

RESOLUTION NO. 96-06

of the

ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COMMISSION'S CONCERN ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF SURFACE WATER SITES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, DIRECTING THE STAFF TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, portions of the State of Arkansas continue to utilize ground water at a rate faster than it is being recharged;

WHEREAS, continued population growth and economic development will require additional water resources in the future;

WHEREAS, Arkansas is blessed with abundant surface water, which if utilized, could provide the state's water needs into the future;

WHEREAS, there are a limited number of watersheds where surface water development could practicably occur, and

WHEREAS, activities in those watersheds could prevent or limit their use for surface water development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission as follows:

Section 1:

(a) The Commission has determined that in order to meet the state's current and future water demands, surface water must be developed and utilized.

(b) For various reasons, not all watersheds are practicable for surface water development.

(c) Continuing development impacts the watersheds available for use as future surface water sources.

(d) Some type of protection for the watersheds offering the greatest potential for surface water development should be considered.

Section 2: The Executive Director is requested to research this matter and report back to the Commission concerning possible actions the Commission might take to protect watersheds for future surface water development.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 1996.

Arkansas Soil & Water Conservation Commission

by: 
James Neal Anderson
Chairman

ATTEST:

by: 
J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Director & Secretary