



GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION No. 8

"PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION"

WHEREAS, throughout the United States there are multitudes of differing public opinions regarding the need for, or lack of need for, the numerous types of Federal laws and programs being considered annually by the U. S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, demographic, physiographic, geographic and economic conditions vary greatly throughout the Nation, and while a given Federal law may be needed in one part of the Nation but where the Nation-wide application of such law constitutes an economic burden, is useless, inapplicable and/or unnecessary regimentation for most other areas of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, U. S. Congressional Committees holding hearings only in Washington, D.C., on such nation-wide and far-reaching legislation, seriously restricts public testimony thereon to the Washington-based bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, since such Congressional hearings being held only in Washington, D.C., serve to seriously restrict or prevent the public's participation or input to major national legislation - thereby denying to the U. S. Congress considerable expertise testimony and knowledge available from the public segment:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the U. S. Congress adopt a policy requiring the holding of public hearings at several locations throughout the Nation in order to provide public input to proposed major national legislation; cases in point being the major Congressional oversights in Public Laws 92-500

and 93-523, which could have been alleviated by due consideration of public input had conditions for such public input been fostered:

ADOPTED, this 9th day of December, 1976.