

of Texas lying within the boundaries of this District, this Board is of the opinion that such bill, if enacted would disrupt and destroy to a great extent the entire economy of the counties, towns, villages and cities which lie adjacent to the Guadalupe River in Texas, and its tributaries, and would deny to the people of the area the right to build surface dams which are anticipated to become necessary in the foreseeable future for domestic water supplies, and also it is well known that the Guadalupe River in Texas is highly developed along its banks and the banks of its tributaries for recreational facilities, religious encampments, boys and girls camps and retirement homes; now, therefore.

*Be it resolved*, that the Board of Directors of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority go on record as being unalterably opposed to H.R. 90 "Scenic Rivers Act" introduced in the House of Representatives on January 10, 1967, by Mr. Saylor, the same have been referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, in so far as said Bill applies to the Guadalupe River, in the State of Texas, and that the President of this Authority is authorized to sign the following letter expressing the Authority's position in this matter.

"Sir: The Upper Guadalupe River Authority is an Agency of the State of Texas, created by the 46th Legislature under Section 59-a of Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas. It was created for the purpose of controlling, storing, preserving, and distributing the waters of the Guadalupe River and its tributaries within Kerr County. Its authority and duties are more fully set out in Article 8280-124 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas.

"The portion of the Guadalupe River within the boundaries of the Authority consists of the headwater portion of this 6,000 square mile watershed. The area is locally referred to as the "Hill Country" and large portions of its water courses have been extensively developed by private and local governmental units for recreational purposes. The small perennial flow of the headwater streams have largely been appropriated for beneficial uses under State laws, and a large number of small pools have been created in the bed of the streams by the construction of small channel dams to increase the water areas of the river and its depth to improve water-recreation and to enhance public and private use of the river. By cooperative efforts between local governmental agencies and private individuals, a large fish hatchery and several wildlife preserves have been established in this portion of the basin. Plans exist under which the Authority is to construct water conservation and flood control dams on each of these principal headwater tributaries. The improvements are needed to augment the existing underground sources of water supplies for the City of Kerrville and for other communities within this area and to protect the extensive developments in the river valley. The improvements of the river, as briefly described herein, are required to preserve the economy of this entire segment of the Guadalupe River, and to meet the future needs for water and for water uses in the area. If H.R. 90, 'Scenic River Bill', were enacted into law and the Federal Agency in charge of the implementing of the law were to decide to take the maximum land area permitted by the Bill, such action would completely disrupt and for all practical purposes destroy Kerr County, Texas, the area being the identical area which is under the jurisdiction of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority. This is so because every town, village, and city, as well as a large percentage of the improvements in the area of this Authority, lie well within one mile of the banks of the Guadalupe River, or one of its tributaries. The Guadalupe River in the area of this Authority, is now and has always been the life-line of the area and its entire economy is tied thereto.

"Accordingly, it is urgently requested that the Guadalupe River in Texas be completely eliminated from H.R. 90, and at a bare minimum that that portion of the Guadalupe River and its tributaries lying in Kerr County, Texas, be eliminated from the Bill.

"Your kind consideration of these views and the supplementary statements as may be filed by our Congressmen will be appreciated. This letter conveys the opinions and desires of the Board of Directors of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, and its President was authorized by such Board members at its meeting on March 1, 1968, to sign this letter and direct it to you for the consideration of the full committee and appropriate subcommittee.

"Very truly yours,

"FRED JUNKIN,

"President, Upper Guadalupe River Authority."