

Resolution No.08-197 of the Board of Directors  
of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Regarding the LCRA-SAWS Water Project  
(50,000 Acre-foot Reserve)

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, and

WHEREAS, the LCRA Board has previously set aside 50,000 acre-feet of water in water management plans approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for future uses.

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:

Staff shall not assume that the 50,000 acre-foot reserve is available to meet any project requirements, thereby retaining the ability of the LCRA Board to make commitments to supply any or all of such 50,000 acre-foot reserve to one or more water customers within LCRA's current water service area at any time during the term of the LCRA-SAWS contract; however, staff shall explore opportunities to make firm and interruptible supply available to the project from sources other than the 50,000 acre-foot reserve, when and to the extent interruptible water is not needed to serve interruptible water needs within LCRA's water service area.

Approved: December 17, 2008.