

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS REQUESTING THAT THE BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP AND THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD DESIGNATE THE CEDAR RIDGE RESERVOIR SITE AS A SITE OF UNIQUE VALUE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESERVOIR IN THE 2016 BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLAN AND THE 2017 STATE WATER PLAN.

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 is located in the Brazos G Regional Water Planning area; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the approved 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and the 2012 State Water Plan, the City is projected to need additional water supplies before 2060; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Ridge Reservoir, which is proposed to be located on the Clear Fork Brazos River downstream of the City's existing Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir (the "Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site"), is identified in the 2006 and 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plans and the 2007 and 2012 State Water Plans, adopted by the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB"), as a recommended water management strategy for the City and this region of the state; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 State Water Plan designates the Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir pursuant to Texas Water Code § 16.051(e); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature adopted Senate Bill 3 during the 2007 Legislative Session, which created, in part, Texas Water Code § 16.051(g-1) and designated the Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan identified Cedar Ridge Reservoir as having unique value for the construction of a reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group is currently evaluating and preparing 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 believes that the unique reservoir site designation for the Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site included in Senate Bill 3 and the 2007 State Water Plan, and the 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and the 2012 State Water Plan, represents good

public policy by preserving, to an important extent, the ability of the City to pursue the permitting and construction of the Cedar Ridge Reservoir to meet future water needs; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have the Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site designated as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir in the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and the 2017 State Water Plan.

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

PART 1: The City hereby formally issues its support for designating the Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir in the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and the 2017 State Water Plan.


PART 2: The City hereby requests that the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group and the TWDB designate the Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir in the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and the 2017 State Water Plan.

PART 3: The Interim City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to take action necessary to request that the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group and the TWDB designate the Cedar Ridge Reservoir Site as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir in the 2016 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and the 2017 State Water Plan.


PART 4: 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 21 day of Dec., A.D., 2014.

ATTEST:




Danette Dunlap
City Secretary



Norm Archibald
Mayor

APPROVED:



Daniel Santee
City Attorney