

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

TPDES PERMIT NO. WQ0015095001

APPLICATION. 633-4S Ranch, Ltd. and Stahl Lane, Ltd., 8023 Vantage Dr., Suite 1200, San Antonio, Texas 78230, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to convert TCEQ Texas Land Application Permit No. WQ0015095001 to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ00015095001 and to change the method of disposal from land application to surface water discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 480,000 gallons per day. The current permit authorizes the disposal 180,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater via public access subsurface drip irrigation of 41.32 acres.

The facility will be located approximately 6,500 feet north-northeast of the intersection of Smithson Valley Road and Farm-to-Market Road 1863, approximately 1,200 feet north of the confluence of Lewis Creek and Dripping Springs Creek in Comal County, Texas 78163. The treated effluent will be discharged to an unnamed tributary to Lewis Creek; thence to Lewis Creek; thence to Upper Cibolo Creek in Segment No. 1908 of the San Antonio River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for unnamed tributary to Lewis Creek and limited aquatic life use for Lewis Creek.

Nutrients are listed as a screening concern in Segment No. 1908 in the 2012 Texas Water Quality Inventory. Based on Segment No. 1908 screening concerns for nutrients and nutrient screening results, a permit limit of 0.5 mg/L total phosphorous is recommended to help preclude degradation to Lewis Creek and Upper Cibolo Creek.

The designated uses for Segment No. 1908 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, aquifer protection, and high aquatic life use. The use of aquifer protection applies to the contributing, recharge, and transition zones of the Edwards Aquifer for Segment No. 1908. In accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ implementation procedures (January 2003) for the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review has preliminarily determined that no significant degradation of water quality is expected in Upper Cibolo Creek, which has been identified as having high aquatic life use. Existing uses will be

maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received.

This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.765555&lng=-98.391944&zoom=13&type=r>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public will be encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application and no formal response will be made. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Comment Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. A written response to all timely, relevant and material, or significant comments will be prepared by the Executive Director. All formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A copy of the written response will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit application and provides a mailing address. Only relevant and material issues raised during the Formal Comment Period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted on this permit application.

**The Public Meeting is to be held:
Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services
353 Rodeo Drive
Spring Branch, Texas 78070**

INFORMATION. Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you need more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040.* General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, 131 Bulverde Crossing, Bulverde, Texas. Further information may also be obtained from 633-4S Ranch, Ltd. and Stahl Lane, Ltd. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Oscar D. Graham, South Texas Wastewater Treatment, at (830) 249-8098.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least one week prior to the meeting.

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