as amended by Representative Metcalf.

3. This Resolution shall be provided to Representative Metcalf with a copy to all of the Montgomery County delegation.

4. This Resolution shall be posted on the District's website and in its office.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____
Jim Stringer, President

ATTEST:

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Janice Thigpen, Board Secretary