
FW: Request to Reconsider Moratorium on Non-Historic-Use Permits

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To Admin at VCGCD <admin@vcgcd.org>

Mr. Andruss,

While I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting, I am writing to respectfully encourage the Victoria Groundwater Conservation District to reconsider moving forward with a moratorium on non-historic-use permits in Victoria County. While I understand and appreciate the District's duty to protect our groundwater resources, a blanket moratorium could have unintended consequences on economic growth and long-term regional development.

As affirmed by the Texas Supreme Court, economic growth in Texas relies on reasonable access to groundwater to invest confidently in the community. Uninformed denial of non-historic use permits may discourage development and limit opportunities for innovation. Rather than implementing a complete freeze, I urge the District to consider alternate approaches that balance conservation with flexibility. Options such as tiered permitting, conservation incentives, or case-by-case evaluations could protect aquifer without constituting a taking of a private property right. Additionally, I encourage collaboration with stakeholders to identify solutions that are both practical and protective of our shared resources.

The coastal bend's future depends on both resource stewardship and economic strength. I believe it is possible to achieve both without implementing a full moratorium on non-historic use permits. Thank you for your time and consideration of this perspective. Further, I appreciate the work of the District and your commitment to responsible supervision of our groundwater resources.

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