
RESOLUTION

**Requesting the Texas Legislature to Authorize a Local Option Election
for the Creation of a Water Oriented Recreation District
Relative to the Portion of the San Marcos River
Separating Guadalupe and Caldwell Counties**

WHEREAS, it is recognized that hundreds of thousands of visitors annually visit the San Marcos River and in particular that portion of the river that separates Guadalupe and Caldwell Counties ("multi-jurisdictional area or "MJA"); and

WHEREAS, significant portions of land adjacent to that portion of the San Marcos River that separates the two Counties is privately owned land; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the large number of seasonal tourists stress the limited existing public facilities (i.e. tubing/rafting/camping businesses) creating public health, safety, sanitation, and transportation services hazards and that services offered by these limited public businesses are unavailable to persons using the river until such time as they are able to step onto land owned by said businesses; and

WHEREAS, the large number of seasonal tourists has resulted in significant litter and trespassing issues for owners of land adjacent to the MJA; and

WHEREAS, there is no specific entity or a recreation management entity responsible for the multiple jurisdiction area of said surface waters and/or having the authority to impose reasonable regulations for the use of these surface waters or provide protection for both those using the river for recreational purposes or those who own land adjacent to the River; and

WHEREAS, management of the aforementioned issues affecting the MJA problems could be addressed through the creation of a local managing entity if desired by local citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court endorses the concept of local option legislation, to authorize creating a Water Oriented Recreation District for the MJA and encompassing land within Guadalupe and Caldwell Counties to improve health, safety, sanitation, and transportation issues associated with both Counties important surface water resources;

AND FURTHER, the Guadalupe County Commissioners Courts calls upon the elected leadership of the State of Texas to pursue the necessary legislation to authorize a local option election for creation of said Water Oriented Recreation District in Guadalupe and Caldwell Counties.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the **1st** day of **NOVEMBER 2016**, by a vote of _____ayes and _____nays.

Kyle Kutscher
County Judge

Greg Seidenberger
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Jack Shanafelt
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jim Wolverton
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Judy Cope
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:

Teresa Kiel
County Clerk