

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST THAT THE BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP AND THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE THE EVALUATION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FROM THE FORT PHANTOM HILL RESERVOIR BASED ON A TWO-YEAR SAFE YIELD ESTIMATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, Texas (the "City") serves as a regional water supplier for its citizens and for surrounding communities in and near Taylor and Jones Counties, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the City's major water supplies come from the City's Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir, the West Central Texas Municipal Water District's Hubbard Creek Reservoir, and the Colorado River Municipal Water District's O.H. Ivie Reservoir; and,

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group; and,

WHEREAS, every five years, the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group is charged with evaluating available supplies of water and demand for the City of Abilene as it develops the Brazos G Regional Water Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene and surrounding region have experienced a severe, prolonged drought that is forecasted to continue for several years; and

WHEREAS, inflows to O.H. Ivie Reservoir, Hubbard Creek Reservoir, and Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir have continued to lessen over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, it is uncertain as to what impacts future drought conditions and global climate change may have on the City's water supplies; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of these conditions, and pursuant to Resolution No. 26-2009 adopted by the City Council and subsequent action by the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir was evaluated by the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group and the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") based on a two-year safe yield concept in the 2011 Brazos Region G Water Plan and 2012 State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have its supply available from Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir continue to be evaluated by the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group and the TWDB based on a two-year safe yield estimate so as to ensure that the City is prepared and able to address water demands during a prolonged drought; and,

WHEREAS, the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group is currently evaluating available supplies of water for the City as it develops the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group and the TWDB must each approve the evaluation of supplies from Ft. Phantom Hill Reservoir on a two-year safe yield estimate in order for such estimates to be included in the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan will be part of the 2017 State Water Plan, to be adopted by the TWDB; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager or his designee to, as necessary, prepare, make, execute, file, amend, prosecute, negotiate, settle and compromise a request to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group and TWDB to continue to evaluate the water supplies available from Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir based on a two-year safe yield estimate for purposes of developing future Brazos G Regional Water Plans and State Water Plans, to employ the services of consultants to assist in making such request, and to negotiate, settle and compromise any challenges or disputes arising out of such request, all as he shall deem to be in the best interest of the City; and,

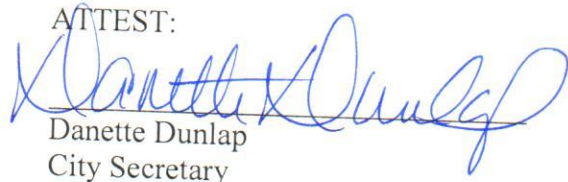
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a request to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group and TWDB to evaluate the water supplies available from Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir based on a two-year safe yield estimate for purposes of developing the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and 2017 State Water Plan, and for purposes of developing each Regional Water Plan and State Water Plan developed in subsequent planning cycles for the life of Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir, and to negotiate such requests as necessary.

PART 2: A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, TWDB, and to all persons interested in the subject matter hereof.

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 25th day of April, A.D., 2013.

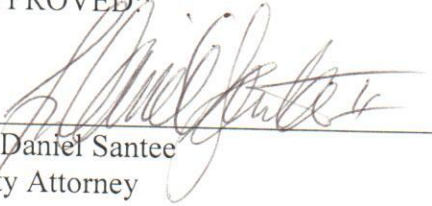
ATTEST:


Danette Dunlap
City Secretary



Norm Archibald
Mayor

APPROVED:



T. Daniel Santee
City Attorney