

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY  
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
POSITION OF POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE AND  
REGULATORY MATTERS RELATING TO  
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE AREA OF  
KINNEY AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES, PROVIDING  
FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE  
RELATING TO SUCH POSITION AND RESOLVING  
OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code states “Groundwater conservation districts created as provided by this chapter are the state's preferred method of groundwater management through rules developed, adopted, and promulgated by a district in accordance with the provisions of this chapter”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 36.1071 of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code requires groundwater conservation districts to develop groundwater management plan that, in part, addresses conjunctive surface water management issues and that the development of such plan is coordinated with regional surface water planning entities;

**WHEREAS**, a significant amount of the surface-water tributary inflow to the Rio Grande in the Middle Rio Grande Basin, originates as groundwater flow out of springs and seeps in Kinney and Val Verde Counties of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas has adjudicated all rights to use surface water of the Rio Grande and its tributaries, including the waters of Pinto and Las Moras creeks, and other streams in Kinney and Val Verde Counties;

**WHEREAS**, the management plan of the groundwater district in Kinney County recognizes the hydrologic relationship between groundwater flowing from springs and the surface water flowing within the creeks within those counties; and

**WHEREAS**, any increase in the amount of water use greater than the amount of historical use may decrease the amount of surface water flowing into the Rio Grande from creeks in Kinney and Val Verde Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY, THAT:**

1. The RGRWA supports groundwater management districts that have provisions and rules to manage the groundwater resources under the tributaries of the Rio Grande in

a manner that limits the future depletion of surface water inflows to the Rio Grande from groundwater sources to the amount of water historically used within such districts.

2. The RGRWA urges the honorable Texas Legislators and State leaders to consider the foregoing aspects and impacts of any legislation that may be introduced in the 2007 Legislative Session that would in any way affect the water supply of the Rio Grande basin and would further request the opportunity to provide input on any of such legislation.

3. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rio Grande Valley legislative delegation and other members of the State of Texas Legislature serving on committees having particular jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to the matters set out herein.

**READ, CONSIDERED, PASSED, APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.