

**RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY ALLIANCE**  
**ON**  
**GROUNDWATER EXPORTATION**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Hill Country Alliance (HCA) to preserve open spaces, water supply, water quality and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country, and

**WHEREAS**, there are direct and important interconnections between surface waters and groundwaters in the Texas Hill Country, and

**WHEREAS**, as the population of Central and South Texas expands, there is increasing interest in exporting large quantities of groundwater found in rural areas to the large metropolitan centers, and

**WHEREAS**, exportation of large amounts of groundwater from aquifers within the Hill Country region to metropolitan centers could potentially decrease or eliminate spring flows and adversely affect groundwater supplies needed for current and future domestic, municipal, agricultural and environmental purposes within the rural areas of the Hill Country, and

**WHEREAS**, scientific knowledge of the interactions of aquifers and surface waters in the Hill Country is uncertain and at times involves conflicting interests; and

**WHEREAS**, in cases where the consequences of exporting large quantities of groundwater from aquifers within the Hill Country to metropolitan centers are unclear, it is prudent to oppose such exportations and any actions designed to facilitate such exportations, and

**WHEREAS**, HCA is noted for working with diverse stakeholders to reach objectives that benefit all to the maximum extent possible while causing no serious harm to any.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY ALLIANCE THAT:**

1. It is, hereby, the policy of HCA is to discourage exportation of groundwater resources from the rural areas of the Hill Country to metropolitan areas when (A) such development could reasonably be expected to reduce the availability of groundwater or surface water resources within the rural areas that are needed (1) for current and projected domestic, agricultural, municipal, industrial, recreational and other beneficial uses, or (2) to protect springflows and environmentally and economically necessary instream flows, or (B) when the effects of such exportation on the groundwater and surface water resources within the Hill Country are not well understood.
2. HCA encourages studies to better understand the interconnection of groundwater and surface water resources in the Hill Country region and the economic, social, and environmental consequences of exporting groundwater to metropolitan centers.
3. In concert with the above, HCA specifically opposes the exportation of large quantities of groundwater from the Uvalde Pool of the Edwards Aquifer for use in metropolitan centers, the construction of pipelines to facilitate such exportations and any amendments of the Edwards Aquifer Authority statute that would facilitate such

exportations, until such time as the water balance of the Uvalde Pool is better defined and the Edwards Aquifer MODFLOW model is improved, or other models are developed, to more accurately describe the impact of such exportations on the water resources of Uvalde, Medina and Kinney counties and on springflows at Comal and San Marcos springs.

4. HCA encourages dialog and cooperation among all parties involved in or potentially affected by groundwater exportations to help achieve water-supply programs that maximize benefits to all and minimize harm done.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2010.**

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Secretary-Treasurer

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