

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS BY AND THROUGH THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY FOR THE COSTS OF REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED AT LAKE DUNLAP, LAKE MCQUEENEY, LAKE PLACID, MEADOW LAKE, LAKE GONZALES, AND LAKE WOOD.

WHEREAS, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is a water conservation and reclamation district created by the State of Texas in 1933, that acquired six dams in 1963, that were constructed in the 1920's and 1930's, including the hydroelectric dams at Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, Lake Placid, Meadow Lake, Lake Gonzales, and Lake Wood; and

WHEREAS, two spillgate failures occurred at Lake Dunlap on May 14, 2019, and Lake Wood in 2016, have resulted in ongoing catastrophic economic impacts to these communities and impacted local taxing entities; and

WHEREAS, GBRA has completed the preliminary design and engineering for the repair of the Lake Dunlap dam with a cost estimate of approximately \$30,000,000.00 (thirty million dollars); and

WHEREAS, the GBRA is actively partnering with these lake front communities to ensure the long-term sustainability of these dams and to explore possible funding mechanisms that will support the repair, replacement, and maintenance of the dams; and

WHEREAS, the Preserve Lake Dunlap Association is diligently working on the feasibility of the creation of a water district as a possible funding mechanism towards the repair and maintenance of the dam; and

WHEREAS, the residents and surrounding communities are justifiably concerned that without the necessary funding from the State, the negative impacts from the dam failures will be realized with the decline in property values and the decimation of the quality of life for these lake front communities and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas must provide funds to GBRA so that the projected severe economic impacts on lake related businesses is minimized and these businesses remain in operation and continue to contribute to the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body support its residents and neighbors by formally entreating the State of Texas, the Governor, and the state legislature to immediately fund the GBRA so that it can repair, reconstruct, and maintain its aged critical infrastructure located along State of Texas waterways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

That the City of New Braunfels asks the State of Texas, the Governor, and the state legislature to provide significant and necessary financial assistance to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for the repair, reconstruction, and maintenance of critical infrastructure including dams, located on State of Texas waterways, and specifically at Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, Lake Placid, Meadow Lake, Lake Gonzales, and Lake Wood.

Passed and approved this the 9th day of September, 2019.

Barron Casteel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick Aten, City Secretary