

MINUTE ORDER NO. 81-90

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Resolution:

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Commission on Pollution Control and Ecology that the potential for significant water quality impacts exist in the area of Northwest Arkansas, specifically within the Beaver Lake Watershed; and,

Whereas, Beaver Lake is the water supply reservoir for the majority of residents in Northwest Arkansas, and

Whereas, such degradation is a result of cumulative point and non-point sources of pollutants, particularly nutrients; and

Whereas, it is the policy of the Commission that water quality be maintained to the extent that it does ^{not} create social and economic hardships with any area of the state, and

Whereas, the Commission staff prioritized the upper White River basin as the top (second) priority within the State for purposes of water quality management planning and resource commitment, and

Whereas, the Beaver Water District and Commission staff, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency Region VI, have instituted a variety of studies to ascertain the existing condition in the watershed; and

Whereas, the Commission, acting through the Designated Management Agency for Agricultural Non-point Sources, is seeking voluntary compliance with the provisions of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan, now

Be it therefore resolved that the Commission on Pollution Control and Ecology discourages new point source loadings to the watershed and encourages the completion of municipal wastewater treatment facilities now being planned or under construction and hereby instructs the staff, acting through the Director, to ~~invoke a six-month~~ ^{invoke an indefinite} moratorium on any new point sources of nutrients directly into Beaver Lake and make every effort to reduce or eliminate existing sources, and to conduct a public hearing in Northwest Arkansas for the explicit purpose of receiving comments from interested parties concerning the uses and impacts of water quality management practices in the Beaver Lake Watershed. Furthermore, the Commission shall thereafter form a Citizens Advisory Committee made up of not more than eleven (11) qualified citizens from the area for the sole purpose of providing comments and suggestions to the Commission on water quality management in the Beaver Lake Watershed.

COMMISSIONERS

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Commission Review at next Com meeting

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SUBMITTED BY: Jim Brooks

DATE PASSED: 9/25/81

Approved as amend.