



City of Woodcreek

February 24, 2012

Texas Water Development Board
Melanie Callahan, Executive Administrator
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

Ms. Callahan,

My name is Eric Eskelund, and I am the Mayor for the City of Woodcreek. I am writing you to express the City's concern over the process that has led to the GMA 9's recommendation for a 30 foot drawdown of the Trinity Aquifer as a Desired Future Condition (DFC) by the year 2060.

Jacob's Well is the headwater for Cypress Creek and feeds the Blue Hole downstream. Jacob's Well and Blue Hole are iconic treasures that have provided enjoyment for decades to the residents of the Wimberley Valley as well as to all who visit the area year round. These precious resources, due to the current drought conditions and development, have been severely stressed causing the well and creek to stop flowing. The technical data that has been provided to the Board indicates that the Trinity Aquifer is already being mined and that the adopted 30 foot drawdown in level is unsustainable. Even at current pumpage rates, the data indicates that the aquifer is being mined at an unsustainable rate. As such, the adopted 30 foot drawdown will have a grave effect on well owners, surface water rights owners and businesses in the Wimberley Valley, not to mention the impact affecting the flow to rivers and estuaries from the Hill Country all the way to the coast.

The City of Woodcreek and surrounding communities' potable water supply comes solely from the Trinity Aquifer and is under the management of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD). At the Texas Water Development Board hearing on the petition to appeal the 30 foot DFC adopted by GMA 9 held on November 16th, 2011, I requested consideration and adoption that 1.) HTGCD be allowed to set its own DFC, and 2.) Formation of a Specific Groundwater Management Area (SGMA) for oversight of the Trinity recharge and contributing zones in the Wimberley Valley.

Therefore, I am asking you for a strong recommendation to the Hays Trinity Groundwater District for the formation of a Specific Groundwater Management Area (SGMA) where governmental entities, both City and County, utility providers, and other organizations will be stakeholders in determining a DFC that will provide aquifer sustainability for now and the future.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and respectfully request that copies of this letter be distributed to the Board members for their information and consideration at your March 1, 2012 Board Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric C. Eskelund". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "E".

Eric C. Eskelund, Mayor

Cc: Commissioner Will Conley, Hays County Precinct 3
Mayor Bob Flocke, City of Wimberley