

***GMDA Resolution Opposing Changes Proposed
in the Clean Water Restoration Act, S. 787***

WHEREAS the Groundwater Management Districts Association (GMDA) currently comprises 29 GMDs in six states for the purpose of monitoring water issues of interest – including federal water legislation; and

WHEREAS the Clean Water Restoration Act, S.787 proposes to eliminate the word “navigable” from the definition of “waters of the U. S.” within the Clean Water Act (CWA);

WHEREAS eliminating the word “navigable” would essentially place all bodies of water or “perceived” bodies of water under federal jurisdiction — even those waters traditionally under state authority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the GMDA board of directors that this body, after review of the language of S. 787, is strongly opposed to removal of the word “navigable” and just as strongly supports the principle of state management of water supplies.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June 2009, at the duly held meeting of the Groundwater Management District Association (GMDA) board of directors on motion duly seconded with all members present voting “Aye.” Further, that this resolution be numbered GMDA Resolution 2009-2 and it be distributed to all GMDA district members for their use in opposing S. 787 in the legislative process.



Jan King, GMDA President

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