



**RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE WILLACY COUNTY REGIONAL BRACKISH GROUNDWATER  
DESALINATION PROJECT**

**Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Authority**

**WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley has been in a drought for the last seven years;  
and**

**WHEREAS, the Rio Grande is the only source of water to provide drinking water to  
municipalities; and**

**WHEREAS, delivery of water to Willacy county is the furthestmost distance from  
the Rio Grande and subject to Irrigation District shortages for delivery; and**

**WHEREAS, the members of the Willacy County Regional Authority, Inc. would like  
to diversify their water supply and treatment sources; and**

**WHEREAS, brackish water is an unutilized source of water for municipalities; and**

**WHEREAS, treatment of brackish water through reverse osmosis has become an  
economical viable alternative comparable to conventional treatment methods; and**

**WHEREAS, treatment of brackish water through reverse osmosis will provide a  
higher quality water that will exceed current and future drinking water standard; and**

**WHEREAS, the value of surface water rights have increase substantially over the  
last 5 years; and**

**WHEREAS, the regional approach to share the cost of treatment facility will save  
each participant capital and operational costs; and**

**WHEREAS, an interconnect distributions system is in place to deliver treated  
water to each participant;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, the year 2003 that the  
Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Authority supports the continuation and  
development of a Regional Brackish Groundwater Treatment Project for Willacy County  
and specifically requests that the Texas Water Development Board, Texas Legislature  
and Federal Government support and appropriate funding through grants and low  
interest loans to this important program.**

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**Bobby Sparks, President  
Lower Rio Grande Authority**