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AT PUBLIC MEETING

October 9, 2023

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk
MC-105, P.O. Box 13087
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Opposition to Pending Application of Permit Number WQ0016092001 for Treasure Island Laguna Azure, LLC

Good evening. I have the honor to represent the residents of the City of Van Alstyne, the Van Alstyne Independent School District, and the individuals of Grayson County that will be effected by this project.

I would like to thank you for granting our requests for a public meeting on the pending application of permit number WQ0016092001.

I apologize that I could not be here to testify in person this evening. Due to a third called legislative session, I am currently in Austin working on several legislative items placed on the call.

Numerous constituents have reached out to me and my office over the past several months voicing their concerns with the project relating to this permit application. The current and future growth of Grayson County requires much care and consideration in the planning process to ensure that each project is efficiently and effectively completed.

From the start of this project I, along with other local leaders, have felt that the current plan, including the creation of a wastewater facility, is not in the best interest of the surrounding communities.

If this project comes to fruition, the community that this wastewater treatment facility will serve, will have a population greater than that of Van Alstyne. A population of that size will ultimately result in the residents of the planned community affecting the resources of Van Alstyne while not contributing tax dollars for things such as wear and tear on city roads.

The topic of vital water resources is also something that is a concern when discussing the future of the Treasure Island Laguna Azure permit request. The community along with the wastewater treatment facility will tap into the City of Van Alstyne's water aquifer. This could quite literally drain a valuable resource for residents of the city.

Along with concerns raised by the city, the Van Alstyne Independent School District also has concerns with the construction of the community that this wastewater treatment facility is planned for. The estimated 12,000 residents to the area will severely strain the resources of VAISD. The additional 4,000 proposed homes would require at least two additional elementary schools and one junior high school. We simply do not have the resources in place for a project this size.

I would like to note that both the City of Van Alstyne and Van Alstyne ISD also oppose the plan as it currently is. To echo my previous statement, while we all support and welcome growth to the county, we must do this with care and by making the best choices for current and future residents.

Rather than going forward with the current project, including this application, I feel that it is in the best interest of our community to pause this project and I encourage Treasure Island Laguna Azure to work with the City of Van Alstyne and VAISD to come up with a plan that addresses the concerns raised.

Thank you again for holding this public hearing and for listening to the concerns of my constituents and myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Reggie Smith' in a cursive style.

Representative Reggie Smith
House District 62

Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 2:30 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016092001
Attachments: TCEQ - Treasure Island Letter.pdf

From: reggie.smith@house.texas.gov <reggie.smith@house.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 6:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016092001

REGULATED ENTY NAME TREASURE ISLAND WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN111409553

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016092001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GRAYSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: TREASURE ISLAND LAGUNA AZURE LLC FKA CANARY ISLAND LAGUNA AZURE LLC

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COMMENTS: Please see the attached letter.

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March 22, 2022

Mr. Toby Baker, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

TPEDS Permit No. WQ0016092001

Dear Mr. Baker:

Treasure Island Laguna Azure, LLC has applied for a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit within the City of Van Alstyne's ETJ in Grayson County. I have been contacted by many constituents who are concerned about this proposed plant and development. I therefore respectfully request that TCEQ hold a public meeting regarding this application.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact Sara Hays in my office with any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RS" or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Reggie Smith
House District 62

Lori Rowe

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:47 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016092001
Attachments: Treasure Island Wastewater Permit March 2022.pdf

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From: reggie.smith@house.texas.gov <reggie.smith@house.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 11:59 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016092001

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COMMENTS: Treasure Island Laguna Azure, LLC has applied for a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit within the City of Van Alstyne's ETJ in Grayson County. I have been contacted by many constituents who are concerned about this proposed plant and the plans for this development. I therefore respectfully request that TCEQ hold a public

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