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Date: 3/9/2009 2:53 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0014833001
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REGULATED ENTY NAME:DOUBLE EAGLE RANCH WWTP
RN NUMBER:RN105278758
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0014833001
DOCKET NUMBER:Not Found
COUNTY:BASTROP
PRINCIPAL NAME:AQUA WSC
CN NUMBER:CN600610828
FROM
NAME:Shirley Adams

COMPANY:
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PHONE:512-925-7715
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COMMENTS:Dear Chief Clerk, I am submitting the following comments regarding Double Eagle Ranch. I am not opposed to Aqua Water Supply operating the Wastewater Treatment Plant except for the fact Michael Neese, of Aqua Water Supply, said, at the public meeting on July 15, 2008, that it would be a package plant and not a site built plant. I am not an affected person, as far as living nearby, so I just hope it will be well maintained and not do any damage to the fish and wildlife in and along the Colorado River. We do fish the river and eat the fish, so in that way, I am an affected person. I do want to comment on the developer, Russell Parker referencing Lick Creek in Western Travis County. I am attaching an article from the Austin American Statesman that states Mr. Parker was fined \$5,000.00 by L.C.R.A. for polluting Lick Creek. There are downstream water wells (alluvium water wells) on the river and there cannot be any contamination to drinking water. Can T.C.E.Q. assure the development Double Eagle Ranch will have strong oversight and no pollution will happen to the river? I do hope so. Sincerely, Shirley Adams Submitted Electronically March 6, 2009.

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Builder fined for pollution of creek

Citation by LCRA for debris latest woe for western Travis subdivision

By Kevin Carmody

AMERICAN STATESMAN STAFF

The Lower Colorado River Authority has imposed a relatively rare \$5,000 fine and threatened identical daily fines on the developer of a Hill Country subdivision whose dam has been deemed responsible for polluting Lick Creek.

The penalty, for exceeding pollution limits at the West Cypress Hills development after a mid-September rainstorm, was levied this week. And after heavy rains on Saturday again overwhelmed the additional pollution control measures the developer had installed, LCRA officials said they will fine him the maximum \$5,000 a day unless he fixes the problem quickly.

"I haven't seen the lab results, but it's a no-brainer that they will have surpassed the (pollution) limits again" after Saturday's rains, said Vic Ramirez, the LCRA's associate general counsel.

However, the river authority probably will not automatically fine developer Rusty Parker for Saturday's violation or collect the daily fines for failing to stem pollution of the once-pristine creek in western Travis County unless Parker fails to meet new, more aggressive deadlines this month to fix the problems, Ramirez said.

During the Saturday morning storms, about 5 inches of rain washed soil and debris off newly cleared home sites and filled the detention pond behind the development's controversial dam, officials and witnesses said. The water then overflowed the dam's spillway and went directly into

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FINE: Developer says crew is fixing problems

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the creek, dumping perhaps tons of sediment there, they said.

Still, Tom Hegemier, the LCRA engineer who previously had ordered work stopped on the development because of pollution concerns, said Parker has continued to push hard to stem pollution.

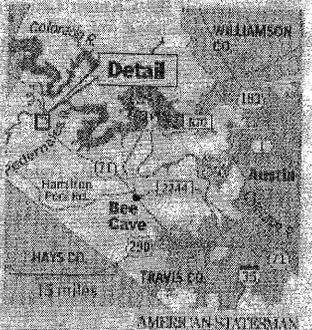
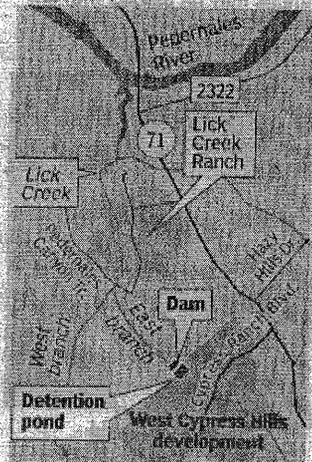
"On Saturday, they had workers everywhere, and have been really dedicated in taking the corrective action we've required," he said.

Parker said Tuesday that he was confident he could meet the new deadlines. He said he has mobilized a crew of about 30 workers to triple erosion control structures, such as silt fences, and does not plan to challenge the fine. The cost of the corrective work has easily surpassed tens of thousands of dollars, he said.

The LCRA last issued such a large fine for water pollution violations at a development about 18 months ago, and the project that was fined appears to have been abandoned, Ramirez said.

The news last spring of Lick Creek's pollution woes helped focus public attention on the risks of rapidly expanding development in the Hill Country, where steep slopes magnify the environmental damage caused by erosion from clearing land.

Phillip Popin, the Austin lawyer representing downstream residents of Lick Creek Ranch in a federal pollution lawsuit against West Cypress Hills, said the latest failure of



erosion and pollution controls should raise a question about whether the creek will ever be protected.

"It's a lesson that you can't just rip up the land and expect to be able to do the same old development practices, use the same engineering controls you do on flat land, and hope to be able to protect water quality," Popin said.

TCEQ Public Meeting Form

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

South Central Water Company Proposed TPDES Permit No. WQ0014833001

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Name: Shirley Adams
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City/State: Cedar Creek Zip: 78612
Phone: (512) 303-0964

Please add me to the mailing list.

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July 15, 2008

TCEQ-Attn:
Chief Clerk
Austin, TX 73301

Re: WQ 0014833001
South Central Water Co.
Public Meeting

Dear Chief Clerk,

Please mail me the list of all attendees and their addresses who were in attendance at the public meeting July 15, 2008.

Sincerely,
Shirley Adams
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Comment Letter – WQ0014833001
Re: South Central Water Company, P.O. Box 570177,
Houston, TX 77257-0177

Dear Chief Clerk,

It is my understanding the adjacent landowners were not listed in the original application for the proposed permit number WQ0014833001. Therefore there could be some chance that all of the adjacent landowners have not been contacted by South Central Water Company of their proposed wastewater treatment plant, as required by T.C.E.Q.

In your R.T.C. please answer who all of the adjacent landowners are and if they have been properly notified.

Sincerely,
Shirley Adams
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Request Public Meeting

Re: South Central Water Company, P.O. Box 570177,
Houston, TX 77257-0177, **WQ0014833001**

Dear Chief Clerk,

I have the following comments and questions regarding the application and preliminary decision regarding South Central Water Company, P.O. Box 570177, Houston, TX 77257-0177, **WQ0014833001**, and request a public meeting.

First of all, the location of the proposed facility was very vague in the Notice of Receipt and Intent. Upon reviewing the file in the Bastrop Public Library on August 27, 2007, there was no adjacent landowner disc or list in the file at the library. Why was there no adjacent landowner list or disc in the file? Isn't this a requirement from T.C.E.Q.? Who is the owner of the property that the proposed facility is to be located on?

Why is this company from Houston, TX planning this huge wastewater treatment plant in Bastrop County and how do they plan to properly operate it efficiently from so far away? How long has South Central been in the wastewater business and how many wastewater treatment plants do they own and operate? Where are their existing wastewater treatment plants located?

What are the plans for the sludge?

Please send me the compliance history of South Central Water Company in the R.T.C.

Sincerely,

Shirley Adams

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PLEASE PRINT:

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If yes, which one? Lower Colorado River Authority

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Name: Jeff Long
Address: 316 OLD 71
City/State: Cedar Creek Zip: 78612
Phone: 512 303 5672

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Yes No

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RE: Proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ001483001

I find myself opposed to the proposed sewage treatment plant proposed by South Central Water Co. of Houston for a number of reasons, but mainly due to the potential impact on our local ecosystem. This proposed facility could dump as much as three-quarters of a million gallons daily of sewage effluent into Moss Branch and thence into Dry Creek and the Colorado River.

Part of the reason for my reticence is the method in which this matter has been handled, from the public notice – published in the Bastrop Advertiser which I believe few in the affected area subscribe – to the handbill stuck to our mailboxes on the morning of the hearing. Many of the affected public in this area only receive the Austin American Statesman or the New York Times. Also many of those affected are only home on weekends as they work in far flung cities around the country.

Part of the reason for my reluctance are the words we hear coming from Bastrop officials of the growth of the Double Eagle Ranch sale and subsequent proposed development. First, we hear that there will be only a scant few over two hundred homes on the old ranch. Then the figure rises to over four hundred and is now well over five hundred homes to be developed. With the nationwide home financial crunch, I fear that we will be left with a poorly or only partially developed subdivision, such as has been demonstrated in the Forest on the Colorado just a few tenths of a mile east. I fear that we will be left with a sewer plant that has been completed with inadequate funding and poorly functioning as a result. I fear that we will experience what the folks up in the Brushy Creek watershed have found to be regular spills of raw effluent into our waterways. I fear environmental degradation that our Bastrop County government is neither prepared to deal with nor able to bear the cost of repairing or replacing the fragile ecosystem along our creeks and the Colorado River.

After all, if a company in Houston is running the plant, it will take a minimum of three hours to get to Bastrop County after a spill is discovered, and how much longer to halt the source of the raw effluent spill once they get here? And who pays for degraded creek and river systems as a result? An out of town owner? The developer of the property who may by that time be long gone? The homeowner's association?

And why has so little effort been put into letting the public know about this potential mess?

Regional systems run by responsible governmental agencies and not localized sewage

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collection and treatment systems proliferated all about the county are a more palatable solution, if such things are possible. But we are very rural here yet and that potential is many years away.

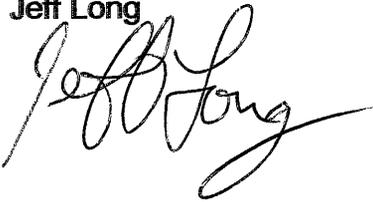
These are some of the reasons I find myself reluctant to lend any support to a potential source of pollution right here along our Colorado River, where many of our citizens swim, tube, canoe and enjoy fishing. If the river is polluted, none of those pursuits are safe any longer. Not to mention the danger to the current ecosystems existent on Moss Branch and Dry Creek. These systems are seasonal and not balanced for a sudden change that would turn them into full-time sewage canals, only carrying effluent, which may or may not be properly treated.

And will the operators of the proposed plant plan for redundant pumping systems with automatic switching systems to prevent spills? Will they be staffed 24/7? Will they have adequate holding ponds if a pump goes down to contain untreated material and prevent polluting these fragile ecosystems?

And from the sounds we hear from down town Bastrop, perhaps the developers of the Double Eagle Ranch property are not as well heeled as they should be. Can they put up bonds that any such damage will be remedied? Can they show proof beyond a doubt that they have the resources to properly develop this property?

All this leads me to oppose the granting of this permit. I have the feeling that we are being railroaded into something that may not prove to be a good thing for the people who live here and the environment we moved here to enjoy.

Thank You,
Jeff Long

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RE: TPDES Permit No. WQ00114833001, TX0129844 – Draft Permit Comment

I am writing to express my concern and offer my comment for the above noted draft permit. I attended the public meeting held on July 15, 2008 and have determined that the Antidegradation Report was not satisfactory and did not address human health risk as well as ecological risk as a result of the proposed waste stream.

The biologists present at the meeting stated that a site specific study was completed at and downstream of the proposed discharge location. He stated that during October they found that the stream was intermittent and consisted of various, intermittent pools of water. The water flow at this time of year should be considered high, and therefore we would assume less water flow during the summer months. It is a popular statement in the wastewater business that "dilution is the solution" to most effluent concerns. In this case, there may be no dilution and the stream contents will consist of a 100 percent wastewater stream. Even though the draft permit levels are of high quality, my concern is addressed towards the seven-day average, Daily Max, and single grab allowable concentrations for BOD, TSS, N, and Phosphorus (30-30-15-6) as listed in the draft permit (Pages 2(a-b)).

These levels, if allowed during multiple events could be detrimental to the ecology of the stream and not to mention exceed human health risk for exposure. The discharge stream currently borders and intersects two existing neighborhoods. The probability for children to be playing in these streams (recreational value), domestic animals to be watering from these streams (horse farms, dogs, other livestock), and native wildlife, abundant in the area, utilizing these 'pools' to fulfill water needs raises question as to whether the

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Antidegradation Report was completed with due diligence and under a wide enough scope of impact.

I would ask that these comments be taken into effect when evaluating the draft permit. Proposed solutions may be reuse or effluent discharge directly into the Colorado River, capable of receiving and biologically treating the waste stream with less or no human or ecological impacts.

Sincerely,

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Chad A. Martin CWB, PWS

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Sir, Months ago we sent you a request for notification of sewer plant WQ0014833001. We never got a thing. Yesterday I found an ariel survey sign on my property and found out the public meeting is tues 15th @ the Hyatt. This plant is adjacent and upstream of me. I request that this meeting be postponed for 30 Days and that I be supplied with all material relevant.

Sincerely

Regis Stevenson
Julie Salem

520 pope bend Rd N
Cedar Creek TX 78612

512 577 6700

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South Central Water Company
Proposed TPDES Permit No. WQ0010923001

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AT PUBLIC MEETING

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Deena Spellman
316 Old 71
Cedar Creek, Tx. 78612

Re: Permit #WQ001483001

I find myself opposed to the above said permit on many grounds. First and foremost, let me say that the public notification for this meeting was woefully inadequate. The persons living near the proposed development are not subscribers to the Bastrop Advertiser. The majority of us subscribe to the Austin American Statesman. Until proper notification of these meetings, I do not feel that my fellow citizens of Bastrop Co., or my friends and neighbors on Old 71 have been given a proper opportunity to have our voices heard and our questions and concerns addressed.

Second, where is the environmental impact study?? What reptiles and amphibians will be displaced by the effluent discharge into a delicate dry creek ecosystem?? What birds and warblers will be displaced? These things have not been addressed or answered. Is there a proposed environmental easement for this development? They will obviously be damaging and changing an existing native flora and fauna ecosystem. This permit and subsequent M.U.D. will change the river and our county forever. Let us please have an environmental assessment study.

Before we open the door for development of this nature, water quality issues for my neighbors on wells should be addressed. How will a sewage treatment plant and it's leach field of two dry creeks prevent the contamination of ground water and water wells? What measures have been put in place for when one of the "accidental" overflows happens in rural Bastrop County?? What happens to the quality of the new paddling trail and the ecotourism based economy that Bastrop County has developed over the years??

As I have stated in the above, there are many reasons I object to the carteblache granting of permit #WQ001483001.

Regards,


Deena Spellman

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