

RESOLUTION NO. 255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SUNRISE BEACH VILLAGE, TEXAS, ON SECURING THE FUTURE BY EXPANDING AND ENHANCING WATER MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROMOTING WATER CONSERVATION IN CENTRAL TEXAS AND THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Highland Lakes are the primary water supply for Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that Central Texas could add up to 1 million new residents by 2030; and

WHEREAS, more arid weather conditions shifting eastward to include Texas have led the state climatologist to observe that sustained drought conditions could become permanent; and

WHEREAS, current water inflows into the Highland Lakes continue to decline and are far lower than they have been historically; and

WHEREAS, the current Water Management Plan requires expanding and updating to reflect the region's paradigm shift of increasing water needs and drier weather patterns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sunrise Beach Village City Council respectfully suggests:

1. That the LCRA work with local leaders and stakeholder organizations to update the Region K Water Management Plan to reflect a more conservation oriented approach to managing the Highland Lakes.
2. That updates to the Region K Water Management Plan reflect all current statistically relevant data, take into account the steady decline in water flowing into the Highland Lakes and include rates that encourage conservation and prepare for greatly increased water demands in Central Texas.
3. That the LCRA in conjunction with other appropriate agencies establish smart water use regulations that include the implementation of the most current and efficient water use practices in large irrigation settings suitable to an arid climate.
4. That the Region K and LCRA expand public input opportunities by establishing advisory committees of local officials, business leaders, stakeholder organizations, and area residents to foster an increased opportunity for open discussion and collaboration on issues that affect the water supply and economy for almost 2 million Central Texas residents. Information by these advisory committees and their recommendation should be posted on the Region K and LCRA websites.


5. That the LCRA post their current water conservation and flood control operation procedures on their website so concerned citizens can stay informed. This is to include decision tree procedures for how water is migrated from lake to lake – be it for flood, water conservation, and/or electrical requirements.
6. That the Texas Governor appoints an LCRA public interest executive board member who represents and is openly available to all Central Texas citizens.

PASSED and APPROVED by unanimous vote of the City of Sunrise Beach Village, Texas, City Council, on this 20th day of January 2022.

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