

RESOLUTION NO.20-327

**A Resolution of the City of Ingleside on the Bay, Texas, stating its position with regard to desalination plants on La Quinta Channel**

**Whereas**, the City of Ingleside on the Bay has an estimated population of 700 and is situated on about 200 acres of land directly adjacent to the La Quinta Channel; and

**Whereas**, Ingleside Cove and the City of Ingleside on the Bay's canal adjoin La Quinta Channel; and

**Whereas**, the Region N Water Planning Group has identified five (5) seawater desalination projects as "recommended water management strategies" in the initially prepared 2021 Region N Water Plan to be presented to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for inclusion in the 2022 Texas State Water Plan; and

**Whereas**, three (3) of the five (5) recommended seawater desalination projects are located on La Quinta Channel; and

**Whereas**, citizens of the City of Ingleside on the Bay have submitted public comments to Region N, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas State Senator Zaffirini and State Representative Lozano, and the City of Ingleside on the Bay expressing concerns about constructing seawater desalination plants on La Quinta Channel; and

**Whereas**, the concerns expressed by citizens refer to the health, safety, welfare, and economic vitality of the City of Ingleside on the Bay; and

**Whereas**, scientific and engineering data show that there will be short- and long-term effects on fish, wildlife, and environmental quality on Ingleside on the Bay; and

**Whereas**, water produced from these desalination facilities is needed for industry not residential usage.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY THAT:**

**Section I.** The Region N Water Plan should clearly indicate the fact that the La Quinta seawater desalination projects have been publicly contested.

**Section II.** The La Quinta seawater desalination plants have not received sufficient scrutiny per Texas Administrative Code Rule 357.22, specifically "potential impacts on public health, safety, or welfare" (item 13) to be deemed as "recommended" in the 2021 Region N Water Plan.

**Section III.** Public notice and participation requirements specified in Texas Administrative Code Rule 357.21 should include ALL municipalities of the Regional Planning Water Area regardless of size - not just those "with a population of 1,000 or more".

**Section IV.** Inclusion of seawater desalination plants on La Quinta Channel as "recommended water management strategies" in the 2021 Region N Water Plan or the 2022 Texas State Water Plan should require the written support of the city councils of the incorporated cities adjacent to La Quinta Channel.

**Section V.** The granting of permits for seawater desalination plants on La Quinta Channel should require the written support of the city councils of the incorporated cities adjacent to La Quinta Channel.

PASSED and approved the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020



*Ann Ehmann*

Ann Ehmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Diane Hosea*

Diane Hosea, City Secretary

