

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 60100
Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District
RN104000658
Docket No. 2020-1510-MWD-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Reunion Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant A, 100 Jayne Cove, Hays County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility and disposal site

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: The complainant has expressed an interest in this matter but does not wish to speak at Agenda.

Texas Register Publication Date: March 18, 2022

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$15,100

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$3,020

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) Conditional Offset: \$12,080

Name of SEP: WWTP Improvements (Compliance)

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - High

Site/RN - High

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): July 9, 2020

Complaint Information: Alleged the Respondent had inadequate capacity and was creating nuisance odors.

Date(s) of Investigation: July 10, 2020 through August 11, 2020

Date(s) of NOE(s): September 25, 2020

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Violation Information

1. Failed to ensure the Facility and all of its systems of collection, treatment, and disposal were properly operated and maintained. Specifically, the Facility was not operating with a chlorine contact chamber [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (5), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Operational Requirements No. 1 and Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, A. Effluent Limitations].
2. Failed to collect effluent samples at the sampling point described in the permit. Specifically, the Respondent was collecting effluent samples from a spigot on the effluent line between the storage tank to the land application fields [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 305.125(1) and 319.5(a) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B. Monitoring Requirements].
3. Failed to provide vacuum breakers on all potable water spigots. Specifically, an atmospheric vacuum breaker was not provided on the potable water spigot located at the water meter box [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 217.330(d)].
4. Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for total suspended solids, daily average flow, and biochemical oxygen demand (5-day) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, A. Effluent Limitations].
5. Failed to design and manage the subsurface irrigation area to prevent ponding or surfacing of effluent or contamination of ground and surface waters and to prevent nuisance conditions. Specifically, effluent ponding was observed in effluent disposal Zone Nos. 1, 2-H, 16, and 22 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (5) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Special Provisions for Site A: Subsurface and Drip Irrigation for the Interim and Final Phases No. 4 and Operational Requirements No. 1].
6. Failed to maintain bermudagrass and ryegrass on the disposal site. Specifically, an extensive area of dead grass/vegetation was observed in effluent disposal Zone No. 24 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (5) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Special Provisions for Site A: Subsurface and Drip Irrigation for the Interim and Final Phases, Nos. 4 and 6, and Operational Requirements No. 1].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

By November 12, 2020, the Respondent:

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- a. Installed an atmospheric vacuum breaker on the potable water spigot located at the water meter box;
- b. Managed the subsurface irrigation area to prevent the ponding of effluent; and
- c. Reseeded effluent disposal Zone No. 24 with bermudagrass and ryegrass.

Technical Requirements:

- 1. The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a SEP (see SEP Attachment A).
- 2. The Order will also require the Respondent to:
 - a. Within 150 days, install a chlorine contact chamber and operate the facility in accordance with the permit;
 - b. Within 165 days, submit written certification of compliance with a.;
 - c. Within 180 days, develop and implement procedures and conduct employee training to ensure samples are collected in accordance with permit requirements;
 - d. Within 195 days, submit written certification of compliance with c.; and
 - e. Within 310 days, submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported monthly effluent reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations to demonstrate compliance.

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Steven Van Landingham, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 3, MC 219, (512) 239-5717; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Betty Sanders, SEP Coordinator, Litigation Division, MC 175, (512) 239-3992

Respondent: Dennis Daniel, President, Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District, 14050 Summit Drive, Austin, Texas 78738

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

DATES	Assigned	28-Sep-2020	Screening	8-Oct-2020	EPA Due	
	PCW	31-Aug-2021				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN104000658
Facility/Site Region	11-Austin
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	60100	No. of Violations	6
Docket No.	2020-1510-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Steven Van Landingham
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 3
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$18,250
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	-10.0%	Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	-\$1,825
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Notes	Reduction for High Performer classification.
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Culpability	No	0.0%	Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.
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Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	-\$1,325
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Economic Benefit	0.0%	Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$41,345	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$210,370	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$15,100
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

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Final Penalty Amount	\$15,100
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$15,100
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DEFERRAL	20.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	-\$3,020
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes	Deferral offered for expedited settlement.
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PAYABLE PENALTY	\$12,080
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Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Number	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

High Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) -10%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Reduction for High Performer classification.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) -10%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% -10%

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Violation Number 1
Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and (5), and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") Permit No. WQ0014480001, Operational Requirements No. 1 and Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, A. Effluent Limitations
Violation Description Failed to ensure the Facility and all of its systems of collection, treatment, and disposal were properly operated and maintained. Specifically, the Facility was not operating with a chlorine contact chamber.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				5.0%
	Potential		x		

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0.0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to significant amounts of pollutants that would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 90 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$1,250

One quarterly event is recommended from the July 10, 2020 investigation date to the October 8, 2020 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply 0.0% Reduction \$0

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$1,250

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation **Statutory Limit Test**

Estimated EB Amount \$39,865 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$1,125

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,125

Economic Benefit Worksheet

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Media Water Quality
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment	\$195,000	28-May-2019	28-Apr-2022	2.92	\$1,898	\$37,967	\$39,865
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated cost to install a chlorine contact chamber and operate the facility in accordance with the permit. The Date Required is the initial date the violation was documented and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$195,000

TOTAL \$39,865

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Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 305.125(1), 319.5(a), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, B. Monitoring Requirements

Violation Description Failed to collect effluent samples at the sampling point described in the permit. Specifically, the Respondent was collecting effluent samples from a spigot on the effluent line between the storage tank to the land application fields.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential		x	

Percent 5.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to significant amounts of pollutants that would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

90 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$1,250

One quarterly event is recommended from the July 10, 2020 investigation date to the October 8, 2020 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0%

Reduction \$0

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$1,250

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$38

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,125

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,125

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District
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Media Water Quality
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling	\$250	28-May-2019	28-May-2022	3.00	\$38	n/a	\$38
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs
 Estimated Training/Sampling cost to develop and implement procedures and conduct employee training to ensure samples are collected in accordance with permit requirements. The Date Required is the initial date the violation was documented and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$250

TOTAL \$38

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Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.330(d)

Violation Description Failed to provide vacuum breakers on all potable water spigots. Specifically, an atmospheric vacuum breaker was not provided on the potable water spigot located at the water meter box.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				15.0%
	Potential	x			

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0.0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants that would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 3 90 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$11,250

Three monthly events are recommended from the July 10, 2020 investigation date to the October 8, 2020 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0%

Reduction \$1,125

Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		x
N/A		

Notes The Respondent achieved compliance by November 12, 2020.

Violation Subtotal \$10,125

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$9,000

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$9,000

Economic Benefit Worksheet

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Media Violation No. Water Quality
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Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment	\$20	10-Jul-2020	12-Nov-2020	0.34	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated Equipment cost to install an atmospheric vacuum breaker on the potable water spigot located at the water meter box. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the compliance date.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$20

TOTAL \$0

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Violation Number 4

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, A. Effluent Limitations

Violation Description Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			X
Potential			

Percent 5.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants that do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2 152 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	X
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

Two quarterly events are recommended for the period containing the months of January, February, March, May, and June 2020.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0%

Reduction \$0

Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$2,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$1,319

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,250

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,250

Economic Benefit Worksheet

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Media Water Quality
Violation No. 4

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$10,000	31-Jan-2020	20-Sep-2022	2.64	\$1,319	n/a	\$1,319

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated Other cost to determine the cause of noncompliance, make the necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility, and achieve compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. The Date Required is the end date of the first month of noncompliance and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$10,000

TOTAL

\$1,319

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Violation Number 5

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and (5) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Special Provisions for Site A: Subsurface and Drip Irrigation for the Interim and Final Phases No. 4 and Operational Requirements No. 1

Violation Description Failed to design and manage the subsurface irrigation area to prevent ponding or surfacing of effluent or contamination of ground and surface waters and to prevent nuisance conditions. Specifically, effluent ponding was observed in effluent disposal Zone Nos. 1, 2-H, 16, and 22.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Harm			Percent	
	Release	Major	Moderate		Minor
	Actual				
	Potential		x		5.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0.0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to significant amounts of pollutants that would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 90 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$1,250

One quarterly event is recommended from the July 10, 2020 investigation date to the October 8, 2020 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0%

Reduction \$125

Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		x
N/A		

Notes The Respondent achieved compliance by November 12, 2020.

Violation Subtotal \$1,125

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$120

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,000

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,000

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District
Case ID No. 60100
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104000658
Media Violation No. Water Quality 5

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction	\$5,000	10-Jul-2020	12-Nov-2020	0.34	\$6	\$114	\$120
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated Engineering/Construction cost to manage the subsurface irrigation area to prevent the ponding of effluent. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the compliance date.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$5,000	TOTAL	\$120
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Screening Date 8-Oct-2020

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PCW

Respondent Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 60100

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104000658

Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Steven Van Landingham

Violation Number 6

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and (5) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Special Provisions for Site A: Subsurface and Drip Irrigation for the Interim and Final Phases, Nos. 4 and 6, and Operational Requirements No. 1

Violation Description Failed to maintain bermudagrass and ryegrass on the disposal site. Specifically, an extensive area of dead grass/vegetation was observed in effluent disposal Zone No. 24.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Table with Release (Actual/Potential) and Harm (Major/Moderate/Minor) columns. Percent 3.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Table with Falsification and Harm (Major/Moderate/Minor) columns. Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants that would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$24,250

\$750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 90

Table with frequency options: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, annual, single event. Single event is marked with an 'x'.

Violation Base Penalty \$750

One single event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0% Reduction \$75

Table with Extraordinary, Ordinary, and N/A rows and columns for Before NOE/NOV and NOE/NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer.

Notes The Respondent achieved compliance by November 12, 2020.

Violation Subtotal \$675

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$2 Violation Final Penalty Total \$600

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$600

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District
Case ID No. 60100
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104000658
Media Violation No. Water Quality
 6

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$100	10-Jul-2020	12-Nov-2020	0.34	\$2	n/a	\$2

Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated cost to reseed effluent disposal Zone No. 24 with bermudagrass and ryegrass. The date required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the compliance date.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$100

TOTAL \$2

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TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001

Effluent Violation Table

Month/ Year	BOD5			Total Suspended Solids			Flow	
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	Limit = 20 mg/L	Limit = 30 mg/L	Limit = 45 mg/L	Limit = 20 mg/L	Limit = 30 mg/L	Limit = 45 mg/L	Limit = 65 mg/L	Limit = 0.05 MGD
January 2020	47.6	n/a	n/a	63.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	c
February 2020	36.25	n/a	n/a	74.75	n/a	n/a	n/a	c
March 2020	c	n/a	n/a	37.25	n/a	n/a	n/a	c
June 2020	c	n/a	n/a	c	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0531
January 2, 2020	n/a	38	c	n/a	42	c	c	n/a
January 10, 2020	n/a	46	46	n/a	49	49	c	n/a
January 16, 2020	n/a	64	64	n/a	103	103	103	n/a
January 21, 2020	n/a	38	c	n/a	50	50	c	n/a
January 28, 2020	n/a	52	52	n/a	75	75	75	n/a
February 4, 2020	n/a	40	c	n/a	46	46	c	n/a
February 11, 2020	n/a	57	57	n/a	142	142	142	n/a
February 19, 2020	n/a	c	c	n/a	63	63	c	n/a
February 25, 2020	n/a	c	c	n/a	48	48	c	n/a
March 10, 2020	n/a	c	c	n/a	53	53	c	n/a
March 17, 2020	n/a	c	c	n/a	67	67	67	n/a
May 26, 2020	n/a	31	c	n/a	c	c	c	n/a

BOD5 = biochemical oxygen demand (5-day)
MGD = million gallons per day
n/a = not applicable

c = compliant
mg/L = milligrams per liter

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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN603086588, RN104000658, Rating Year 2020 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2020.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN603086588, Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Regulated Entity: RN104000658, Reunion Ranch Wastewater Plant A **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Complexity Points: 2 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities

Location: 100 Jayne Cove in Hays County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 11 - AUSTIN

ID Number(s): **WASTEWATER PERMIT** WQ0014480001
WASTEWATER AUTHORIZATION R14480001

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2015 to August 31, 2020 **Rating Year:** 2020 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2020

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: March 19, 2021

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: March 19, 2016 to March 19, 2021

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Steven Van Landingham

Phone: (512) 239-5717

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

N/A

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

N/A

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
REUNION RANCH WATER
CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT
RN104000658**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2020-1510-MWD-E**

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility and disposal site located at 100 Jayne Cove in Hays County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility is near or adjacent to water in the state as defined in TEX. WATER CODE § 26.001(5).
2. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE §§ 7.002, 7.051, and 7.073, and that the Respondent is subject to TCEQ's jurisdiction. The TCEQ has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 5.013 because it alleges violations of TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
3. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$15,100 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The amount of \$3,020 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms and conditions contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.

Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067, \$12,080 of the penalty shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's timely and satisfactory completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") as defined in the attached SEP Agreement ("Attachment A", incorporated herein by reference). The Respondent's obligation to pay the

conditionally offset portion of the penalty shall be discharged upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order, which includes the timely and satisfactory completion of all provisions of the SEP Agreement, as determined by the Executive Director.

5. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a). Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
7. This Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.
8. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
9. The Executive Director recognizes that by November 12, 2020 the Respondent:
 - a. Installed an atmospheric vacuum breaker on the potable water spigot located at the water meter box;
 - b. Managed the subsurface irrigation area to prevent the ponding of effluent; and
 - c. Reseeded effluent disposal Zone No. 24 with bermudagrass and ryegrass.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During an investigation conducted on July 10, 2020 through August 11, 2020, an investigator documented that the Respondent:

1. Failed to ensure the Facility and all of its systems of collection, treatment, and disposal were properly operated and maintained, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (5), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Operational Requirements No. 1 and Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, A. Effluent Limitations. Specifically, the Facility was not operating with a chlorine contact chamber.
2. Failed to collect effluent samples at the sampling point described in the permit, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 305.125(1) and 319.5(a) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, B. Monitoring Requirements. Specifically, the Respondent was collecting effluent samples from a spigot on the effluent line between the storage tank to the land application fields.

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3. Failed to provide vacuum breakers on all potable water spigots, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 217.330(d). Specifically, an atmospheric vacuum breaker was not provided on the potable water spigot located at the water meter box.
4. Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements: Sites A and B, A. Effluent Limitations, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

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Effluent Violation Table								
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5. Failed to design and manage the subsurface irrigation area to prevent ponding or surfacing of effluent or contamination of ground and surface waters and to prevent nuisance conditions, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (5) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Special Provisions for Site A: Subsurface and Drip Irrigation for the Interim and Final Phases No. 4 and Operational Requirements No. 1. Specifically, effluent ponding was observed in effluent disposal Zone Nos. 1, 2-H, 16, and 22.

6. Failed to maintain bermudagrass and ryegrass on the disposal site, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (5) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, Special Provisions for Site A: Subsurface and Drip Irrigation for the Interim and Final Phases, Nos. 4 and 6, and Operational Requirements No. 1. Specifically, an extensive area of dead grass/vegetation was observed in effluent disposal Zone No. 24.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all of the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District, Docket No. 2020-1510-MWD-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088
2. The Respondent shall implement and complete an SEP as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The amount of \$12,080 of the assessed penalty is conditionally offset based on the Respondent's implementation and completion of the SEP pursuant to the terms of the SEP Agreement, as defined in Attachment A. Penalty payments for any portion of the SEP deemed by the Executive Director as not complete shall be paid within 30 days after the date the Executive Director demands payment.
3. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 150 days after the effective date of this Order, install a chlorine contact chamber and operate the facility in accordance with the permit.
 - b. Within 165 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification of compliance with Ordering Provision No. 3.a, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 3.e below.
 - c. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Order, develop and implement procedures and conduct employee training to ensure samples are collected in accordance with permit requirements.

- d. Within 195 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification of compliance with Ordering Provision No. 3.c, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 3.e below.
- e. Within 310 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014480001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported monthly effluent reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager
Austin Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
5. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
6. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the

Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

7. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
9. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms: electronic transmission, owner, person, writing, and written, shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
10. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date


For the Executive Director

6/8/2022

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Signature

Date


Dennis Daniel

2-15-2022

President, Board of Directors

Name (Printed or typed)

Title

Authorized Representative of

Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District

If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below:

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Ordering Provision 1 of this Order.

Attachment A

Docket Number: 2020-1510-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District
Penalty Amount:	Twelve Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$12,080)
SEP Offset Amount:	Twelve Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$12,080)
Type of SEP:	Compliance
Project Name:	<i>WWTP Improvements</i>
Location of SEP:	Hays County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order for Respondent to perform a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The SEP Offset Amount is set forth above and such offset is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

Respondent is a Local Government that qualifies under Texas Water Code § 7.067 to apply the SEP Offset Amount set forth above to correct violations at its wastewater treatment facility (the “Facility”) which are described in this Agreed Order. This Agreed Order cites violations at Respondent’s Facility.

1. Project Description

A. Project

Respondent shall hire a contractor to purchase and install a chlorine contact basin and effluent weir measurement device at the Facility. The chlorine contact basin will help disinfect harmful pathogenic microorganisms that could cause illness. The effluent water leaving the Facility is dispersed via subsurface drip dispersal to adjacent fields which are open to the public. Eliminating pathogens that would otherwise contaminate the effluent water is vital to public health. Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount shall be used for materials, supplies, and equipment for one or more of the following: chlorine contact basin and effluent weir measurement device (the “Project”). Respondent shall solicit bids from qualified contractors to perform the Project. Any advertisement, including publication, related to the SEP must include the enforcement statement as stated in Section 6, Publicity. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including permits that may be required prior to commencement of the SEP.

Respondent shall use the SEP Offset Amount only for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including supplies, materials, and equipment rentals, as listed in Subsection C. Minimum Expenditure, Estimated Cost Schedule, below. No portion of the SEP Offset Amount shall be spent on administrative costs, including but not limited to operating costs, reporting expenses, handling of expenses, project coordination, liability, or equipment breakdowns.

Respondent’s signature affixed to the attached Agreed Order certifies that Respondent has no prior commitment to perform this Project and that the SEP is being performed solely as part of the terms of settlement in this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by improving the quality of wastewater effluent being released into the environment. Inadequately treated effluent can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminths (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from mild gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. Additional risks include occurrences of low dissolved oxygen, fish kills, algal bloom, and bacterial contamination in waterways.

C. Minimum Expenditure

Respondent shall spend at least the SEP Offset Amount to complete the project described in Section 1, above, and comply with all other provisions of this SEP. Respondent understands that it may cost more than the SEP Offset Amount to complete the Project.

Estimated Cost Schedule

Item	Quantity	Cost	Units	Total
Chlorine Contact Basin/Effluent Weir Measurement Device	1	\$195,000	Lump Sum	\$195,000
Total				\$195,000

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall begin implementation of the SEP. Respondent shall have completed the SEP in its entirety within 150 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order.

3. Records and Reporting

A. Progress Report

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a Notice of Commencement to the TCEQ describing actions performed to date to implement the Project. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a report detailing the progress made and all actions completed on the Project during the previous 60-day period and setting forth a schedule for achieving completion of the Project within the 150-day timeframe set forth in Section 2, Performance Schedule, above. Thereafter, Respondent shall submit progress reports to the TCEQ containing detailed information on all actions completed on the Project to date as set forth in the Reporting Schedule table below:

Reporting Schedule

Days from Effective Order Date	Information Required
30	Notice of Commencement describing actions taken to begin project
90	Actions completed during previous 60-day period
150	Notice of SEP completion

B. Final Report

Within 150 days after the effective date of the Agreed Order, or within 30 days after completion of the SEP, whichever is earlier, Respondent shall submit a Final Report to the TCEQ, which shall include the following:

1. Itemized list of expenditures and total cost of the Project;
2. Copies of invoices or receipts corresponding to the itemized list in paragraph 3.B.1., above;
3. Copies of cleared checks or payment records corresponding to the itemized list in paragraph 3.B.1., above;
4. Copies of proof of advertisement of invitation for bids, if applicable;
5. A certified statement of SEP completion and document authentication;
6. Detailed map showing specific location of the project site(s);
7. Copies of all engineering plans related to work performed pursuant to the Project, if applicable;
8. Equipment logs showing the hours the equipment was utilized on the project;
9. Dated photographs of the purchased materials and supplies; before and after work being performed during the Project; and of the completed Project; and
10. Any additional information Respondent believes will, or that is requested by TCEQ to demonstrate compliance with this Attachment A.

C. Address

Respondent shall submit all SEP reports and any additional information as requested to the following address:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Additional Information and Access

Respondent shall provide additional information as requested by TCEQ staff and shall allow access to all records related to the SEP Offset Amount. Respondent shall also allow representatives of the TCEQ access to the site of any work being financed in whole or in part by the SEP Offset Amount. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreed Order.

5. Failure to Fully Perform

If Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 through 4 above, the Executive Director (“ED”) may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount as set forth in the attached Agreed Order.

In the event the ED determines that Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for reimbursement of a SEP, shall make the check payable to “Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,” and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

6. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this Project made by or on behalf of Respondent must include a clear statement that **the Project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

7. Recognition

Respondent may not seek recognition for this project in any other state or federal regulatory program.

8. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.