

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL POTABLE WATER TRANSMISSION

WHEREAS, potable water is a precious and vital commodity necessary to support human life, critical to economic development and for the general benefit of all communities; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande River is the most viable source of raw water for the residents of the Lower Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County recognizes the importance of a reliable source of potable water for their residents which will result in promoting tourism and support economic development opportunities for our region; and

WHEREAS, McAllen Public Utility has made strategic investments to insure the availability and reliability of potable water for its service area; and

WHEREAS, McAllen Public Utility has been successful in planning and programming capital improvements to achieve the availability of future potable water treatment capacities for the benefit of its rate payers; and

WHEREAS, McAllen Public Utility wishes to provide support to other water utility entities in the Rio Grande Valley by creating a partnership that will result in mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, this can be accomplished by the extension of a potable water transmission line through various communities located immediately east of McAllen Public Utility's service area; and

WHEREAS, funding for this type of project may be available through various federal and state agencies, including but not limited to the Texas Water Development Board; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County recognizes that the development and construction of a project of this nature will have a tremendous positive economic impact on both job creation and economic growth to their service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby unanimously expresses its strong support and willingness to partner with McAllen Public Utility as it works to determine the feasibility of constructing a regional potable water transmission line to the east of its current service area.

Approved this 1st day of November 2016.

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County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk