



Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
Resolution in Support of Texans for Responsible Aggregate Mining

WHEREAS, Texas is experiencing a period of significant growth, resulting in a need for aggregate materials for roads, building construction, energy production, and other commercial activities, and

WHEREAS, the growth has resulted in a rapid expansion of aggregate production operations (APOs) within the state, and

WHEREAS, APOs in Texas are not required to adopt best management practices (BMPs) that are required in other states, so the majority of operators do not use these practices in Texas, and

WHEREAS, as a result, the expanding APO industry is having an increasingly negative impact on the health, safety, property rights, property values, natural resources, and long-term quality-of-life in neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, Texans for Responsible Aggregate Mining (TRAM), comprised of member groups from across the state, seeks to work with lawmakers, state agencies, and good-faith industry operators to create state standards for BMPs in the APO industry and to adopt those standards into law, and

WHEREAS, TRAM seeks to address the following Seven Key Issues that, when addressed, will result in healthier, safer, and more desirable communities, as well as a stronger APO industry in Texas:

- 1) Air particulate emissions
- 2) Water use and availability
- 3) Surface and ground water contamination and flooding
- 4) Rapid development of APOs without adequate regulatory oversight
- 5) Truck traffic (emissions, road safety and maintenance)
- 6) Nuisance issues (blasting, noise, odor, light trespass, visible blight)
- 7) Economic impacts

WHEREAS, TRAM is a vehicle by which local resident groups can speak with one voice to policy makers and in the media, pursue a collective strategy, develop working relationship with good-faith industry operators and other interested parties, and disseminate information to member groups;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance supports the adoption of laws that strengthen Texas communities, as well as the APO industry, by addressing the Seven Key Issues associated with aggregates activity.

LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED, that the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance supports TRAM's pursuit of such laws through thoughtful collaboration with policy makers and industry, for the benefit of all Texans.

PASSED and Adopted the 19th day of August, 2020.

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