

Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District  
Resolution in Favor of the Development of Environmental and Conservation Best Management Practices

WHEREAS, Texas is experiencing a period of significant growth, resulting in changes in historic land use, loss of open space & agricultural production, increased demands for water, changes in the historic uses of water, increased demand for building materials due to the expansion of roads & critical infrastructure, new residential, commercial & industrial construction, increased energy production, and other essential & beneficial activities, and

WHEREAS, this growth has resulted in a rapidly increasing rate of change in land use within the state, and

WHEREAS, many land uses in Texas are not required to adopt conservation or environmental sustainability best management practices (herein BMPs), and

WHEREAS, the result of the lack of defined and/or required BMPs is not protective of the sustained health, safety, property rights, property values, natural resources, and long-term quality-of-life within Texas communities, and

WHEREAS, the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District (CCGCD) was formed by the Texas Legislature and confirmed by the voters of Kendall County to manage, protect and prevent the pollution of the groundwater resources within the CCGCD statutory boundaries, which is one of the fastest growing areas in central Texas, and

BE IT KNOWN that by way of this resolution the CCGCD seeks to affirm our mission and commitment to the following groundwater related Issues which, when addressed, will result in sustainable, healthier, safer, and more desirable communities, as well as a stronger Texas:

- 1) The development and use of commercial and industry best management practices as they pertain to water conservation and environmental sustainability for all land use activities, both new and existing
- 2) The application of the best available science to quantify water use and availability
- 3) Protection of surface and groundwater to prevent or minimize pollution, to promote & ensure recharge, and to best manage flooding

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that CCGCD supports legislation calling for the development and adoption of state regulations that set forth best conservation and environmental sustainability practices which will strengthen Texas communities, by ensuring that these practices are applied to all land uses especially open space, agricultural, commercial, residential, and industrial, in such a manner that they will be protective of the groundwater resources of the State of Texas while being respectful of private property rights.