

Resolution No. 08-200 of the Board of Directors
of the Lower Colorado River Authority
Regarding the LCRA-SAWS Water Project
(Groundwater)

December 17, 2008

WHEREAS, the Lower Colorado River Authority and the San Antonio Water System entered into a contract to study the feasibility of a water-sharing project envisioned to benefit both basins by meeting future water shortages, and

WHEREAS, the in-depth study period with broad public involvement and independent scientific review is under way to determine the technical, environmental and financial feasibility and potential long-term effects of the LCRA-SAWS Water Project, and

WHEREAS, while it is too early to draw final conclusions about the project, receiving policy guidance from the LCRA Board on key study assumptions will guide the project studies and begin to further define the conditions that the LCRA Board deems necessary to adequately protect and benefit the lower Colorado River basin, and

WHEREAS, the LCRA Board, around 2015, will consider the implementation plan for the project and be asked to make certain findings about the plan, including whether or not the implementation of the plan will protect and benefit the interests of the lower Colorado River watershed and the LCRA service area, without which findings the project may not move forward.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LCRA Board of Directors desires to ensure that implementation of the LCRA-SAWS Water Project will protect and benefit the lower Colorado River watershed and the LCRA service area, including municipal, industrial, agricultural, recreational and environmental interests; and

The Board further resolves that, to ensure that the project implementation plan, which will be developed by LCRA staff and presented to the LCRA Board for approval, will protect and benefit the lower Colorado River watershed and the LCRA Service Area, LCRA staff should be given guidance from the Board relating to certain project assumptions necessary to complete the project studies and to prepare permit applications; and

The Board further resolves that for the purposes of completing the project studies and applying for necessary permits, staff is directed as follows: With respect to use of groundwater for the project, LCRA staff is directed to assume that groundwater use related to the project: (i) will not exceed the limits set out in the LCRA-SAWS contract; and (ii) will be limited to dry periods when adequate surface water is not available to meet agricultural irrigation demands.

Approved: December 17, 2008.