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RESOLUTION # 05-02-2022-27 WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

OPPOSING THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 2570 & HB 5401, which differs from the bill as introduced and initially supported by the Webb County Commissioners Court, reflecting the creation of a "County Wide" Groundwater Conservation District in Webb County, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Webb County Commissioners Court has adopted a local policy that proposed legislation affecting county government should be brought before the Commissioners Court for consideration and action to adopt an official position; and

WHEREAS, that policy is consistent with our legislators' policy of requiring a resolution of support before their filing legislation that will impact Webb County; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2022, the Webb County Commissioners Court approved a Resolution supporting a legislative request from the Legacy Water Supply Corporation group who advocated for the creation of a Groundwater Conservation District in Webb County, Texas to specifically support their Water Supply Corporation group development project that encompasses over 11,000 acres of land in Webb County, Texas.

The Resolution requested support for the purposes of exploring a secondary water source in Webb County, the feasibility of providing water to Webb County Colonias and improved accessibility for grant and financing opportunities from local, state, federal, private and public funding resources; and

WHEREAS, the Webb County Commissioners Court, in supporting this proposed legislative action, was not provided with accurate and/or additional information from the Legacy Water Supply Corporation group to fully understand that creating a "county wide" groundwater conservation district in Webb County could negatively impact surrounding landowners, ranchers, and property owners outside of the proposed Legacy Water Supply Corporation 11,000 acre foot print project due to the potential water limitations, fees and other restrictions that a groundwater district could impose county wide; and

WHEREAS, based on the abovementioned reasons the Webb County Commissioners Court will only support the legislative creation of a Webb County Ground Water Conservation district within the proposed Legacy Water Supply Corporation 11,000 acre foot print project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners Court of Webb County, that it opposes the current language of the Committee Substitute for SB 2570 & HB 5401 in the creation of a "county wide" Groundwater Conservation District in Webb County, Texas and hereby rescinds previous support.

Alternatively, the Commissioners Court requests the current legislation be amended to reflect the creation of a Webb County Ground Water Conservation district within the proposed Legacy Water Supply Corporation 11,000 acre foot print project only.

ADOPTED BY THE WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON THIS THE 8th DAY OF May, 2023.

Tano E. Tijerina

Webb County Judge

Jesse Gonzalez

Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina

Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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ATTEST:

Margie Ramirez Ibarr

Webb County Clerk