

LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILLS 1689 AND 1690 FILED BY
REPRESENTATIVE STAN GERDES**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 1911, 76th Texas Legislature, pursuant to Section 59, Article 16 of the Texas Constitution and Article 7880-3c, Texas Civil Statutes (now Chapter 36, Texas Water Cde); ratified by the 77th Texas Legislature in 2001; and confirmed by voters in Bastrop and Lee counties in November 2002;

WHEREAS, the District was created by the Legislature to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater in regard to aquifers within the boundaries of the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Water Code § 36.057 the District’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the District.

WHEREAS, Representative Stan Gerdes has consistently supported Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District;

WHEREAS, the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas is taking place in 2025;

WHEREAS, Representative Gerdes filed multiple bills aimed at the purposes of Groundwater Conservation Districts, including House Bill 1689 related to the use of certain groundwater export fees collected by a groundwater conservation district, and House Bill 1690 related to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district; and

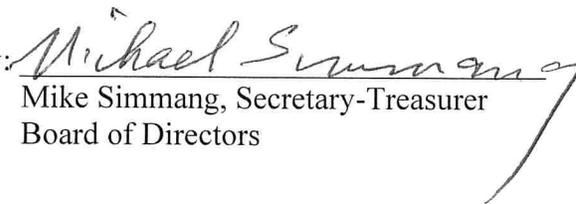
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors hereby express their support for the above-mentioned bills filed by Representative Gerdes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON January 15, 2025.

LOST PINES GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Elvis Hernandez, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

By: 
Mike Simmang, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Directors

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGARDING H.B. No. 1523 BY REPRESENTATIVE STAN GERDES

WHEREAS, the constituents of the LPGCD are dependent on groundwater from the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, Sparta, and Colorado River Alluvial Aquifer (Aquifer) for their water supply;

WHEREAS, the Aquifer formations within the LPGCD are being considered as potential sites for Aquifer Storage and Recovery projects (ASR) to inject surface water into the Aquifer for later recovery;

WHEREAS, current statutes related to ASR projects do not require such projects to apply for LPGCD production permits and Well Owners near the ASR projects may be impacted by injections and withdrawals from such ASR projects;

WHEREAS, ASR projects have challenges related to the type and quality of injected water, the chemistry of the injected water and the receiving groundwater, and the geology of the Aquifer itself, including the potential introduction of pathogens (harmful bacteria and viruses) into the Aquifer; development of disinfectant byproducts that may contaminate the Aquifer; release of undesirable elements like arsenic into the groundwater; and clogging of wells from chemical reactions; all of which risk permanent damages to the Aquifer;

WHEREAS, injected water has sometimes migrated out of the confined area of the Aquifer through unknown subterranean fractures and faults, causing loss of injected water into adjacent Aquifer formations and into local drinking water supplies;

WHEREAS, the proposed ASR projects entail potential harm to private property rights and provide no compensatory benefits to the citizens of LPGCD; and

WHEREAS, Representative Stan Gerdes filed H.B. No. 1523 to prohibit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from issuing certain ASR permits within LPGCD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LPGCD hereby commends Representative Stan Gerdes for his leadership on the issue of Aquifer Storage and Recovery Projects, and LPGCD hereby expresses full support for H.B. No. 1523 and urges the Legislature to pass the bill with all deliberate speed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the LPGCD staff, General Counsel, and Special Counsel for Legislative Matters are instructed to assist Representative Stan Gerdes in pursuing passage of H.B. No. 1523.

ADOPTED this 15th day of January 2025.

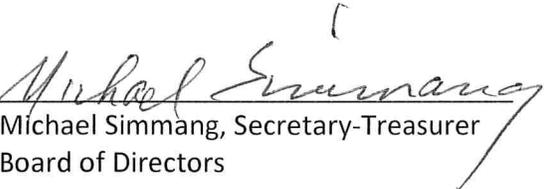
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