

## RED RIVER COMPACT COMMISSION

August 8, 2013

The Red River Compact is an interstate agreement entered into by the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas with the consent of Congress to equitably apportion the waters of the Red River and its tributaries. The Compact is administered by the Red River Compact Commission (Commission).

The Commission adopts rules and regulations to administer the different reaches of the Compact. These rules rely, in large part, on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) streamflow gaging network for data to ensure compliance with the Compact and rules adopted by the Compact. As costs to maintain these critical gages increase, it is becoming an increasing burden for many entities to bear the cost share expenses to continue funding these critical gages. The Commission is becoming increasingly concerned about the ability to continue to have the data necessary to properly administer the Compact and prevent controversial disputes or even litigation over water deliveries and Compact compliance.

Attached is a Resolution unanimously approved by the Commission during their annual meeting on April 23, 2013, which requests that Congress fully fund the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) gages associated with the Red River basin and Red River Compact. The Resolution requests that the USGS place a priority on funding these gages under NSIP. The Commission believes that the gages necessary to administer the Red River Compact qualify for the NSIP and should be funded through this effort. Also, the Commission requests that funding for the Cooperative Water Program be restored to ensure the historical partnership match of 50/50.

Attached please find a list of streamflow gages that the Commission has found to be critical to administering the Red River Compact. These are the gages the Commission believes should be funded through the NSIP.

Thank you for consideration of this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (307) 778-9500, [Jeff.Fassett@hdrinc.com](mailto:Jeff.Fassett@hdrinc.com) or any of the Compact member state representatives.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gordon W. Fassett".

Federal Commissioner and Chairman  
Red River Compact Commission

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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
RED RIVER COMPACT COMMISSION  
REGARDING  
THE FUNDING OF STREAMFLOW GAGES**

**WHEREAS**, the Red River Compact, signed May 12, 1978 and approved by Congress apportions the waters of the Red River basin between the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, the four states have worked cooperatively together to develop and maintain the streamflow gaging network necessary to administer the provisions of the Compact;

**WHEREAS**, the cooperation and the establishment of this gaging network has resulted in the administration of this Compact with minimal controversy and no interstate litigation;

**WHEREAS**, the apportionment and calculations required to administer the Compact necessitate the maintenance of streamflow gages along the Red River and its tributaries at critical locations to measure the flow of water;

**WHEREAS**, it is critical for the administration of the Red River Compact that these streamflow gages be maintained;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has historically entered into cost share agreements with cooperators to maintain a nationwide streamflow gaging network through the Cooperative Water Program (CWP);

**WHEREAS**, the CWP has served for over 110 years as a federal/non-federal partnership which historically was funded through a 50/50 cost share agreement. Today, the majority of the funding for the CWP comes from non-federal sources;

**WHEREAS**, the ability to maintain this network of national gages to meet long term federal goals has declined due to a loss of cooperators because of the increased costs of funding which prompted Congressional establishment of the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP);

**WHEREAS**, the USGS established goals to satisfy minimum national streamflow information needs with the intent to support these gages entirely with federal funds;

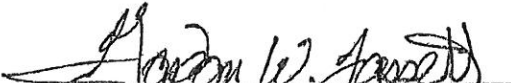
**WHEREAS**, a priority goal of NSIP is to "meet legal and treaty obligations on interstate compacts and international waters;"

**WHEREAS**, the streamflow gages necessary to administer the Red River Compact qualify under this priority goal for full federal funding under NSIP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, the Red River Compact Commission requests that Congress fully fund the NSIP gages associated with the Red River basin and Red River Compact and the USGS place a priority on funding these gages under NSIP.

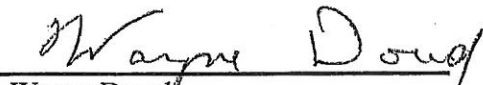
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, federal funding for the CWP be restored to ensure the historical partnership match of 50/50.

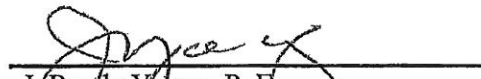
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the congressional delegations for the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director of the USGS.


  
Gordon W. "Jeff" Fassett  
Federal Commissioner and  
Chairman Red River Compact  
Commission

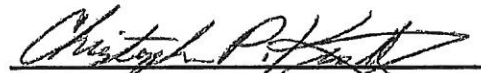
4/23/2013  
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## RED RIVER BASIN STREAMFLOW AND WATER QUALITY GAGES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
<a href="#">07300000</a>	Salt Fork Red River near Wellington, TX*
<a href="#">07300500</a>	Salt Fork Red River at Mangum, OK
<a href="#">07301300</a>	North Fork Red River near Shamrock, TX
<a href="#">07301410</a>	Sweetwater Creek near Kelton, TX
<a href="#">07301500</a>	North Fork Red River near Carter, OK*
<a href="#">07303400</a>	Elm Fork of North Fork Red River nr Carl, OK
<a href="#">07308500</a>	Red River near Burkburnett, TX*
<a href="#">07315500</a>	Red River near Terral, OK*
<a href="#">07316000</a>	Red River near Gainesville, TX*
<a href="#">07316500</a>	Washita River near Cheyenne, OK
<a href="#">07331000</a>	Washita River near Dickson, OK*
<a href="#">07331600</a>	Red River at Denison Dam nr Denison, TX*
<a href="#">07332500</a>	Blue River near Blue, OK
<a href="#">07335300</a>	Muddy Boggy Creek near Unger, OK
<a href="#">07335500</a>	Red River at Arthur City, TX
<a href="#">07336820</a>	Red River near De Kalb, TX
<a href="#">07337000</a>	Red River at Index, AR*
<a href="#">07340000</a>	Little River near Horatio, AR
<a href="#">07344210</a>	Sulphur River near Texarkana, TX
<a href="#">07344370</a>	Red River at Spring Bank, AR
<a href="#">07346310</a>	(COE) Caddo Lake at Dam near Mooringsport, LA
<a href="#">07348000</a>	Twelvemile Bayou near Dixie, LA
<a href="#">07348500</a>	(COE) Red River at Shreveport, LA
<a href="#">07350500</a>	Red River at Coushatta, LA*
<a href="#">07355500</a>	Red River at Alexandria, LA*
<a href="#">07362000</a>	Quachita River at Camden, AR*
<a href="#">07362100</a>	Smackover Creek near Smackover, AR
<a href="#">07363500</a>	Saline River near Rye, AR
<a href="#">07364100</a>	Quachita River near Arkansas-Louisiana State Line
<a href="#">07364150</a>	Bayou Bartholomew near Mcgehee, AR*
<a href="#">07369680</a>	Bayou Macon at Eudora, AR

\* Indicates water quality monitoring station

For more information see:

<http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/index.php?r=ar&m=real>

<http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=la>

<http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=ok>

<http://txpub.usgs.gov/public/BasinMap/BasinMap.html?basinselect=2>