RESOLUTION NO. 13-003

A RESOLUTION BY THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE INCORPORATION OF WATER CONSERVATION METHODS AND LOW IMPACT FEATURES INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND WITHIN CONROE AND IT'S EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR RESIDENTIAL USE TO CONSERVE GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District ("District") was created by the Legislature of the State of Texas in Acts 2001, 77th Leg., R.S., ch. 1321, p. 3246, § 1(a);

WHEREAS, the District was created with a directive to conserve, protect and enhance the groundwater resources of Montgomery County;

WHEREAS, Groundwater is a precious natural resource that must be protected and preserved;

WHEREAS, The City of Conroe is a "home-rule" municipality wherein it is anticipated that unprecedented growth in population and development is to occur over the next 2 decades;

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the water demands of Montgomery County will exceed the safe yield of the Gulf Coast Aquifer over the next several years;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the vibrant economic future of Montgomery County and the City of Conroe is dependent upon a plentiful and reliable supply of water;

WHEREAS, the population of Montgomery County is projected to increase two-fold over current levels, exceeding 1,000,000 persons by 2040, with much of that growth occurring within the corporate limits and/or the Extra-territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Conroe;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater District encourages the conservation and preservation of groundwater resources and the implementation of water conservation strategies to promote continued economic growth throughout Montgomery County;

WHEREAS, the conservation and efficient use of water are critical strategies in meeting the long-term water needs of the City of Conroe, and the City has already implemented important and effective ordinances restricting the waste of water; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation of water efficient features such as wastewater reuse, rain water catchment, the use of innovative irrigation methods such as drip systems and "smart" controllers, and the introduction of drought tolerant grasses, shrubs and trees into the landscape of new development will have a significant role in diminishing demands on the surface and groundwater supplies in Montgomery County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District advocates for and encourages the incorporation of water efficient and conservation methods and apparatus into the development of land within Conroe and it's Extra-territorial Jurisdiction for commercial, industrial or residential use; including the reuse of wastewater effluent ("purple pipe" systems) for irrigation and amenity lake replenishment, drip irrigation, the use of rainwater for plumbing toilets, the installation of "smart" irrigation controllers, and landscaping with drought tolerant grasses, shrubs and trees. Further be is resolved that the District encourages the City of Conroe to adopt the ordinances, regulations and policies necessary to facilitate and promote the use of such water conserving methods in future development and redevelopment throughout its jurisdiction.

2. The General Manager is authorized to take any and all action necessary for the implementation of this resolution.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of April, 2013.

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: Richard Tramm
Richard Tramm, President

ATTEST:

Samantha Reiter
~~Scott Weisinger, PG, Secretary~~
Samantha Reiter, Assistant Secretary