

Resolution to Support Principles for Protecting Texas' Water Resources

- ❖ **Use existing water supplies efficiently.** Municipal, agricultural, and industrial water users should adopt aggressive water conservation practices, both large- and small-scale. We should make the most of current water supplies before we start building dams and pipelines to develop new ones.
- ❖ **Keep rivers flowing.** Water planners and managers should make sure that enough water remains in rivers and streams to keep Texas rivers flowing. They should also ensure that enough fresh water reaches coastal bays and estuaries to maintain their productivity as fisheries and as wildlife habitat.
- ❖ **Protect wildlife habitat.** Water management decisions and new water development projects should avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife, water quality, and wildlife habitat.
- ❖ **Use surface and groundwater sustainably.** We should take water from rivers and pump water from underground aquifers only as fast as rainfall can replenish them. We need to leave water—and wildlife—for future generations.
- ❖ **Save tax dollars.** Water planners should make sure that new water development projects are cost-effective by carefully weighing the costs and benefits of the proposed project and alternatives.

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