WHEREAS, the Sulphur River Basin Authority (the “Authority”) is a conservation and reclamation district created by the 69th Texas Legislature under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution, and in accordance with Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code by the Act of May 28, 1985, 69th Leg., 1st C.S., ch. 3, 1985 Tex. Gen. Laws 3798, codified at TEX. SPEC. DIST. LOC. LAWS CODE ANN. ch. 8508, as amended (the “Authority Act”) to provide for the conservation and development of this state's natural resources inside the Sulphur River Basin (the “Basin”), including the control, storage, preservation, and distribution of this state's water for multiple beneficial uses and purposes as provided in the Authority Act; the reclamation and irrigation of land; the reclamation and drainage of overflowed land and other land needing drainage; the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the water; the conservation and development of the water; the navigation of inland water; and the provision of systems, facilities, and procedures for the collection, transportation, handling, treatment, and disposal of waste;

WHEREAS, the Authority’s territory is composed of the territory in Hunt, Lamar, Hopkins, Red River, Franklin, Titus Morris, Bowie, Cass, and Delta counties;

WHEREAS, the Authority administers the Clean Rivers Program for the Basin, such program being a partnership involving the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”), other state agencies, river authorities, local governments, industry, and citizens to maintain and improve the quality of surface water resources within each river basin in Texas, and the people of the county/city/district benefit from the water quality protection that results from the Authority’s administration of that program;

WHEREAS, the Authority engages in the state and regional water planning process and represents the needs of the people in the Basin, including the county/city/district, in planning for the development of future water supplies in the Basin in a manner that will allow development of supplies for Texas while at the same time protecting the economy and interests of the citizens and businesses in the Basin, and these regional and state water planning activities benefit the citizens and businesses in the Basin, including those in the county/city/district;
WHEREAS, the Authority does not have authority to impose a tax, and unless and until the Authority becomes a wholesale supplier of water with financial resources provided by the accompanying water revenues, the Authority has and will continue to struggle to secure adequate sources of funding to perform its functions and achieve its mission;

WHEREAS, historically, the Authority has been funded by entities in the DFW Metroplex who are interested in developing water resources in the Basin;

WHEREAS, the Authority has ensured through its agreements with those entities that any water resources developed by and paid for by such entities will also reserve a sufficient portion of supplies to be provided to the counties, cities, water providers, businesses, and citizens of the Basin to meet future demands;

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to diversify its sources of funding to include more local funds from counties, cities, water districts and other water suppliers in the Basin;

WHEREAS, the Authority is legally authorized under the Authority Act to accept a grant or donation for its corporate purposes from any person, including a private source, the United States, this state, or a local government;

WHEREAS, as found by the Legislature in the Authority Act, all land included in the Authority will benefit from the improvements to be acquired and constructed by the Authority;

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that the county/city/district/other water supplier contribute funds to help the Authority perform the functions for which it was created, to continue to benefit the people of the county/city/district/other water supplier and the Basin through its water quality protection and water planning activities, and to help diversify its funding sources by increasing the amount of local funds in the Basin that comprise its budget; and

WHEREAS, the county/city/district/other water supplier finds that the contribution of funds to the Authority in the amount and for the term as herein resolved will help accomplish the Authority’s purposes and also benefit the people of the county/city/district/other water supplier and the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY/CITY/DISTRICT/WATER SUPPLIER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.

2. The county/city/district/water supplier resolves that the services and functions provided and performed by the Authority benefit the county/city/district/water supplier.
supplier and its citizens/business/customers/lands and supports both the Authority’s efforts and its desire to diversify its funding portfolio by increasing funds contributed by local governments and entities in the Basin.

3. The county/city/district/water supplier resolves to contribute $________ to the Authority to support its water quality protection and water planning and development functions, services, and operations in the Basin.

4. The county/city/district/water supplier resolves to (or “intends to” in the case of cities who can’t commit such funds to future budget years) provide a similar contribution of $________ to the Authority no later than September 1 of each year for the next five (5) years.

5. The county/city/district/water supplier resolves that at the end of the five (5) year period, the county/city/district/water supplier shall consider an extension of this commitment for a new five (5) year cycle.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ________________.

COUNTY/CITY/DISTRICT/WATER SUPPLIER

By: _________________________________

Authorized Representative