



RESOLUTION NO. 20190226-03

A RESOLUTION OF TEXAMERICAS CENTER, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION (HB 1574 BY REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS PADDIE AND SB 578 BY SENATOR BRYAN HUGHES) RELATED TO RIVERBEND WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; ALLOWING WATER SUPPLY CORPORATIONS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT; ELIMINATING THE FOUR-YEAR SIT OUT PROVISION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; REQUESTING IMMEDIATE PASSAGE THROUGH THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO BE PREPARED FOR SIGNATURE BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, TexAmericas Center ("TexAmericas" or "TAC") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas with the powers and authorities specified in Chapter 3503 of the Special District Local Laws Code of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Riverbend Water Resources District ("Riverbend" or "District"), created in 2009, is a conservation and reclamation district created under and essential to accomplish the purpose of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as set forth in Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, Subtitle L, Municipal Water Districts, Chapter 9601, with statutory powers including the authority to acquire any and all storage rights and storage capacity in a reservoir or other water sources inside or outside the boundaries of the district, and to acquire the right to take water from that reservoir or source, subject to the rights or permits held by municipalities or other persons; and

WHEREAS, Riverbend, reconstituted in 2011, is composed of twelve cities, three counties, and a special purpose district, including the City of Annona, Texas, the City of Atlanta, Texas, the City of Avery, Texas, the City of DeKalb, Texas, the City of Hooks, Texas, the City of Leary, Texas, the City of Maud, Texas, the City of Nash, Texas, the City of New Boston, Texas, the City of Redwater, Texas, the City of Texarkana, Texas, and the City of Wake Village, Texas, the Counties of Bowie, Cass, and Red River, and TexAmericas Center; and

WHEREAS, Riverbend is operating under a Board of Directors comprised of five qualified voters who are residents of the district, selected by the local governing bodies of the Riverbend members, appointed as follows: (1) two directors appointed by the City of Texarkana, Texas, (2) one director appointed by the City of New Boston; (3) one director appointed by the TexAmericas Center; and (4) one director appointed by the members not named in subdivisions (1) through (3), including any members later added to District; and

WHEREAS, Riverbend wishes to add water supply corporations to the list of district members eligible to join the District in addition to the currently listed members which include any municipality, county, or other political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Riverbend also wishes to eliminate the statutory provision that a director may not serve more than two consecutive terms and may not serve again before the fourth anniversary of the last day of the director's previous term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TEXAMERICAS CENTER THAT:

Section 1. Recognizing the importance of the growing support of Riverbend Water Resources District and encouraging the opportunity for other entities in our region to work together to plan, protect, and preserve our region's natural resources.

Section 2. Recognizing the criticality of maintaining stability and institutional knowledge amongst the Board of Directors of the Riverbend Water Resources District.

Section 3. Supporting the role of Riverbend Water Resources District as the region's preferred special district for developing water resources in the Sulphur River Basin at both planning and implementation levels and especially in the territory of the District.

Section 4. The Board of Directors supports passage of HB 1574 by Representative Chris Paddie and SB 578 by Senator Bryan Hughes and respectfully requests that the legislation be passed through the House and Senate to be prepared for signature by the Governor of the State of Texas.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of February, 2019.



Boyd Sartin, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Ben King, Secretary