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SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for the Edwards Aquifer Authority

DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2003

Please join with me in directing staff to place a resolution of support for the Edwards Aquifer Authority on the May 29, 2003 City Council "A" Session. In light of current actions being undertaken by the Texas Legislature, we, as a city, need to reaffirm our support and belief that the Edwards Aquifer Authority must retain an active role in creating and implementing water quality regulations as a key component of the charge and mission of the Authority.

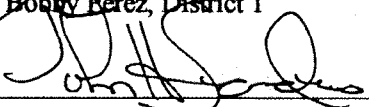
It is imperative that we, as a City Council, show solidarity and support with the Authority, as it is the only mechanism we have that can achieve regional regulations over the entire Edwards Aquifer zone. I have attached draft language for this resolution.

Your favorable consideration of this request is most appreciated.


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Whereas, the City of San Antonio depends primarily upon the unique Edwards Aquifer for the sole source of drinking water, and;

Whereas, through the concerned efforts of all citizens in San Antonio and the Edwards Aquifer region, water quality and quantity have become issues of grave importance and concern, and;

Whereas, the Edwards Aquifer Authority, created by the Texas Legislature in 1993, has been the instrument through which regional concerns over water quantity have been addressed, and;

Whereas, the Edwards Aquifer Authority presents this region with the only solution to ensure base line water quality requirements and guidelines, ensuring the continued purity of the water pumped from this most precious of natural resources, and;

Whereas, the potential removal of water quality rule making authority from the Edwards Aquifer Authority would remove the potential for protection and continued assurance of the purity of the water in this region.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of San Antonio, that;

The City of San Antonio hereby calls upon members of the Texas Legislature to provide support for the continued authority of the Edwards Aquifer Authority to have water quality rule-making authority as part of the charge of this entity, and;

The City of San Antonio encourages the members of the Texas Legislature to ensure the legislative intent of the Edwards Aquifer Authority is one that provides the best possible quality of life for all residents of the Edwards Aquifer region by the assurance of water quality and quantity regulation, and;

The City of San Antonio encourages the members of the Bexar County Delegation of the Texas House and Senate to continue to champion the issues of water quality and water protection, for not only San Antonio but also the entire state of Texas.

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