

RESOLUTION NO. R-1415

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY IDENTIFYING THE RIVER AUTHORITY'S POSITION ON THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S ADOPTED CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2010, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted revisions to the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards linking allowable recreation use in rivers, creeks and streams to corresponding E. coli levels recorded in those water bodies; and

WHEREAS, this revised standards has highlighted the inherent connection between water quality and river recreation and that, through the application of these standards, TCEQ could make it permissible for higher E. coli levels to be tolerable in rivers and creeks; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio River Authority recognizes that E. coli levels in a stream is one indicator of the environmental health of the stream and, thus, has engaged in many projects and activities throughout the San Antonio River Watershed directly aimed at identifying and mitigating point and non-point sources of E. coli and other threats to water quality; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio River Authority has adopted goals and objectives to advance a sustainable environment and to increase community appreciation for the environmental resources of the San Antonio River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has set a target to achieve highest water quality standards and lowest E.coli levels within the rivers, creeks and streams of the San Antonio Watershed qualifying them for primary contact recreation such as swimming or wading; and

WHEREAS, demonstrated changes in business and individual behaviors through watershed education and increased awareness are resulting in improved water quality, and only through a sustained commitment to achieve the highest water quality standards will further reductions in the E. coli levels be achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY THAT:

The San Antonio River Authority supports classification of all San Antonio River Basin perennial streams and intermittent streams with perennial pools for primary recreational contact;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The San Antonio River Authority seeks to achieve the highest water quality standards within the watershed to ensure sustainable environmental health, promote improved quality of life and to advance environmental stewardship and recreational use of our rivers, creeks, and streams.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 18th day of August, 2010.


GAYLON J. OEHLKE, Chairman

ATTEST:


ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a duplicate original of Resolution No. R-1415 of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY as passed and approved by the members of said Board at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said AUTHORITY held on August 18, 2010 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, at which a quorum was present, as shown by the Minutes of said meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and the official seal of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY on this the 18th day of August, A.D., 2010 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.


ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ, Secretary