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REGULATED ENTITY NAME THE TRAILS AT MUSTANG RIDGE WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN111141305

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015948001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: TRAVIS

PRINCIPAL NAME: CONTINENTAL HOMES OF TEXAS LP

CN NUMBER: CN601213523

FROM

NAME: MRS Florence M Dews

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COMMENTS: I hereby request a contested case hearing. **COMMENTS:** From: Florence M. Dews, Homeowner 12513 Laws Road, Unit A Buda, Texas 78610 Telephone: 512-359-0533 To: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Jones Carter Austin Office 3100 Alvin Devane Boulevard, Suite 150 Austin, Texas RE: Comments to Proposed Permit No. WQ0015948001 Continental Homes of Texas, L.P. 10700 Pecan Park Boulevard, Suite 400 Austin, Texas 78750 Dear Sirs: Since the early 1990s, the Dews family has truly enjoyed living on our 25-acre parcel in the peace and quiet of a rural

environment without noise, air and water pollution in a large German farmhouse with cows, horses, turkeys, geese, deer and even some predators, native to South Texas. Until now. The arrival in my mailbox (Issuance Date: February 3, 2021, postmarked the 25th of February) after the worst freeze in Texas history greeted me with this totally unexpected letter from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality initiated from Continental Homes of Texas L.P., a large scale housing development concern. My first reaction upon reading this letter is how my life will drastically change by allowing this permit to go due to a waste water treatment plant and a large housing development owner across the road from my ranch. Totally. My main concerns are: 1. I already experience flooding on my property due in part to the expansion of Hwy 183 and Hwy 130 (construction started in 2010 or thereabouts) as my property is now very low (can be visually seen from Laws Road looking at my property); a 6 to 12 foot levee was built with an easement (owned by the private toll road 130) to drain the water flow from the Highway 130 in front of my property; the waterflow onto my property now appears to be partially blocked at the border of my property due to the debris pileup and the ground and surface water contamination that appears to have occurred over several years. Without question, an environmental impact study needs to be initiated on my property immediately before any permits are applied for by Continental Homes. 2. I have two tanks on my property that the wildlife, migrating birds and cows drink from; these animals are at high risk of drinking contaminated water that is most likely already polluted from the previous expansion on Hwy 183 and Hwy 130. 3. The soil that surrounds the creeks and tanks on my property will become contaminated due to the web of elm trees that hug the banks of the creek and is a wildlife refuge for insects, birds and mammals, some of which are endangered in South Texas 4. Because my property is "2nd closest" to the proposed "waste water treatment" facility less than .081 miles, at 200,000 gallons a day, the high discharge route will seriously impact my creek, tanks, ground surfaces and the fractious rocks that are all over my property. When the property floods or water settles in the low areas, the rocks come to the surface. Building this plant will seriously impact the quality of life and ultimately my livelihood by allowing the permit to be passed. The highway 183 expansion and Hwy 130 has already impacted my property and I was, until now, under the impression that I could do nothing about the potential long term consequences of the surface and ground contamination to my property. Not to mention the overwhelming smell of a wastewater plant that will be built virtually next door to me. Again, an environmental impact study needs to be conducted on my property as soon as possible due to the long term negative effects of the Highway 183 expansion and Hwy 130 and the recent application for Permit No. WQ0015948001 by Continental Homes L.P. As the widow of a US Army West Point veteran, I would welcome the support of the local Veteran community and the American Legion due to the fact that I am fighting this fight alone to keep my property safe and the environment that I choose to live in remain protected and secure for my animals, my birds, my livestock and just as important is the quality to live my life free from the nuisance of noise, air and water contamination and the ability to maintain a livelihood that is at one for, healthy livestock, wildlife, migrating and endangered birds and my companion pets. Kind regards, Florence M. Dews

Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:11 AM
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COMMENTS: Florence M. Dews 12501 and 12513 Laws Road Mustang Ridge, Texas 78610 Original Address of Parcel: 1679A Laws Road, Mustang Ridge, Texas 78610 Parcel No. 1: 12501 Laws Road, Mustang Ridge, Texas 78610 Parcel No 2: 12513 Laws Road, Mustang Ridge, Texas 78610 Dear Sirs: Ever since my family purchased the above referenced parcels in the 1960'S /1970'S, the property had been recorded in the 100-year Floodplain, with a 1% or greater chance of shallow flooding each year, ranging from 1 to 3 feet. I well remember my husband, David, would often say that "we are

in the 100 year-flood plain” many times when the rains would come and his statement is still fully embedded in my memory after all these years. The www.fema.gov website identifies No. 1-2 parcels as above in Flood Plan A. Our address, however, was originally identified as 1679A Laws Road by FEMA. The core issue for my property is continuous flooding. Historically, the two parcels are in the 100-Year Flood Plain. My property is at the bottom of the hill, so to speak. Compounding this issue is the following: 1. Hwy 130 purchased an easement from me about 10 years ago. Since that time, the property floods even more. About 2-3 weeks ago, an engineering team from the Hwy 130 visited my ranch after I contacted the Texas DOT. I was told during the visit that their team would get back to me in 2-3 weeks with a plan to fix the problem. I have not received any feedback to date other an email documenting the visit to me. 2. A few years ago to further complicate the problem in No. 1, Hwy 183 concreted the runoff from the highway which originally was primarily soil with some vegetation. This expansion must have worsened the already rampant problem from the 130 runoff. The flooding is worse now. 3. The Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation (MAHA) has been releasing and/or draining treated water into the arroyo on my property for years. The water drainage appears to be random into the arroyo after cleaning and/or draining the 2 water tanks. As a result, I have had to make the arroyo deeper near my house because the flow of water can fill up the arroyo and then flood onto my property. As I understand, the cleaning of water tanks is a step-by-step process (“cleaned and disinfected”). The release of water and residue with cleaning fluids is thereafter expunged from the tanks. Over the years, excess water from the water towers flows onto the Flores property (next door) then down to my property. The arroyo runs right in front of my house, filling up to the top and over, mostly when it rains from the water tower excess water. The excess then flows into the stock tanks and into the creek located on the other side of my property. The water runoff from the 183 and the 130 flood into the areas in and alongside the creek where age-old elm trees and wildlife inhabit this unique ecosystem. At times, the water looks soapy, bubbly or foamy. Debris can sometimes be easily seen in the arroyo; the water that flows into the stock tanks can sit there for days at a time where my cows and other livestock and wildlife drink. The 100-year flood plain endemic to my property is reason enough to disallow the permit, only made worse by 3 other sources that have dramatically increased the water flow. After a drought, the ground is rock solid; the water flows on top as in a flash flood. During the rains, it can be worse. MAHA never gives any notice as to their actions. They just do it. Annually, MAHA provides 240,000,000 gallons of water a year to a population of almost 10,000 (see <https://creedmoormahawsc.com/mission-and-values>). That number will easily double with the multitude of housing planned by the permit applicant right here in Flood Plan A. The dumping of 200,000 gallons a day will be the 4th insult to an already pernicious problem. Left untreated, like an open wound, this combination of an environmentally sensitive land formation and man-made dilemmas caused by outside sources will surely worsen the problem for me. The Application for a Permit WQ0015948001 should not be allowed to go forward due to the 100 Year Flood Plain that encompasses my property, plus, plus, plus. The Year 2015 is the Year to remember, forever. The rains were continuous and unrelenting. The horror that my Mother and I experienced should never have happened. A combination of being in the 100-Year Flood Plain and the forced upon water sources came very close to the both of us losing our lives. The “perfect storm” of excessive rain and man-made water flow came up to and under my house. My cows found a higher area to stand but my horses were unable to move from their stalls and stood in water for hours. I was not able to get to them as the water flowed over the bridge (one of the bridges washed out) and a lot of my fencing. The cows got out and both of us could have drowned as we were essentially trapped in the house. If a permit is granted, the build of a waste-water plant will be detrimental to me because of the already existing problem of historically being in the 100-year flood plain, which is asking for a "perfect storm" more often than not by adding even more water onto my property. At 200,000 gallons a day, an already proven flood-prone property plus 3 runoff sources that carries dirt and other residue, wears away rocks and carves valleys will further erode existing areas of my property. As a critical first step, the TCEQ Enforcement Division should and must investigate MAHA for the alleged unregulated and potentially illegal release of water on my property before moving forward on any permit. Therefore, I respectfully request that an immediate Inspection be conducted as quickly as possible before any future permit application is allowed to go forward. Respectfully submitted, Florence M. Dews

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