

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGE

NEW

PERMIT NO. WQ0015839001

APPLICATION. Brickston Municipal Utility District, 3300 Bee Caves Road, Suite 650, No. 189, West Lake Hills, Texas 78746, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015839001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 200,000 gallons per day.

The facility will be located approximately 2,000 feet northwest of the intersection of Albert Voelker Road and U.S. Highway 290 East, in Travis County, Texas 78621. The treated effluent will be discharged to Willow Creek, thence to Cottonwood Creek, thence to Wilbarger Creek, thence to Colorado River Above La Grange in Segment No. 1434 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are limited aquatic life use for Willow Creek and Cottonwood Creek and high aquatic life use for Wilbarger Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1434 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and exceptional aquatic life use. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of816825of&marker=-97.455555%2C30.353611&level=12>

In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ's *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), 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 Wilbarger 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.

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. You may submit public comments about this application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting on this application because of a legislator request and significant public interest.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. 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:

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Members of the public who would like to ask questions or provide comments during the meeting may access the meeting via webcast by following this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar> and entering Webinar ID 371-927-723. It is recommended that you join the webinar and register for the public meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins. You will be given the option to use your computer audio or to use your phone for participating in the webinar.

Those without internet access may call (512) 239-1201 at least one day prior to the meeting for assistance in accessing the meeting and participating telephonically. Members of the public who wish to only listen to the meeting may call, toll free, (914) 614-3221 and enter access code 436-220-635 .

Additional information will be available on the agency calendar of events at the following link: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/hearings/calendar.html>.

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 <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. 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 Elgin Public Library, 404 North Main Street, Elgin, Texas. Due to the public health and safety concerns caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Elgin has closed its public library to the public. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision and draft permit are now posted online at <https://www.doucetengineers.com/project/brickston-municipal-utility-district-wastewater-treatment-plant/> and are available for viewing and downloading. When the City of Elgin reopens the Elgin Public Library, 404 North Main Street, Elgin, Texas, the permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the library. Further information may also be obtained from Brickston Municipal Utility District at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Keith Young, P.E., Doucet and Associates, Inc., at 512-583-2600.

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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