

County of Hidalgo

State of Texas

Resolution

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County residents depend mainly on the waters from the Rio Grande for existence; and

WHEREAS, the Pecos River is one of the principal tributaries entering the lower Rio Grande from the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County has become aware of a permit request submitted by Fort Stockton Holdings to extract 41,000,000 gallons per day of groundwater from the Rio Grande Watershed; and,

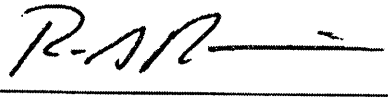
WHEREAS, diverting water away from the Rio Grande watershed would pose a threat to the life and health of our residents, and would also affect residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural sustainability and growth in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code requires Groundwater Districts to consider impacts on surface water prior to the issuance of permits; and

WHEREAS, currently there is not a hydrological study of the subterranean water flows identifying adverse impacts that could occur on the flow of water into the Rio Grande and the resulting impacts to residents downstream of the confluence of the Pecos and Rio Grande should this permit be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT (1) Hidalgo county has strong concerns regarding the groundwater permit application submitted by Fort Stockton Holdings and (2) Hidalgo County strongly opposes any action on this permit by the Middle Pecos County Groundwater Conservation District until studies are completed that identify potential adverse impacts this permit would have to the surface water supplies within the Rio Grande and the residents that have access to these surface water supplies.

SIGNED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2010.



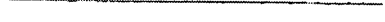
RENE A. RAMIREZ
County Judge



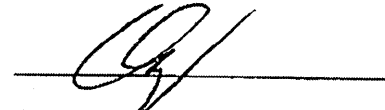
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



OSCAR L. GARZA, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attested to:



ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk