

RESOLUTION NO. 10-111R

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON JOINING FORCES WITH THE RIO GRANDE INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTER IN ITS PLEA FOR A MORATORIUM & INTERVENTION TO PREVENT WATER FROM BEING TRANSPORTED, EXPORTED OR PUMPED FROM THE PECOS RIVER AND RIO GRANDE RIVER WATERSHEDS & REQUESTING THAT A HYDROLOGICAL STUDY BE PERFORMED OF THE SUBTERRANEAN WATER FLOWS OF THE EDWARDS-TRINITY AQUIFER TO DETERMINE WHAT UNFORESEEN ADVERSE IMPACTS COULD OCCUR ON THE FLOW OF WATER INTO THE INTERNATIONAL BODY WATER OF WHICH MILLIONS OF INHABITANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEPEND ON FOR EXISTENCE.**

**WHEREAS,** The Pecos River is an integral part of the Rio Grande watershed, which is an international body of water under the 1944 treaty between the United States and Mexico; and

**WHEREAS,** Downriver from the mouth of the Pecos River in confluence with the Rio Grande is an international community of some 6-10 million inhabitants that solely rely on the Rio Grande as a source of existence; residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural usage; and

**WHEREAS,** Pecos County is confronted with an enterprise that is attempting to extract approximately 15 billion gallons of water per year from the Pecos watershed under the Texas "rule of capture"; and

**WHEREAS,** If successful, that would become a precedent for other water marketing enterprises; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rio Grande International Study Center is a non-profit organization with the stewardship of protecting the Rio Grande watershed; and

**WHEREAS,** The board of directors of the RGISC has voted unanimously to support Fort Stockton in attempting to protect the Pecos River watershed; and

**WHEREAS,** RGISC and the City of Fort Stockton will jointly submit correspondence to the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), Environmental Protection Agency, Comisión Internacional de los Límites y Agua (CILA), CONAGUA (Comisión Nacional del Agua), SEMARNAT (Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), along with the four Congressional representatives from Texas bordering Mexico; Congressman Silvestre Reyes (Dist. 16), Congressman Ciro Rodriguez (Dist. 23), Congressman Henry Cuellar (Dist. 28) and Congressman Solomon Ortiz (Dist. 27); and

**WHEREAS,** A request will be sought for a moratorium and an intervention regarding plans to transfer, export or pump water out of, along with the protection of, the Pecos River and Rio Grande River watersheds until additional hydrological studies of the subterranean water flows of the Edwards-Trinity aquifer can be made to determine what unforeseen adverse impacts could occur on the flow of water into the international body water of which millions of inhabitants in the international community depend on for existence; and

**WHEREAS,** Input will also be solicited from the Texas Parks and Wildlife, National Parks Service, US Fish and Wildlife, as well as other local, state, national and international organizations and agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** A joint press conference will be held to inform the media about our request for intervention; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORT STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL,  
THAT IT HEREBY ENDORSES:

JOINING FORCES WITH THE RIO GRANDE INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTER IN ITS PLEA FOR A MORATORIUM & INTERVENTION TO PREVENT WATER FROM BEING TRANSPORTED, EXPORTED OR PUMPED FROM THE PECOS RIVER AND RIO GRANDE RIVER WATERSHEDS & REQUESTING THAT A HYDROLOGICAL STUDY BE PERFORMED OF THE SUBTERRANEAN WATER FLOWS OF THE EDWARDS-TRINITY AQUIFER TO DETERMINE WHAT UNFORESEEN ADVERSE IMPACTS COULD OCCUR ON THE FLOW OF WATER INTO THE INTERNATIONAL BODY WATER OF WHICH MILLIONS OF INHABITANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEPEND ON FOR EXISTENCE.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Fort Stockton City Council on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010.



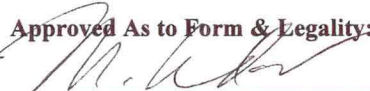
**Rafael Castillo Jr., City Manager**

Attest:



**Delma A. Gonzalez, City Secretary**

Approved As to Form & Legality:



**Martin O. Adams, City Attorney**



**Ruben V. Falcon, Mayor**