

2012-R-03

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF TIMELY APPROVAL BY  
THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER  
AUTHORITY'S  
2012 WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Volente recognizes that maintaining Lakes Travis and Buchanan at optimal levels that reflect prudent decisions for a variety of stakeholders is critical in maintaining municipal water supplies as well as to the health, safety, economic, and recreational interests of the District's customers; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) currently has an emergency order in effect to maintain minimal lake levels because of the continuing extreme drought conditions and the lowest annual inflows to the Highland Lakes in history; and

WHEREAS, weather patterns and future models indicate that conditions in Central Texas will continue to be hotter and drier than normal; and

WHEREAS, the population of Texas is expected to grow by more than 20 million in the next 50 years while at the same time, water consumption is projected to increase 22 percent; and

WHEREAS, the most recent State Water Plan remains unfunded, leaving the LCRA Water Management Plan (WMP) the only current, implementable, long-term option for water management; and

WHEREAS, the LCRA organized a diverse committee of stakeholders to formulate a new WMP to address extreme drought conditions and the committee worked diligently for 18 months to present a plan which addressed all of the stakeholder interests; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Volente recognizes and applauds the LCRA for approving the new 2012 WMP and submitting it to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ); and

WHEREAS, Travis County and the Lake Travis Coalition sponsored the Lake Travis Economic Impact Report which showed more than \$8.4 billion in assessed lake area property values with hundreds of jobs and over \$200 million in annual tax revenue generated by the Lake Travis area alone, producing critical data supporting key components of the WMP; and

WHEREAS, it took seven years for the TCEQ to approve the last Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Climatologist has predicted an increased chance of drought for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the businesses and local governments, including the Village of Volente, will see significant negative impact should the drought continue in the absence of an approved water plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE COUNCIL, THAT  
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY APPROVE THE 2012 WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AS SUBMITTED BY THE  
LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY WITH AN URGENCY FITTING OUR DIRE  
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 17 day of April, 2012, by a vote of the Volente Village Council  
of 4 in favor to 0 opposed with 0 abstentions.



Justine Blackmore-Hlista, Mayor

Attest:



Joan Jackson, City Secretary