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Mr. Reynolds,

Please add my voice to those strongly opposed to the 30-foot decline of the Trinity Aquifer as part of the so-called Desired Future Condition adopted by GMA-9 in 2010 and rubber-stamped – despite vigorous protests - by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District by a three to two vote.

1. The proposed 30-foot decline in the aquifer level would certainly cause many private wells in the area to go dry in the near future. We have already seen wells of many of our Hays County neighbors and friends go dry under current groundwater pumping. As this fast growing county becomes denser, this problem will only increase, even without the proposed 30-foot decline.
2. The fragile Hill Country environment is blessed with flowing creeks and rivers that are fed by springs emanating from the Trinity Aquifer. These waters are essential to the beauty of the region and thus to the value, financial and otherwise, of our land.
3. Property values in this area are greatly dependent on the availability of ground water. Ground water not only serves the basic needs of life and commerce, but supports the natural beauty on which much of our property and commercial value is based. People are drawn to this area because it is attractive, and it is attractive because of ground water.
4. The deeper portions of the Trinity Aquifer, like many aquifers, take hundreds, even thousands of years to replenish. They will not be replenished in our lifetime or the lifetimes of our children, making unreasonable and unwarranted draw-downs, such as proposed, damaging to Texas and Texans for generations to come.

Count me as firmly supporting the appeal filed by the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association.

Thank You

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