

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAY CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, REQUESTION SUPPORT FOR FRESHWATER INFLOWS RESEARCH AND PROTECTION

WHEREAS, Well before man made his appearance, Matagorda Bay provided sustenance and shelter for myriad marine animals and shore and water birds, and

WHEREAS, This highly productive estuarine environment supported by the confluence of seawater with fresh water that moderated salinity and provided a cargo of nutrients and sediments, and

WHEREAS, Matagorda Bay and surroundings also provide a haven for a record number of bird species that attract bird waters from around the world, and

WHEREAS, While the health of the Bay is important for commercial reasons, it is equally significant for the contribution to the greater coastal environment, and

WHEREAS, The determination of the quantity and timing of Freshwater Inflow is scientifically very complex, inexact and subject to varying levels of uncertainty, and

WHEREAS, There are numerous and intensive studies underway to determine the quantity and timing of Freshwater Inflows, and

WHEREAS, The State has mandated a task force to study Freshwater Inflow requirements, that is currently underway and is considering approaches to protect instream and Freshwater Inflows, and

WHEREAS, In prospect of future water shortfalls for all purposes due to ever increasing demands by municipalities, industry, and agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Adequate Freshwater Inflows are necessary to maintain bay dependent ecological habitats as well as economic activities, and

WHEREAS, The scientifically determined estuarine needs for Freshwater Inflows and Allocations may not be provided for without the enactment of additional protections, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Board of Directors of the Bay City Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, hereby respectfully encourage and recommend that Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Ken Armbrister, and Representative Glenda Dawson support the ongoing efforts and new initiatives with legislation to protect freshwater inflows that will result in maintaining a viable and productive estuarine system.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 8th day of March, 2005.


Debbie Popek, Chairman
Bay City Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

ATTEST:


Susan Nalley, Chair-Elect
Bay City Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture