

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2021

A RESOLUTION ON THE MATTER OF WIMBERLEY CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN THE ENABLING LEGISLATION OF THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Before the City of Wimberley City Council Meeting, March 4, 2021

WHEREAS, water is a primary factor in the past, present and continued beauty and prosperity of the people and economy of the Wimberley Valley; and

WHEREAS, water is the most basic building block of life and health in all living things, very much including the people of the Wimberley Valley and all surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Wimberley Valley rely exclusively on groundwater, which is water stored underground by the blessings of nature in the porous rock of our area; and

WHEREAS, groundwater provides resources that support the economy of the Wimberley Valley; and

WHEREAS, groundwater resources are in accelerating decline at a time when the region's population and industry is creating rapidly increasing demands on water; and

WHEREAS, only wise and considered stewardship of this essential resource can maintain adequate supply and protection of groundwater for our future well-being; and

WHEREAS, residents in the Wimberley Valley rely on the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) to protect their property rights by protecting and preserving their groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the HTGCD is mandated by the Texas Legislature to "Preserve, Conserve and Prevent Waste of the Aquifer"; and

WHEREAS, the HTGCD seeks to collaborate with all GMA9 Districts, and in particular its Hays County-neighbor, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, in coordinating groundwater management that overlaps and impacts residents; and

WHEREAS, the HTGCD currently has limited legislative authority to follow its mandate which therefore hinders collaborative efforts with these other districts managing the Trinity Aquifer;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wimberley City Council supports the changes in the HTGCD enabling legislation so HTGCD can better fulfill its mandate to the benefit of the people of the Wimberley Valley.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of March, 2021.

The City of Wimberley, Texas


Gina V. Fulkerson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura J. Calcote, City Secretary

