

**CITY OF LLANO
RESOLUTION OPPOSING A DAM ON THE LLANO RIVER
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-10**

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2018, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) received a Water Use Permit Application from Waterstone Creek, LLC, to construct and maintain a private dam and reservoir for recreational purposes on the South Llano River thereby impounding 12.02-acre feet of water; and,

WHEREAS, the application was declared administratively complete and accepted for filing with the Office of the Chief Clerk on January 10, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Applicant submitted a Firm Water Contract with the Lower Colorado River Authority to account for storage of state water in the reservoir; and,

WHEREAS, the Llano River and its watershed are extremely important to the Texas Hill Country and the City of Llano residents as many of them rely 100% on the water flow of the Llano River; and,

WHEREAS, the flow of the Llano River through Llano is vital and essential for communities, towns and cities as the only viable method of providing healthy and safe water to residents, households, businesses, schools, hospitals, care facilities and others; and,

WHEREAS, as recently as May 27, 2022 TCEQ issued an alert for Permitted State Surface Water Diversions due to the unpredictable, yet highly probably drought conditions across Texas; and,

WHEREAS, it is a concern at the present time due to drought conditions that the Llano River can and will cease to flow during sustained dry periods and that construction of dams for recreational purposes on any portion of the Llano River will have an adverse effect on the downstream flow of the river; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known the Llano City Council:

1. is opposed to the construction of private dams and reservoirs for recreational purposes as allowances such as this can and will have an adverse impact on residents, businesses, health and safety of future water needs downstream; and,
2. the Llano City Council respectfully request the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality deny the Permit Application and hold public and contested hearings so as to allow government officials, citizens and property owners to address justifiable concerns regarding the allowance of private dams

and reservoirs for recreational purposes on any portion of the Llano River which counties and municipalities rely upon.

3. request Public Meeting to determine TCEQ's policing efforts and penalties to be imposed if the DAM owner does not properly determine hydrologic conditions every 3 months as prescribed in Permit 13524 and when subsistent flow conditions exist does not immediately enact prescribed mitigation steps

Presented and adopted this 6th day of June, 2022 at a meeting of the City Council in Llano, Texas.

Signed:

Kara Gilliland, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Brenda Poe, City Secretary