



RESOLUTION OF THE BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

RESOLUTION BY THE BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION PERMITS BY THE CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WHICH MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT BURNET COUNTY, ITS RESIDENTS, ITS WATER SUPPLY, OR THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HICKORY AQUIFER OR OTHER AQUIFERS

WHEREAS, Burnet County is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, agricultural producers, businesses, and public lands, as well as its long-term water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District ("CTGCD") is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, and protecting the groundwater resources within Burnet County, including the Hickory Aquifer and all major and minor aquifers; and

WHEREAS, applications for new or expanded groundwater production permits—particularly those involving high-volume industrial uses such as aggregate production operations (APOs), quarries, and rock-crushing facilities—have the potential to significantly reduce groundwater availability, impact domestic and agricultural wells, alter recharge dynamics, and permanently degrade long-term aquifer sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Hickory Aquifer and other groundwater formations in Burnet County are known to have limited recharge, slow recovery rates, and, in certain areas, water-quality concerns documented by CTGCD, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), and other regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court wishes to encourage CTGCD to exercise caution when reviewing any applications calling for large-scale groundwater withdrawals above any Burnet County located aquifer recharge zones, including the Hickory Aquifer recharge area; and

WHEREAS, due to the potential impacts on water supply, public safety, and the environment, the Commissioners Court encourages full environmental and hydrological impact studies be a part of any application to the CTGCD for large-scale groundwater withdrawals in Burnet County and said studies should be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

Burnet County formally opposes the issuance of any new groundwater production permit—temporary or permanent— without a thorough study having been presented to CTGCD and a finding is made by CTGCD that said permit application and issuance poses no risk to domestic wells, agricultural operations, public water systems, natural resources, or the long-term sustainability of the Hickory Aquifer or any groundwater source within Burnet County.

APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Jim Luther, Pct. #3
Commissioner

Damon Beierle, Pct. #2
Commissioner

Chad Collier, Pct. #3
Commissioner

Joe Don Dockery, Pct. #4
Commissioner

Bryan Wilson
County Judge

ATTEST:

Vicinta Stafford
Burnet County Clerk