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Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005011000

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PRINCIPAL NAME: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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COMMENTS: I am opposed to implementing this permit. I want the state to consider the environmental impact of roads on a specific area and its environment, because Texas is a big place and different areas have different needs. Specifically, I beg you to protect our wetlands, natural waterway, and prairies in order to preserve our aquifers and prevent flooding.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 9:48 AM
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COMMENTS: I would like to say that in this day and age is much more important for us to be preserving and nurturing the earth than tearing it up and making our lives more difficult. We have to put back what we've taken away as a species and taking care of our wetlands in our area is the way to do it. The flooding in our area is do to human interaction. We need to right our wrongs and make this area beautiful and nurtured. If we build more road and tear up our wetlands we're just going to have more flooding which leads to more displaced people, which leads to more money being spent to help people when we could have prevented all of it by protecting what we have in nature. Nature doesn't need us, we need nature. Never forget that. The world will go on after all humans are gone. I hope you do the right thing.

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COMMENTS: (Original signed copy is attached) To Whom It May Concern: Please accept the following comments from the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) on the draft Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) draft MS4 statewide permit. SARA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. The State of Texas has empowered the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) to preserve, protect and manage the resources and environment of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. Our district spans Bexar, Goliad, Karnes and Wilson counties covering 3,658 square miles, yet our concern for the quality and quantity of water extends our focus beyond these boundaries, as factors outside the district contribute to the health and well-being of the river and our communities. Through the knowledge and skill of professional and technical staff, we continue to develop and sustain the expertise needed to fulfil our service mission. Regarding the TxDOT draft MS4 statewide permit, the most pressing issue SARA would like to see addressed is the limited scope of the statewide permit. TxDOT's draft permit is limited to roadways in zip codes in Urbanized Areas (UAs) therefore not truly a statewide permit covering TxDOT roadways across the state. That said, SARA recognizes the largest surface water quality threats come from stormwater in urbanized areas, high growth areas and suburban counties that serve as feeders to UAs. SARA recommends Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) consider TxDOT roads as linear infrastructure and those that are in high areas of population growth and those in suburban counties that are feeders to UAs should be covered by the permit as well. All of these roadways have more than 100,000 visitors per day thereby meeting the MS4 Phase I population threshold. Based on TxDOT's own numbers, if transient motorists were analogous to population, then every mile of TxDOT road within the state would be covered. Extending the statewide permit to TxDOT roads in high population growth areas and suburban counties that feed UAs will help protect headwaters, tributaries and receiving streams from pollutants carried in roadway stormwater runoff. SARA encourages the TCEQ to require coordination with local and regional entities that have been party to the creation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and Implementation Plans (I-Plans). Coordinating and collaborating with participating entities will stretch public funding to meet the goals of several regulatory actions. This coordination and collaboration should extend to local municipal MS4 permittees on a variety of stormwater issues beyond the limited scope of TMDLs and I-Plans. SARA is pleased the draft permit includes the development of post-construction best management practices. In the greater San Antonio and Bexar County region coordination with local and regional entities should be required in the planning, designing and development of post-construction stormwater management best management practices as Bexar County has recently created the Bexar County Post Construction Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual and SARA has developed the Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual based on the soil conditions within the San Antonio River Watershed. The SARA Technical Guidance Manual can be found here: <https://www.sara-tx.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Full-LID-Manual.pdf>. The Bexar County manual references the SARA technical guidance manual to ensure BMPs are being designed and constructed appropriately. The State of Texas' population continues to grow with many more people and vehicles utilizing TxDOT infrastructure. As such, SARA believes the education and outreach component, particularly the investments in the Don't Mess with Texas and Don't Mess with Texas Water campaigns, should mirror the growing population or be indexed to inflation. While the Don't Mess with Texas campaign addressed highway littering very well, it has not had the same success in reducing other pollutants from entering stormwater. Floatable trash remains a significant and growing issue throughout Texas so SARA is encouraged to see the draft permit requires the public to be involved in the planning and implementation of the Stormwater Management Plan. Specifically, SARA recommends TxDOT be required to coordinate with River Authorities on the implementation of the Don't Mess with Texas Water campaign. SARA appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian S. Mast", written over a horizontal line.

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Intergovernmental Relations Specialist
San Antonio River Authority

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From: thomas.weber@co.travis.tx.us [<mailto:thomas.weber@co.travis.tx.us>]
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COMMENTS: Please refer to the attached PDF file.

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17 May 2013

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Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: WQ 0005011-000, TXDOT Application for MS4 Permit Amendment

Dear Sir or Madame:

Please consider the following comments as you conduct a technical review and amendment to this above-referenced application:

Background

Routinely, construction of state highways results in generation of excess soil that is either temporarily stored for specific use within the construction project or it may need to be transported from the project site for placement as fill on private property. In the situation of temporary stockpiling, the storm water construction authorization identifies the need to address this issue in a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3). Fill material transported and provided to a private landowner has the high likelihood to cause adverse impacts to surface water quality, existing drainage, and floodplain management if the receiving landowner does not implement appropriate controls.

Travis County addresses these issues by establishment of standards whereby placement of fill anywhere within County jurisdiction is defined as a development activity requiring a Basic Development Permit. Through the permitting process, County staff evaluate the impact of fill placement on existing drainage, the location relative to the 100-year floodplain, and to ensure that the fill activity includes temporary erosion and sediment controls (ESC) and a plan for vegetative stabilization of the final cover. For significant fill activities associated with non-residential land development, fiscal surety for ESC and stabilization and an engineered design is applicable.

These standards have been adopted (in part) to ensure that Travis County implements its responsibilities under TCEQ requirements applicable to all Small MS4s. For instance, your Small MS4 Permit, Part III.A.4., requires Travis County to implement and enforce a program to control runoff from construction sites.

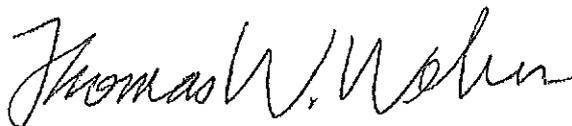
The problem that has been documented by County inspectors and by neighboring jurisdictions is that excess fill is sometimes transported to third party landowners who consider the fill an asset but who are either not aware or choose not to obtain proper authorizations through Travis County. It is very difficult and usually unfeasible to expect the receiving landowner to remove unauthorized fill. It is also not practical to satisfactorily increase public awareness to an extent to make individual property owners cognizant of the storm water management requirements. Therefore, we have concluded that the most optimal course of action is to identify requirements for pollution prevention in the first place and to require proactive approaches from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT).

Travis County's Requests in this Permit Amendment

1. In the amended permit, identify any permanent placement of fill associated with a specific construction project on land not owned by TXDOT as part of a larger "common plan of development or sale" under which the TXDOT Notice of Intent for a construction project must specify and implement a SWP3 and achieve permanent stabilization before submittal of a Notice of Termination.
2. In the amended permit, include a special provision that requires TXDOT, including its contractors, agents, and primary operator (for the SWP3) to ensure that permanent placement of fill material associated with construction authorized by the TXDOT MS4 Permit shall not be transported to another property unless TXDOT has written documentation that the property owner has been authorized by the local jurisdiction to accept fill material. In this provision, local jurisdictions include municipalities, counties, or special districts with authority over storm water management, floodplain administration, or protection of surface water quality.

It is the intention of Travis County's Environmental Quality Program to more comprehensively manage these activities and believe this permit would provide the most appropriate vehicle for doing so. Considering the myriad of TXDOT projects and contractors who conduct work on behalf of the Department, better management and attention to this issue is necessary. Travis County is also willing to work with the TCEQ and TXDOT officials from the appropriate office or division to discuss this issue and find a solution that can be specified within the permit to be amended.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Weber
Manager Environmental Quality

cc: Erik Harris, Lower Colorado River Authority
TXDOT, Austin Region