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Office of the Chief Clerk Attn: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk MC-105 TCEQ PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

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Ref: NOTICE OF DISTRICT PETITION TCEQ INTERNAL CONTROL NO. D-07062022-010 Initial publication September 09, 2022 in the Lampasas Dispatch Record

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Date: __Oct___/__12___/2022

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Name(s): Randel C. Taylor, Mary Joyce Taylor

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Mailing

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Email

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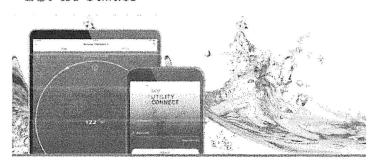
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Attachment A

From: <doa.dtss\to2my.dtty.us>
Date: Tue, Aug 9, 2022, 11:45 AM
Subject: Corix Utilities (Texas) - Lometa Stage 3 Conservation Notice

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Name(s):

Janet Machen

Property

Address: 698 PR 1296

Lampasas, TX 76550

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Email

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Address:

machjm@yahoo.com

Phone

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Number: 361-746-0092

Signature(s)

Date:

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Name(s):

Richard Andrews

Property

Address:

5971 County Road 1255 Lampasas, TX 76550

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Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

200 yards west of the southwest corner of Pitt Creek Ranch

Email

Address:

a4ranch@email.com

Phone

Number:

512-525-1300

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Date:

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Sharon Smith

Name(s):

Ronnie Smith

Property

715 CR 1139

Address:

Lampasas, Texas 76550

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Lampasas, Texas 76550

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Email

Address:

smith2sharon@gmail.com

Phone

Number:

254-722-4146

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Date: 10/13/2022

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Name(s): Granvil D. Treece and Judith Gail Treece

Property

Address: 927 Private Road 1236, Lampasas, Texas 76550

Mailing

Address: same as property address.

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Address: gdtreece@hotmail.com

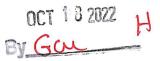
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Signature

Vice-President M. Nash Inc, General Partner for Mark Nash Family Limited Partnership

Date: 10/13/2022

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Name(s): Virginia Hodges

Property

Address: 6368 FM 580 West Lampasas Texas 76550

Mailing

Address:1301 River Bend Drive Tyler Texas 75703

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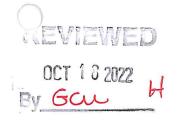
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Name(s):

Thomas M. Watson III

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Address:

2691 CR 1139

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Address:

PO Box 1866

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Adjoins approximately 5100 feet of the northern border of the proposed MUD as shown on p.21 of the Petition's Attachment L - Engineering Report with Exhibits.

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Address:

watsons5@ptd.net

Phone

Number:

512-786-9194

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Attachments:

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Subject: FW: Request for contested case hearing for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1

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To: Laurie Gharis < <u>Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov</u>> **Cc:** Justin Taack < Justin.Taack@tceq.texas.gov>

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Thank you,

Thomas M Watson III PO Box 1866 Lampasas, TX 76550 watsons5@ptd.net 512-786-9194

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Subject: TCEQ Confirmation: Your public comment on Permit Number D-07062022-010 was received.

Date: October 14, 2022 at 7:02:37 AM CDT

To: tmwatsoniii@yahoo.com

REGULATED ENTITY NAME LAMPASAS COUNTY MUD 1

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COUNTY: LAMPASAS

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Name(s):

Richard Andrews

Property

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Sharon Smith

Name(s):

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Name(s): Granvil D. Treece and Judith Gail Treece

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Signature

Vice-President M. Nash Inc, General Partner for Mark Nash Family Limited Partnership

Date:

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Name(s): Virginia Hodges

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Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above. Date: 10/13/2022 CRRIGA- MEENGS STACRY L. MEENGS Printed Name(s): 7570 CR 1255 LAM, JACAS TX 76550 Property Address: Mailing SAM5

I/We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

OUR GATE IS ACROSS CRISS PITT CREEK RANCH MAIN GATE W. 500 YARDS.

CMRENGS1961@ GMAIL, Com Email

713 304-9453 Phone Number:

Address:

Billy Batio

Signature(s)

Date: 10/13/2022

Printed Tasha & Billy Bates

Property 10088 CR 1255 Address: Lampasas TX 76550

Mailing Po Box 605 Address: Po Box 605

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC): Southeast Worlds

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Phone Number: 512 564 0154

Signatures Marin

Date:

10/13/2022

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Name(s):

Thomas M. Watson III

Jane Tull Watson

Property

Address:

2691 CR 1139

Lampasas, TX 76550

Mailing

Address:

PO Box 1866

Lampasas, T X76550

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

Adjoins approximately 5100 feet of the northern border of the proposed MUD as shown on p.21 of the Petition's Attachment L - Engineering Report with Exhibits.

Email

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watsons5@ptd.net

Phone

Number:

512-786-9194

Debbie Zachary

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Friday, October 14, 2022 9:19 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Attachments:

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From: tmwatsoniii@yahoo.com <tmwatsoniii@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 7:03 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov > **Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number D-07062022-010

REGULATED ENTY NAME LAMPASAS COUNTY MUD 1

RN NUMBER: RN111532891

PERMIT NUMBER: D-07062022-010

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: LAMPASAS

PRINCIPAL NAME: LAMPASAS COUNTY MUD 1

CN NUMBER: CN606037562

FROM

NAME: Thomas M Watson, III

EMAIL: tmwatsoniii@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 1866 LAMPASAS TX 76550-0015

PHONE: 5127869194

FAX:

COMMENTS: Per letter attached: We the undersigned landowners request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1. Groundwater is our only source of water for personal use and livestock. The proposed development will use groundwater because the proposed

water supply is inadequate and the projected water cost is unrealistic. This demand could draw down groundwater levels and eliminate our only water source.

October 13, 2022

Office of the Chief Clerk Attn: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk MC-105 TCEQ PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Ref: NOTICE OF DISTRICT PETITION TCEQ INTERNAL CONTROL NO. D-07062022-010
Initial publication September 09, 2022 in the Lampasas Dispatch Record

Dear Ms. Gharis:

We the undersigned landowners request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1.

Groundwater is our only source of water for personal use and livestock.

The proposed development <u>will use groundwater</u> because the proposed water supply is inadequate and the projected water cost is unrealistic. This demand could draw down groundwater levels and eliminate our only water source.

The Petition does not adequately support assertions of "no effect" on subsidence, groundwater levels or aquifer recharge on p.14 of Petition's Attachment L.

The petition's sole basis for the statements is "the District will obtain all of its water service from Corix Utilities".

However nothing prevents purchasers of units in the District to install wells and access groundwater.

Nor does the Petition address abandoning and plugging the existing wells on the property to preclude groundwater access. At least three are shown on p.21 of Petition's Attachment L.

We ask that the commission require petitioner to preclude groundwater access in the MUD in perpetuity by separating underground water rights from the surface estate and placing them with the Texas Water Trust or equivalent disinterested third party.

The Petition does not adequately support its assertion "There is an ample supply of water available" in paragraph VIII. Attachment L p.5 projects 100gal/day for each of 3.5 people/unit or 10,000gal/unit/month. 100gal/day is consistent with A&M AgriLife and EPA guidance.

However this includes only personal use and does not provide capacity for landscape, garden or livestock.

TX A&M AgriLife - Rainwater-Harvesting-System-Practitioner-Manual states on p.79:

Outdoor demand for water can be much greater than in-home usage. Turf irrigation systems for an average city lot with a 2,500-ft2 home can use 1,800 gallons each day during the summer months. Livestock and wildlife may require 2 to 25 gallons/head/day all year round (Kniffen, 2007).

Petitioner could prohibit these uses by District rules per 54.205 or by deed restrictions, but the commission will anticipate extreme pressure on the board and any homeowner association by residents to change these rules after creation of the MUD.

We ask the commission consider Petitioner's projected water capacity is inadequate for normal residential use.

Petition's Attachment L shows two alternatives for pipeline connection to Corix' network.

Corix' website shows their Lometa network as their only supply in Lampasas County.

Petition does not address Corix' ability to supply the projected quantity of water.

On August 9, 2022 Corix emailed a Stage 3 Conservation Notice to its <u>current</u> Lometa network customers, copy attached, which states:

"Corix pumps water from the Colorado River to supply the Lometa Water Plant Reservoir. However, water in the Colorado River continues to drop significantly and we anticipate that we will no longer be able to pump from the river within a few days. When we can no longer pump from the river, we estimate that there will be about 110 days of water supply available in the reservoir assuming normal water use."

With increasing downstream urban growth and demand on Colorado River water, and ongoing climate variability, we ask the <u>commission consider how Corix will avoid future restrictions and supply Petitioner's proposed additional personal use of 54 million gallons per year plus landscape irrigation without accessing groundwater.</u>

Petitions Attachment L p.17 states "The projected ... water service rates for the District are reasonable." However Petitioner's projected of \$69.50 average monthly bill is based on City of Lampasas rates, not Corix. Corix' current rates are linked to their website:

https://www.myutility.us/docs/default-source/texas-1/50557-staff-submits-clean-water-sewer-tariffs 09-25-2021.pdf and are confirmed by customers' current bills.

Using Corix' current charges, 10,000gal a month on their Lometa network with a minimum 5/8" meter would cost \$179.34

Monthly minimum charge \$74.63 5000gal at \$7.17/1000 \$35.85 5000gal at \$9.69/1000 \$48.45 10,000gal at \$1.61/1000 \$16.10

Rate Case Surcharge \$ 2.55 Regulatory Fee \$ 1.76

Alternatively the "Wholesale" monthly water supply cost per unit would be \$1793/421 + \$123.60 + \$16.10 = \$143.95 On 8/1/2022 Corix filed a rate case with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) under Docket No. 53815. Corix estimates this will increase monthly costs 10% for 5000gal use on a minimum 5/8" connection.

https://www.myutility.us/corixtexas/customer-service/customer-notices/tx-cn/2022/08/01/corix-utilities-(texas)-inc.-rate-filing-faqs

We ask the commission consider that actual personal water use costs per unit will be more than twice Petitioner's estimate.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your decision on a hearing.

Signatures and landowner details follow on additional pages.

Attachment A

From:

COPIX Utilities



Dear Customer,

This is an update from Corix Utilities, your local water provider for the Lometa Water System, at 1-877-718-4396. Corix pumps water from the Colorado River to supply the Lometa Water Plant Reservoir. Fortunately, up to this point, we have been able to maintain normal levels of water in the reservoir and only limited drought restrictions have been required. However, water in the Colorado River continues to drop significantly and we anticipate that we will no longer be able to pump from the river within a few days. When we can no longer pump from the river, we estimate that there will be about 110 days of water supply available in the reservoir assuming normal water use. Until flow in the river improves, we are implementing Stage 3 of the drought plan. The following conservation measures are effective immediately and are mandatory. These measures are critical to extending the water supply. Watering of lawns and landscape areas is limited to no more often than once per week. Landscape irrigation must be done in an efficient manner, and water may not runoff into the street in front of or past the owner's property. Watering may only occur between the hours of 7 pm and 10 am. No water will be available for planting new lawns or landscaped areas. No water is available for vehicle washing. All non-essential maintenance uses are prohibited. To ensure an adequate water supply, it is critical that all customers reduce use by at least 30%. In addition, We have a crew focused on addressing breaks as they occur and appreciate your assistance in letting us know if you observe areas where there is standing water or an apparent line break. Thank you for your cooperation during this time. This has been a message from Corix Utilities (Texas), should you have any questions please contact our customer service department at 1-877-718-4396.

I/We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above.

Signature(s)

Date: __Oct___/_12___/2022

Printed

Name(s): Randel C. Taylor, Mary Joyce Taylor

Property

Address: 5893 CR 1255, Lampasas, Téxas

Mailing

Address: 5893 CR 1255, Lampasas, Texas 76550

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC): Due West of Pitt Creel Ranch, LLC

Email

Address: randytaylorltx@gmail.com, joycetaylor.nb@gmail.com

Phone

Number: 830-660-5495, 830-708-7167

I request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above.

Signature(s)

Date:

10/13/2022

Printed

Name(s):

Richard Andrews

Property

Address:

5971 County Road 1255 Lampasas, TX 76550

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

200 yards west of the southwest corner of Pitt Creek Ranch

Email

Address:

a4ranch@gmail.com

Phone

Number:

512-525-1300

I request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above.

Signature

Date:

10/13/2022

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Name(s):

Janet Machen

Property

Address:

698 PR 1296

Lampasas, TX 76550

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

Adjoins western boundary of the "Remainder of Pitt Creek Ranch, LLC" as shown on p.21 of the Petition's Attachment L-Engineering Report with Exhibits — Note B.

Email

Address:

machjm@yahoo.com

Phone

Number:

361-746-0092

I/We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential ground water as outlined above.

Signature(s)

Date:

10/13/2022

Printed

Sharon Smith Ronnie Smith

Name(s):

715 CR 1139

Property Address:

Lampasas, Texas 76550

Mailing

715 CR 1139

Address:

Lampasas, Texas 76550

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

We are land owners who border immediately/share the fence line with the proposed MUDD/ Pitt Creek Ranch LLC in it's entirety to its east boundary north and from County Road 1255.

Email

Address:

smith2sharon@gmail.com

Phone

Number:

254-722-4146

I/We request a contested core hearing to the referenced potation by Pin Creek Rameb LLC for creation of Limpawas County Alumicipal Dorract No. 1 because politicines has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as unifored above.

John R Beau

Date 16/13/2022

Printed Names Tohn R. Bean, Manager, and She'la Bean, Manager, Tilford Bean, Ranch LLC

Sheila Bean

Address 180 CR 1154 Lampasas, TX 76550

Lampasas, Tx 76550

Less atom of property relative to proposed Lambatas MUD #4 (for Creek Ranct 113).

The southeast corner of P.H Creek Ranch is approximately 1200' from the northwest corner of our ranch.

Addins beanspotjr@gmail.com

Number 210-823-4467

I request a contested case bearing for the referenced petition by Pett Creek Ranch, LC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District 90, 1 because petitione, has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above, Thomas Flin, Manager, CCR-Nix, 4C Date: 10/13/2022 THOMAS F. VIRR 4567 CR 1255 - Property address Mailing address: 1400 Fildstone St Cedar Park Tx 18613 Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MyD#1 (Pitt Brech Ranch, LIC); - approximately 1/2 mile west of western Doundary of MUD - Existing well on this property went dry in September, 2022 I/We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above.

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Date: 10/13/2022

Printed

Name(s): Granvil D. Treece and Judith Gail Treece

Property

Address: 927 Private Road 1236, Lampasas, Texas 76550

Mailing

Address: same as property address.

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC): About 1.5 miles due north of Pitt Creek headquarters. We can see Pitt Creek property and headquarters on 1255 from out back or south pasture.

Email

Address: gdtreece@hotmail.com

Phone

Number:979 255-6645

I/We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above.

Signature

Vice-President M. Nash Inc, General Partner for Mark Nash Family Limited Partnership

Date:

10/13/2022

Printed

Name(s): Virginia Hodges

Property

Address: 6368 FM 580 West Lampasas Texas 76550

Mailing

Address:1301 River Bend Drive Tyler Texas 75703

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

The southwest corner of the Mark Nash FLP property joins the Pitt Creek Ranch across from CR 1139 for approximately 1400 feet at the first 90 degree turn on CR 1139 from FM 580.

Email

Address: genakahj@gmail.com

Phone

Number: (903) 312-6377

Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above. 10/13/2022 Date: CRRIGA- MEENGS STACRY L. MEENGS Name(s): 7570 CR 1255 LAM, JA CAS TX 76550 Property Address: Mailing SAM5

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713 304-9453 Phone Number:

Address:

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Billy Batio

Date: 10/13/2022

Printed Name(s): Tasha & Billy Bates

Property Address: 10088 CR 1255 Lampasas TX 76550

Mailing Po Box 605 Address: Po Box

LAMPASAS, TX 76550

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC): Southeast border

Address:

thenton 5416 Cyahoo bbates 724 Cyahoo

Number: 512 564 0154

We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1 because petitioner has not adequately addressed use of essential groundwater as outlined above.

Signatures Maria

Date:

10/13/2022

Printed

Name(s):

Thomas M. Watson III

Jane Tull Watson

Property

Address:

2691 CR 1139

Lampasas, TX 76550

Mailing

Address:

PO Box 1866

Lampasas, T X76550

Location of property relative to proposed Lampasas MUD #1 (Pitt Creek Ranch LLC):

Adjoins approximately 5100 feet of the northern border of the proposed MUD as shown on p.21 of the Petition's Attachment L - Engineering Report with Exhibits.

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Number:

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Subject:

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From: kgoen@tarleton.edu <kgoen@tarleton.edu>

Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 4:39 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov > **Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number D-07062022-010

REGULATED ENTY NAME LAMPASAS COUNTY MUD 1

RN NUMBER: RN111532891

PERMIT NUMBER: D-07062022-010

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: LAMPASAS

PRINCIPAL NAME: LAMPASAS COUNTY MUD 1

CN NUMBER: CN606037562

FROM

NAME: DR. KARLEY GOEN

EMAIL: kgoen@tarleton.edu

COMPANY: WCM Ranch

ADDRESS: 715 COUNTY ROAD 1139

LAMPASAS TX 76550-3034

PHONE: 5125254253

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see attached

October 15, 2022

Office of the Chief Clerk Attn: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk MC-105 TCEQ PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Ref: NOTICE OF DISTRICT PETITION TCEQ INTERNAL CONTROL NO.D-07062022-010

Dear Ms. Gharis:

We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for the creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1. Our property adjoins approximately 14,716.87 feet of the western border of the proposed MUD as shown on p.21 of the Petition's Attachment L - Engineering Report with Exhibits.

Our land has been in our family lineage since 1850. The petition does not address preservation of our native wildlife, waterfowl migration, light pollution, soil and conservation measures, easement information, sustainability of country road 1139 with the influx of vehicle traffic, park access in the proposed planning of the district and asphalt pollution and water conservation.

Native wildlife. For decades the WCM Ranch has had generational hunters and anglers for fauna including waterfowl, deer, dove, turkey, wild boar, quail, bass and catfish. Our livelihoods depend on the income that we sustain from the hunting leases to our ranching property and its tranquil and pristine nature. The preliminary reports that we have been given for this proposed district, do not address the wildlife conservation measures nor the waterfowl migration studies that this subdivision will gravely disrupt and infringe on our family and other ranchers in the proposed district. The revenue that we gain from our hunters is a quintessential cornerstone to the lifeblood of our heritage ranch.

Soil and conservation measures. The preliminary engineering report for the creation of the proposed district does not adequately address the concerns of the preservation and conservation measures that will be implemented to ensure that adjacent and adjoining ranch land will not be gravely impacted by the projected onslaught of population growth. In the engineering report, it specifies that the district will have "no adverse effect on land elevation, subsidence, groundwater level, recharge capability, natural run-off and drainage, or water quality." Those studies that substantiate those claims from the developer, need to be provided to the adjacent and adjoining landowners, for clarity and conformation, that the above statement provides no adverse effect and will not be experienced by Lampasas County residences.

Easement information. The clarification of roadway construction and easement for water main lines on country roads 1139 to the north and 1255 to the south needs to be addressed within the engineering report to landowners that are adjacent and adjoining the proposed district. The isolated caliche road, country road 1139, cannot withstand the onslaught of construction fleet

vehicles and subdivision residence in the projected numbers of the proposed district. Clarity and easement specifics need to be provided to impacted parties.

Park access in the proposed planning of the district. The WCM Ranch is the home to Reservoir 2 of the Lampasas County watershed conservation measure. The 14.40-acre park that is projected to be build is right on our tributary into the Reservoir 2 and we have received no information on the projected infrastructure on how these 421 single-family subdivided homes will not impact our main water tributary for our livestock and waterfowl within our county. Clarity needs to be provided on how this park is not going to impact on our lifeblood as cattle raisers and trespassing laws known to those that want to invest in this district and its boundary lines.

Water conservation measures. The water conservation measure inquiry submitted by the Donalson Creek Wildlife Management Association, the week of October 10, 2022, reads in part, "we the undersigned landowners request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1. Groundwater is our only source of water for personal use and livestock. The proposed development will use groundwater because the proposed water supply is inadequate, and the projected water cost is unrealistic. This demand could draw down groundwater levels and eliminate our only water source."

The proposed district of 421 single family homes that the Pitt Creek LLC wants to incorporate in our town needs to provide clarification and research that the onslaught of residents will not deter nor derail heritage ranches to the adjoining and adjacent ranch lands. I have put in for information on the previous subdivisions that this district's engineering company has done in Williamson and Travis Counties. I will make my findings known to others in my county of the anecdotal and verified fallout from these subdivision ventures.

Sincerely,

Karley Anne Goen Burton William Rawson Goen Morgan Goen Kaldis Suzanne Smith Rush WCM Ranch Office of the Chief Clerk Attn: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk MC-105 TCEQ PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 PO Box 1866 Lampasas, TX 76550 October 2, 2022



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CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

Ref: NOTICE OF DISTRICT PETITION TCEQ INTERNAL CONTROL NO. D-07062022-010 Initial publication September 09, 2022 in the Lampasas Dispatch Record

Dear Ms. Gharis:

We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1.

Our property adjoins approximately 5100 feet of the northern border of the proposed MUD as shown on p.21 of the Petition's Attachment L - Engineering Report with Exhibits. It is our homestead where we have lived since 2017.

The Petition does not address preservation of Texas' natural dark sky resource (ref. TX Water Code Sec. 54.012(8).

We and the other neighbors surrounding the proposed MUD are among the fortunate 15% of people in North America who can see the Milky Way at home. Part of the value of our property is its natural beauty, including the dark night skies.

Reducing light pollution and trespass is a priority for our community. See attached resolutions from Lampasas County and the City of Lampasas, expressing their commitment to preserve the night sky and reduce light trespass.

The attached Texas Dark Sky Quality graphic is based on the World Atlas of Artificial Sky Brightness, with locations of our property and Pitt Creek MUD added. It shows that both properties enjoy the highest "Excellent" level of dark sky today. To the east you can see that the City of Lampasas' legacy installed base of unshielded lighting degrades night sky quality to "Poor", and the effect of that concentration extends a band of intermediate "Good" sky quality 3 miles further around the city.

The infrastructure and 421 units of the MUD could add 2000 exterior lights in an area where today there are fewer than 10. Without lighting restrictions, we can expect the Pitt Creek MUD to degrade the current "Excellent" night sky quality to "Poor" within a mile of its borders and degrade to "Good" within 3 miles, merging with the "Good" ring around Lampasas. Ironically, the MUD would degrade the night sky while the city and county are working to improve it, and we and our neighbors would no longer see the Milky Way.

The Petition does not address light trespass onto the surrounding properties, including ours.

Most of the proposed MUD can be seen from our property (1). At night from our porch we can look from horizon to horizon and see only one outdoor light element. The attached pictures show day and night views south across the Pitt Creek valley.

The green lines on the USGS Exhibit on p. 37 of the Engineering Study show the highest terrain surrounding the Pitt Creek valley in the MUD on the North, West and South sides. To the East, the next ridge is another two miles on the east side of the Donalson Creek valley. Unshielded lights within the MUD would be visible to (trespass onto) ours and all the surrounding properties in these areas.

Fortunately the technical solution to both problems is simple: Illuminate only what is needed, when needed, and shield all lighting elements in the MUD to 10 degrees or more below the horizontal. This does not limit illumination within the MUD, and does not waste light into the night sky or onto neighboring properties. Further limiting MUD lighting to color temperature below 3000K provides additional benefits to wildlife and people. (2)

The effect of light pollution and the technology to avoid it are well understood. Conforming fixtures are available from a number of suppliers, and technical assistance is available from the International Dark Sky Association and our regional Hill Country Alliance. The main additional cost for new installations is in design - being mindful of the lighting fixtures and installation - and can be more than offset by eliminating the energy cost of wasted light.

These lighting restrictions could lead to recognition by Hill Country Alliance as a Night Sky Friendly Neighborhood, which may help promote the sale of units in the MUD.

A challenge will be how to prevent light pollution and trespass in the MUD area over time. Model ordinances and homeowner covenants are readily available. However the MUD must also provide a way to effectively enforce them in perpetuity.

We hope that the protest hearing will resolve these concerns, or that the petition is denied.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Watson III

Jane Tull Watson

Notes

(1) **Most of the MUD** area is visible from our home at elevation 1350 feet and from our highest terrain at 1420 feet elevation. Referring to the topographical map on p.37 of the engineering study, CR1255 forming the south boundary of the MUD runs roughly along an E-W ridge, highest 1560 feet at the southwest corner. From the ridge, the terrain slopes down to the Pitt Creek running just south of the northern boundary, from an elevation of 1400 feet at the western boundary to 1340 at the eastern. The terrain slopes up to the north from the creek to the northern boundary of the MUD and continues up across our property to the next ridge.

The Pitt Creek bottom land and the 150ft rise up to CR 1255 – that is, almost all the terrain proposed for development - is visible from our home.

(2) https://hillcountryalliance.org/our-work/night-skies/light-pollution-and-why-it-matters/



LAMPASAS COUNTY SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES

WHEREAS, Lampasas County residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its diverse ecosystems, ethics for land stewardship, rich cultural heritage, and breathtaking scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of land for recreational and non-traditional agricultural uses in recent years has placed greater focus on the community economic and financial benefits of the region's seenic beauty, wildlife and open space, making activities such as tourism, outdoor recreation, hunting and fishing important to many community members; and

WHEREAS, due to the above-described increased use of land, accompanying light trespass from night lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise, negatively impacting the natural environment and the quality of life of the people in this region by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for landowners and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Lampasas County is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass from night lighting fixtures in order to protect the beautify of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their private property.

NOW, THEREFORE, by action of the Lampasas County Commissioner's Court at a duly noticed and held public meeting and as reflected in the minutes of the Court, be it resolved that Lampasas County will encourage outdoor lighting fixture and practices that follow up-to-date suggested guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, cost-effective, non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, resident communities and public entities to join this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money and reduce light trespass.

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2024.

Randall J Hoyer, County Judge

Bobby Carroll, Precinct 1

Lewis Bridges, Precing 3

Jamie Smart, Precinct 2

Mark Rainwater, Precinct 4



RESOLUTION# 21-14

A Resolution of the City of Lampasas Supporting Efforts to Preserve Night Skies

WHEREAS, The City of Lampasas residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its rich cultural heritage, breathtaking scenic beauty, and ethics for land stewardships: and

WHEREAS, the use of night lighting for security and illumination for residential and commercial applications has been steadily increasing in recent years and has negatively impacted the enjoyment of the night sky and appreciation of the natural benefits of our rural heritage and community aesthetic; and

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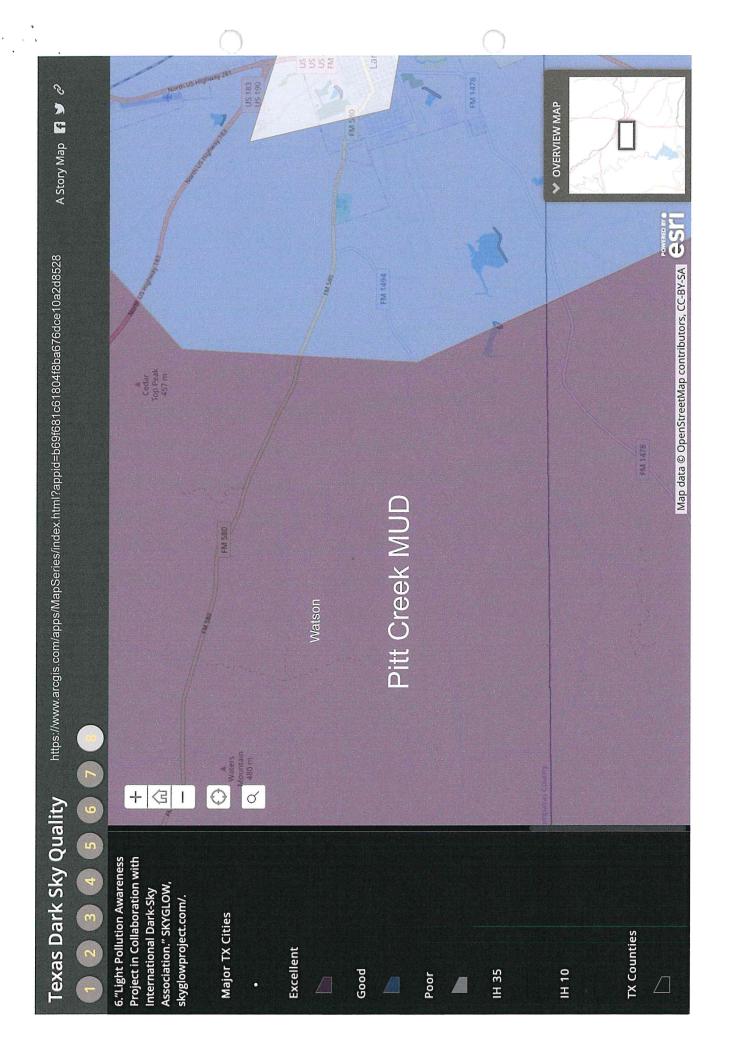
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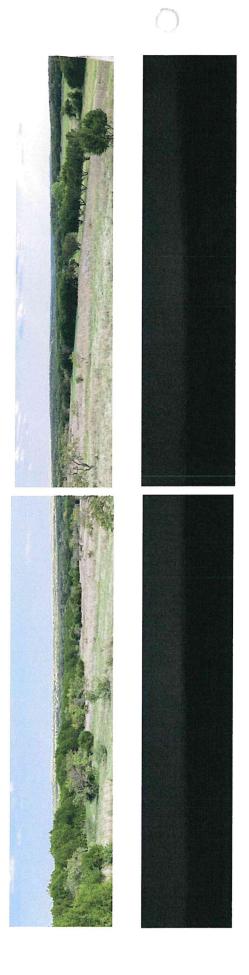
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From: Laurie Gharis < Laurie. Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:03 PM

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Subject: FW: Request for contested case hearing for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1

Laurie Gharis
Office of the Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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From: Watson Family <<u>watsons5@ptd.net</u>> Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 11:56 AM

To: Laurie Gharis < Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov > Cc: Justin Taack < Justin.Taack@tceq.texas.gov >

Subject: Request for contested case hearing for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1

Ref: NOTICE OF DISTRICT PETITION TCEQ INTERNAL CONTROL NO. D-07062022-010 Initial publication September 09, 2022 in the Lampasas Dispatch Record

Ms. Gharis:

Attached is our request for a contested case hearing on the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1.

We have sent today by US mail a paper copy of the attached letter and would appreciate your confirmation of receipt.

Thank you,

Jane Tull Watson and Thomas M Watson III PO Box 1866 Lampasas, TX 76550 watsons5@ptd.net 512-786-9194 PO Box 1866 Lampasas, TX 76550 watsons5@ptd.net 512-786-9194 October 2, 2022

Office of the Chief Clerk Attn: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk MC-105 TCEQ PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Ref: NOTICE OF DISTRICT PETITION TCEQ INTERNAL CONTROL NO. D-07062022-010 Initial publication September 09, 2022 in the Lampasas Dispatch Record

Dear Ms. Gharis:

We request a contested case hearing for the referenced petition by Pitt Creek Ranch LLC for creation of Lampasas County Municipal District No.1.

Our property adjoins approximately 5100 feet of the northern border of the proposed MUD as shown on p.21 of the Petition's Attachment L - Engineering Report with Exhibits. It is our homestead where we have lived since 2017.

The Petition does not address preservation of Texas' natural dark sky resource (ref. TX Water Code Sec. 54.012(8).

We and the other neighbors surrounding the proposed MUD are among the fortunate 15% of people in North America who can see the Milky Way at home. Part of the value of our property is its natural beauty, including the dark night skies.

Reducing light pollution and trespass is a priority for our community. See attached resolutions from Lampasas County and the City of Lampasas, expressing their commitment to preserve the night sky and reduce light trespass.

The attached Texas Dark Sky Quality graphic is based on the World Atlas of Artificial Sky Brightness, with locations of our property and Pitt Creek MUD added. It shows that both properties enjoy the highest "Excellent" level of dark sky today. To the east you can see that the City of Lampasas' legacy installed base of unshielded lighting degrades night sky quality to "Poor", and the effect of that concentration extends a band of intermediate "Good" sky quality 3 miles further around the city.

The infrastructure and 421 units of the MUD could add 2000 exterior lights in an area where today there are fewer than 10. Without lighting restrictions, we can expect the Pitt Creek MUD to degrade the current "Excellent" night sky quality to "Poor" within a mile of its borders and degrade to "Good" within 3 miles, merging with the "Good" ring around Lampasas. Ironically, the MUD would degrade the night sky while the city and county are working to improve it, and we and our neighbors would no longer see the Milky Way.

The Petition does not address light trespass onto the surrounding properties, including ours.

Most of the proposed MUD can be seen from our property (1). At night from our porch we can look from horizon to horizon and see only one outdoor light element. The attached pictures show day and night views south across the Pitt Creek valley.

The green lines on the USGS Exhibit on p. 37 of the Engineering Study show the highest terrain surrounding the Pitt Creek valley in the MUD on the North, West and South sides. To the East, the next ridge is another two miles on the east side of the Donalson Creek valley. Unshielded lights within the MUD would be visible to (trespass onto) ours and all the surrounding properties in these areas.

Fortunately the technical solution to both problems is simple: Illuminate only what is needed, when needed, and shield all lighting elements in the MUD to 10 degrees or more below the horizontal. This does not limit illumination within the MUD, and does not waste light into the night sky or onto neighboring properties. Further limiting MUD lighting to color temperature below 3000K provides additional benefits to wildlife and people. (2)

The effect of light pollution and the technology to avoid it are well understood. Conforming fixtures are available from a number of suppliers, and technical assistance is available from the International Dark Sky Association and our regional Hill Country Alliance. The main additional cost for new installations is in design - being mindful of the lighting fixtures and installation - and can be more than offset by eliminating the energy cost of wasted light.

These lighting restrictions could lead to recognition by Hill Country Alliance as a Night Sky Friendly Neighborhood, which may help promote the sale of units in the MUD.

A challenge will be how to prevent light pollution and trespass in the MUD area over time. Model ordinances and homeowner covenants are readily available. However the MUD must also provide a way to effectively enforce them in perpetuity.

We hope that the protest hearing will resolve these concerns, or that the petition is denied.

Sincerely.

Thomas M. Watson III

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Notes

(1) **Most of the MUD** area is visible from our home at elevation 1350 feet and from our highest terrain at 1420 feet elevation. Referring to the topographical map on p.37 of the engineering study, CR1255 forming the south boundary of the MUD runs roughly along an E-W ridge, highest 1560 feet at the southwest corner. From the ridge, the terrain slopes down to the Pitt Creek running just south of the northern boundary, from an elevation of 1400 feet at the western boundary to 1340 at the eastern. The terrain slopes up to the north from the creek to the northern boundary of the MUD and continues up across our property to the next ridge.

The Pitt Creek bottom land and the 150ft rise up to CR 1255 – that is, almost all the terrain proposed for development - is visible from our home.

(2) https://hillcountryalliance.org/our-work/night-skies/light-pollution-and-why-it-matters/



LAMPASAS COUNTY SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES

WHEREAS, Lampasas County residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its diverse ecosystems, ethics for land stewardship, rich cultural heritage, and breathtaking scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of land for recreational and non-traditional agricultural uses in recent years has placed greater focus on the community economic and financial benefits of the region's scenic beauty, wildlife and open space, making activities such as tourism, outdoor recreation, hunting and fishing important to many community members; and

WHEREAS, due to the above-described increased use of land, accompanying light trespass from night lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise, negatively impacting the natural environment and the quality of life of the people in this region by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for landowners and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Lampasas County is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass from night lighting fixtures in order to protect the beautify of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their private property.

NOW, THEREFORE, by action of the Lampasas County Commissioner's Court at a duly noticed and held public meeting and as reflected in the minutes of the Court, be it resolved that Lampasas County will encourage outdoor lighting fixture and practices that follow up-to-date suggested guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, cost-effective, non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, resident communities and public entities to join this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money and reduce light trespass.

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2021

Randall J Hoyer, County Judge

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RESOLUTION # 21-14

A Resolution of the City of Lampasas Supporting Efforts to Preserve Night Skies

WHEREAS, The City of Lampasas residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its rich cultural heritage, breathtaking scenic beauty, and ethics for land stewardships: and

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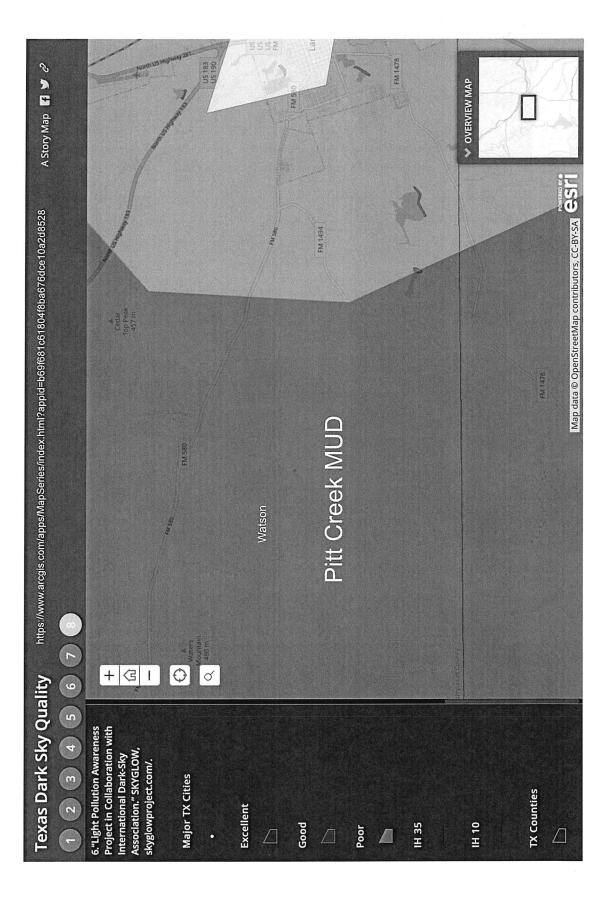
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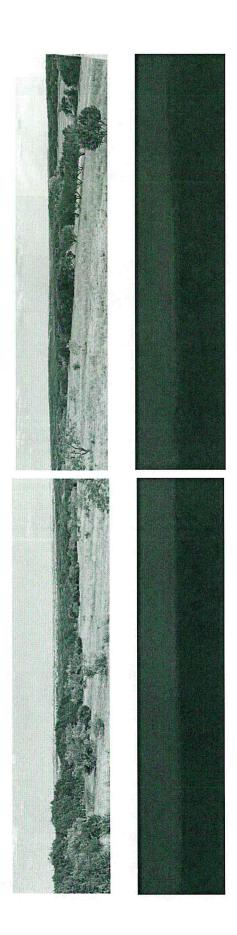
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RE: Petition of Pitt Creek Ranch, LLC

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Dear Chief Clerk:

My name is Paul Wilborn, Board President of the Lampasas County Water Control and Improvement District #1 (LCWCID #1), the organization responsible for operation and maintenance of nine flood control dams in the Sulphur Creek Watershed. A majority of the Board met at a regularly called meeting pursuant to proper notice and voted to request a contested case hearing on the petition referred to above.

My mailing address is P.O. Box 444, Lampasas, Tx. 76550. My phone number is 512-556-1759. I have no fax number but my email address is <u>pswilborn@att.net</u>.

The name of the Petitioners is Pitt Creek Ranch, LLC and the TCEQ Internal Control Number is D-07062022-010. We request a contested hearing based on two concerns.

- 1. The Petition sets out a metes and bounds description of the land which includes within it's borders an easement given to the LCWCID #1. The easement was granted by document signed by the then owners of the subject property (Mr. & Mrs. Wessman) on January 25, 1957. The easement includes that property which is the engineered flood pool water level behind a flood control dam just East of the subject property. This dam is referred to in the records of LCWCID#1 as site #2 (TX00982). It was designed, engineered, and funded by the Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS). Should the water level at Site #2 crest at design level, part of the Pitt Creek Ranch LLC subdivision will be inundated by water backed up behind this flood control dam. No building improvements should be located in this area.
- 2. The referenced flood control dam was designed and engineered to contain storm water runoff into Pitt Creek from unimproved pasture land. The impervious cover from buildings and roadways proposed would increase the volume of runoff beyond the capacity of the original dam design. Therefore, we consider it mandatory that appropriately engineered on-site runoff retention be incorporated into the development, and that the resulting plans be reviewed and approved by NRCS dam safety engineering staff.

The ultimate purpose of LCWCID #1 is to ensure the safety of residents and properties in the Sulphur Creek Watershed.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely, facel Wilborn

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