

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 9:49 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: gregandpaula@hotmail.com <gregandpaula@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:48 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

REGULATED ENTY NAME THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK

RN NUMBER: RN111768339

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Paula S Ahrendt

EMAIL: gregandpaula@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 222 ECKHARDT LN
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5012

PHONE: 8304563440

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please vote NO on the permit listed above or at a minimum, disallow ANY water leaving their premises. I have been a resident of Gillespie County for 32 years and spent many hours fishing on the Pedernales River when my kids were young and just enjoying the river, in general. I have a knowledge and appreciation of the history of our community, and I GUARANTEE our forefathers would be against this. I absolutely love this area - its home - and I feel that we have been invaded by people wanting to

profit off our lovely area and the Village at Grape Creek is just another example of this. They don't care. They just want to turn a profit. We live here. It's our water. WE DO NOT WANT THEIR TREATED WATER DUMPED IN THE PEDERNALES OR A TRIBUTARY FLOWING INTO THE PEDERANLES AND CATCHING WATER FOR OUR AQUIFERS. PLEASE DISALLOW THIS PERMIT. Please take the correct action and protect our groundwater and the Pedernales River and disallow this permit as written.

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JUNE 13, 2024

THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

Proposed Water Quality Permit Number

WQ0016363001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Lauren Alexander

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email: laalexander@txenvirolaw.com

Phone Number: () _____

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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 4:52 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 6:12 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Kathy P. Antus

EMAIL: kathyantus@icloud.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2200 JENSCHKE LN
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-7866

PHONE: 8703713777

FAX:

COMMENTS: We fell in love with the Hill Country and made it our quest to retire here. There is so much we love about living here but this is about the water. Being from a big city we thought a septic system was just that, however, the property we bought has an aerobic system and the water is filtered and sprayed out into our own field. We pay dearly to have the septic tank pumped as needed and we have to keep a supply of chlorine bleach tablets in the system to purify the water. It is not ideal, but it works and the wastewater stays on our land. I can't imagine The Village at Grape Creek pumping 20,000+ gallons of sewer water a day into the Pedernales River. A beautiful river that is used for fishing, boating and even swimming. There is no way I would let my children swim in a river with treated human waste sewer water. No matter how much it is treated, it can't be safe. Small acreages like the Village at Grape Creek should not be allowed to pump their sewer water into the river. They should limit the number of homes so that each home has enough property to take care of their own water and sewer needs. That's the whole purpose of living in a rural environment, to enjoy the natural resources and feel safe doing so. Sewer is not safe and if this permit is granted, it is almost a given that their release of sewer water into the river will not be monitored for amounts and for safety measures. We never dreamed this precious little town we wanted to move to would turn into Napa Valley and the traffic we were trying to get away from and now developments trying to get around the proper disposal of waste. Please do not approve this permit to dump sewer water into the Pedernales, it will set a huge precedent for much more of the same. That beautiful little Grape Creek is meant to send rain water into the river, not sewer.

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Name: Bill Ashby

Mailing Address: PO Box 1922

Physical Address (if different): 113 Ancient Coast

City/State: FBG TX Zip: 78624

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Email: dubbyeff @ icloud.com

Phone Number: (830) 997-9961

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is there any way for the proposed
treatment system to remove household
chemicals, health and beauty chemicals
and pharmaceuticals?

Activated carbon? or?

if not, why is this not
required.

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Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 10:53 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: latckison@yahoo.com <latckison@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 6:20 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Lisa Atckison

EMAIL: latckison@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 979 CATTLE CREEK RD
JOHNSON CITY TX 78636-2211

PHONE: 8304543668

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, I have concerns regarding the new wastewater discharge plant that is being proposed in Gillespie County. The plant would serve a proposed development near Jenschke Lane for 185 lots, and have a discharge of 20,000 gallons into an unnamed dry creek bed flowing into the Pedernales. With growing propulation in Gillespie and surrounding counties and demand for a safe water supply there is even more reason to protect the Pedernales watershed. Isn't there a better alternative to the Pedernales watershed for waste water discharge?

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 5:22 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 8:52 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: MR Edward J Barrett, JR

EMAIL: edbarrett204@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 267 RANCH ROAD 1
STONEWALL TX 78671-3714

PHONE: 2147047497

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am very concerned about this permit request. I live on the Pedernales River in Stonewall. My neighbors and myself have animals that drink from the river. The dumping of 20 to 50 thousand gallons into a creek bed that is dry most of the year. What doesn't make it downstream will seep into the groundwater right there along the creek. The Pedernales River at my land is normally backed up by a bridge/dam to form standing water for the ranchers and animal owners. I and my neighbors are troubled that with the influx of so much effluent will cause permanent damage to the river and animals. This project should be changed for the village at grape creek to reuse their own effluent for landscaping needs and allow the water to filter through the soil instead of being dumped into a dry creek bed. Please help us keep our lovely Hill Country free from pollution by developers.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:40 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: carey.behrends@yahoo.com <carey.behrends@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:15 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Carey Behrends

EMAIL: carey.behrends@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3393 RANCH ROAD 1376
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-4969

PHONE: 4326344835

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am not directly affected by damages done to the streams and rivers below the construction site indicated in the application request; however, I am concerned for property owners' health and environmental damage done - both immediate and long-term affects.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:14 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: oryan1213@yahoo.com <oryan1213@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 12:51 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Ryanl Behrends

EMAIL: oryan1213@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 408
STONEWALL TX 78671-0408

PHONE: 8304563051

FAX:

COMMENTS: I, Ryan Behrends, submit the following comments regarding the Village at Grape Creek TPDES permit, No. WQ0016363001. I am strongly opposed to the issuance of this TPDES permit for the following reasons. 1. The discharge of "treated" waste water into any tributary, whether seasonal or continually running, may eventually end up in the Pedernales River which eventually ends up in the Highland Lake system which is used by hundreds of thousands of people for drinking and recreational

purposes. This discharge will also affect all wildlife that depend on this watershed system. 2. The discharge of "treated" waste water may seriously affect the Ellenburger Aquifer. The Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District has stated that because of the specific geology of this area, any surface discharge may affect underground water sources. 3. I have 3 wells which draw water from the Ellenburger Aquifer. These wells are used for domestic household purposes as well as cattle drinking water. Contamination of this aquifer can put us at risk of drinking water with soluble pharmaceuticals and soluble micro-plastics as well as other water soluble pollutants. The discharge of "treated" waste water may migrate through the aquifer, affecting our wells and put the health of our cattle at risk and potentially affect my cattle operation economically. Additionally, the health of my family may be at risk. Respectfully Submitted, Ryan Behrends PO Box 408 Stonewall, TX 78671 830-456-3051

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THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

Proposed Water Quality Permit Number

WQ0016363001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: NICHOLE BENDELE / BECKER VINEYARDS

Mailing Address: PO BOX 393 / STONEWALL TX 78671

Physical Address (if different): 464 BECKER FARMS ROAD

City/State: FREDERICKSBURG TX Zip: 78624

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Email: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ info@beckerwines.com

Phone Number: (830) 644- 2681

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If yes, which one? _____

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Concerns about water quality issues for surface water/
groundwater supplies (well water), impact to recreational
activity, concerns to wildlife, negative impacts to air
quality and foul aromas to our hospitality venue.
Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.
Is proposed treatment site in flood zone? Concerns
about flooding.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 9:33 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001
Attachments: Grape Creek Wastewater Permit.docx.pdf

From: marisa@hillcountryalliance.org <marisa@hillcountryalliance.org>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 3:42 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Marisa Bruno

EMAIL: marisa@hillcountryalliance.org

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1916 E 10TH ST
AUSTIN TX 78702-3408

PHONE: 5123873137

FAX:

COMMENTS: Dear TCEQ: My name is Marisa Bruno and I am the Water Program Manager at the Hill Country Alliance, a regional nonprofit working to preserve the land, waters, and night skies of the Hill Country. Our water program, in particular, works to protect the rivers of the Hill Country by catalyzing and supporting locally led efforts to champion effective conservation. This focus means that we actively follow new wastewater discharge permits to ensure that they do not harm local landowners, aquatic ecosystems, and the drinking supply of Hill Country residents. I am writing now on behalf of Hill County Alliance to oppose the proposed permit for the Village at Grape Creek, permit WQ0016363001,

as it currently stands. One of our biggest concerns is the potentially adverse impacts of additional nutrient loads into the Pedernales River. This new wastewater discharge permit proposes to discharge 20,000 gallons per day into an unnamed creek that eventually flows into the Pedernales. As we've seen throughout the Hill Country, the increased discharge of wastewater into Central Texas streams often leads to harmful algal blooms that are toxic to aquatic life and people. Increased pollution and decreased water quality could lead to the loss of native species and degradation of habitats, which in turn could impact the local economy and public health. We would like to see more information and testing on the potential impacts of this additional nutrient load before the permit is approved. Moreover, we would like to see a shift away from chlorination in the treatment process, and instead the use of UV. Ultraviolet light disinfection treatment requires less space and is a physical process (rather than a chemical process) that has no residual effect that could harm humans or aquatic life. Lastly, with Central Texas currently experiencing a severe drought, it is increasingly important to consider alternatives to direct discharge, such as beneficial reuse. Implementing wastewater reclamation systems and purple pipes reduces the amount of wastewater that needs to be discharged into the creek, and reduces the use of potable water for non-potable uses. We hope that TCEQ will share the benefits of reuse with the Village of Grape Creek so that they might consider the alternatives to direct discharge. In closing, the historic growth we're seeing in the Hill Country coupled with a record-breaking drought means that it has never been more important to protect our water resources. We hope that TCEQ will take all steps necessary to protect the quality of the Pedernales River and the water supply of downstream landowners. Thank you for considering our comments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Best, Marisa Bruno Water Program Manager Hill Country Alliance

October 16, 2023

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
12100 Park 35 Cir
Austin, TX 78753

Re: New TPDES Permit WQ0016363001 in Gillespie County

Dear TCEQ:

My name is Marisa Bruno and I am the Water Program Manager at the Hill Country Alliance, a regional nonprofit working to preserve the land, waters, and night skies of the Hill Country. Our water program, in particular, works to protect the rivers of the Hill Country by catalyzing and supporting locally led efforts to champion effective conservation. This focus means that we actively follow new wastewater discharge permits to ensure that they do not harm local landowners, aquatic ecosystems, and the drinking supply of Hill Country residents. **I am writing now on behalf of Hill County Alliance to oppose the proposed permit for the Village at Grape Creek, permit WQ0016363001, as it currently stands.**

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Best,

Marisa Bruno
Water Program Manager
Hill Country Alliance

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:04 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: kjcarter1994@gmail.com <kjcarter1994@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Kim Carter

EMAIL: kjcarter1994@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 922
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-0922

PHONE: 4324132470

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am strongly opposed to the issuance of this TPDES permit. I have enjoyed recreating on the Pedernales River by ways of fishing & kayaking. My concerns would not be limited to the fact that quite a bit of this property is considered to be in a flood zone & with effluent water being disposed of by way Beckman Branch, the effluent waste would eventually flow into the Pedernales River.

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Name: Dawna Centeno
Mailing Address: 4001 N. New Braunfels #1610, San Antonio, Tx
Physical Address (if different): _____
City/State: San Antonio, Tx Zip: 78209

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Email: dawnacenteno@gmail.com

Phone Number: (210) 846-1599

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Lonnie Childs

Mailing Address: 327 S Stag Trail

Physical Address (if different): ✓

City/State: Fbg Tx Zip: 78624

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Email: lonnie.e.childs@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 463-1357

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Lonnie Chiles

Additional Comments

- 1) What % of impervious cover is shown in your current plan?
 - What type of impervious cover is used?
- 2) Why did the applicant not apply for a TLAP permit?
 - Could they not purchase more land to allow this?

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Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001
Attachments: Villages at Grape Creek _ TCEQ Comments_Childs.docx

From: lonnie.e.childs@gmail.com <lonnie.e.childs@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:50 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Lonnie Childs

EMAIL: lonnie.e.childs@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 327 S STAG TRL
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5799

PHONE: 5124131357

FAX:

COMMENTS: Subject: Questions Concerning the Application of the Village at Grape Creek LLC for TPDES Permit No. WQ0016363001 Submitted by: Lonnie Childs Date: June 12, 2024 As a resident of Gillespie County who lives approximately one mile from the river and enjoys it for recreational purposes, I strongly object to the granting of this permit. As the first application for the dumping of wastewater effluent into the Pedernales River watershed from a private commercial entity, approval of this application will

establish a bad precedent and only encourage future applications for similar wastewater solution such as this. My reasons for the objection are as follows:

1. Environmental- The long-term effects of dumping wastewater effluent into a natural watershed will produce only deleterious effects on Beckmann Branch and the surrounding area as well as the Pedernales River watershed. Some of those effects may be:
 - a. Nutrient Overloading and Eutrophication: Wastewater may periodically contain excessive amounts of nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus which can trigger algal blooms and other symptoms of nutrient pollution. Dense algal blooms deplete dissolved oxygen, leading to oxygen-deprived conditions harmful to aquatic life, particularly fish populations. The Pedernales River is already plagued with frequent algal blooms which will only increase with this discharge.
 - b. Contamination of Water Quality due to micropollutants: Wastewater discharge introduces a range of pollutants, including heavy metals, toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals, micro-plastics which will not be filtered out by the suggested system.
 - c. Destruction of Aquatic Ecosystems: Wastewater discharge disrupts the delicate balance of freshwater ecosystems. Toxic substances and oxygen depletion resulting from wastewater contamination harm aquatic plants, fish, and other organisms, leading to a loss of biodiversity and ecosystem collapse.
 - d. Contamination of the Pedernales River – We are region whose weather is punctuated by frequent heavy rainstorms which can flush the effluent and its sediments downstream from Beckmann Branch to the Pedernales River watershed thus spreading its potential harm to a larger population of both flora and fauna and humans.
 - e. Contamination of the Hensel Aquifer which outcrops in this area and thus contamination of private wells in the area.
 - f. Potential harm to area wildlife and livestock who may be exposed to this effluent.
2. Precedent – Approval of this permit will set a precedent for the future allowance of more private wastewater operations dumping into our watershed.
3. Economic Harm – The land values of area residents will most likely be negatively affected. Ultimately, this effect may multiply if more permits are allowed, and our beautiful Hill Country loses its reputation as a natural treasure.
4. Alternative Solutions – The Villages LLC could have created a development plan that would have allowed for the use of a Texas Land Application Process that could more safely distribute the effluent and allow natural processes to reduce its harm.
5. Human Harm -River front residents, recreational users of the river, and unwitting visitors who are exposed to this effluent.

Questions for TCEQ and the Village at Grape Creek LLC.

1. Has a hydrogeologic or topographical study been done to determine if the effluent may contaminate the Hensell Aquifer?
2. Has a study been done to determine the potential for contamination of area wells?
3. Is the treated effluent safe for local wildlife and livestock if they are exposed to it via natural surface water sources?
4. What nutrient load can Beckmann Branch and the Pedernales River safely absorb so as not to harm the aquatic ecosystem?
1. Does the TCEQ have a model to assess this?
2. Can the model consider our changing climate data such that it can consider the wide variability of rainfall and increasing drought conditions?
3. Will this facility exceed that amount?
5. Why didn't the Village at Grape Creek LLC consider the use of a TLAP system?
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 4. Is there any public reporting about when/if the system discharge is not in compliance?
 8. What is the scientific basis for the water quality standards that TCEQ uses to determine if wastewater effluent is safe to discharge into a natural watershed?
 9. Does TCEQ consider economic damage that may be done to surrounding owners due to the decrease in land value and salability because of the effluent discharge?
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Subject:

Questions Concerning the Application of the Village at Grape Creek LLC for TPDES Permit No. WQ0016363001

Submitted by: Lonnie Childs

Date: June 12, 2024

As a resident of Gillespie County who lives approximately one mile from the river and enjoys it for recreational purposes, I strongly object to the granting of this permit. As the first application for the dumping of wastewater effluent into the Pedernales River watershed from a private commercial entity, approval of this application will establish a bad precedent and only encourage future applications for similar wastewater solution such as this.

My reasons for the objection are as follows:

1. **Environmental-** The long-term effects of dumping wastewater effluent into a natural watershed will produce only deleterious effects on Beckmann Branch and the surrounding area as well as the Pedernales River watershed. Some of those effects may be:
 - a. Nutrient Overloading and Eutrophication: Wastewater may periodically contain excessive amounts of nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus which can trigger algal blooms and other symptoms of nutrient pollution. Dense algal blooms deplete dissolved oxygen, leading to oxygen-deprived conditions harmful to aquatic life, particularly fish populations. The Pedernales River is already plagued with frequent algal blooms which will only increase with this discharge.
 - b. Contamination of Water Quality due to micropollutants: Wastewater discharge introduces a range of pollutants, including heavy metals, toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals, micro-plastics which will not be filtered out by the suggested system.
 - c. Destruction of Aquatic Ecosystems: Wastewater discharge disrupts the delicate balance of freshwater ecosystems. Toxic substances and oxygen depletion resulting from wastewater contamination harm aquatic plants, fish, and other organisms, leading to a loss of biodiversity and ecosystem collapse.
 - d. Contamination of the Pedernales River – We are region whose weather is punctuated by frequent heavy rainstorms which can flush the effluent and its sediments downstream from Beckmann Branch to the Pedernales River

watershed thus spreading its potential harm to a larger population of both flora and fauna and humans,

- e. Contamination of the Hensel Aquifer which outcrops in this area and thus contamination of private wells in the area.
 - f. Potential harm to area wildlife and livestock who may be exposed to this effluent.
2. **Precedent** – Approval of this permit will set a precedent for the future allowance of more private wastewater operations dumping into our watershed.
 3. **Economic Harm** – The land values of area residents will most likely be negatively affected. Ultimately, this effect may multiply if more permits are allowed, and our beautiful Hill Country loses its reputation as a natural treasure.
 4. **Alternative Solutions** – The Villages LLC could have created a development plan that would have allowed for the use of a Texas Land Application Process that could more safely distribute the effluent and allow natural processes to reduce its harm.
 5. **Human Harm** -River front residents, recreational users of the river, and unwitting visitors who are exposed to this effluent.

Questions for TCEQ and the Village at Grape Creek LLC.

1. Has a hydrogeologic or topographical study been done to determine if the effluent may contaminate the Hensell Aquifer?
2. Has a study been done to determine the potential for contamination of area wells?
3. Is the treated effluent safe for local wildlife and livestock if they are exposed to it via natural surface water sources?
4. What nutrient load can Beckmann Branch and the Pedernales River safely absorb so as not to harm the aquatic ecosystem?
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 2. Can the model consider our changing climate data such that it can consider the wide variability of rainfall and increasing drought conditions?
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JUNE 13, 2024

THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC
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WQ0016363001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Katie Collins

Mailing Address: 1804 Pfeiffer Rd

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Fredericksburg Zip: 78624

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Email: Katiebetnforrest@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 466 6778

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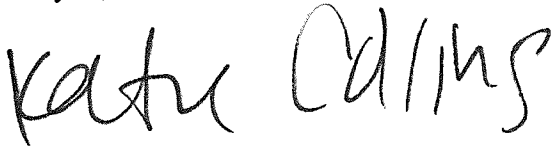
Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

Hello, my name is Katie Collins and I am a first generation rancher who lives on the Pedernales with my family. We have been ranching this land for over 7 years and deeply rely on clean water from the Pedernales river for our livelihood.

Our family spends time swimming in the Pedernales river and our favorite swimming hole (connected to our property), is positioned at the creek where the Village - Fredericksburg wants to dump waste water. How do you know that our swimming hole won't be contaminated with pathogens like viruses, bacteria, helminths and protozoa?

The water we consume daily as a family is directly influenced by the Pedernales river as our well is shallow and water quality fluctuates based on river water quality. How will drinking water contaminated by wastewater impact the health of my 2 young children (ages 3 and 7 years old)?

Thank you,



Katie Collins
1804 Pfeiffer Rd
Fredericksburg TX 78624
512-466-6778

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Name: TAYLOR COWINS

Mailing Address: 1804 REIFER RD

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: FREDRICKSBURG TX

Zip: 72624

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Email: Taylor@ROAMRANCH.COM

Phone Number: (512) 294 1326

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Hello, my name is Taylor Collins and I am a first generation bison rancher who lives on the Pedernales with my family. We have been ranching this land for over 7 years and deeply rely on clean water from the Pedernales river for our livestock. How do we know that the proposed waste water from the Village - Fredericksburg won't contain toxic levels of PFAS (forever chemicals) that are known to contribute to the death of livestock?

We have an organic orchard with 200 fruit trees that we irrigate with water that is influenced by the Pedernales river. How do you know that toxic levels of PFAS chemicals, bacteria, and antibiotics from the Village - Fredericksburg won't contaminate my soil and make it impossible for me to market my fruit as "organic"?

Our ranch has a guided hunting program that subsidizes much of the financial costs associated with a livestock business. How do you know that the algae blooms created by the phosphorus and other chemicals in the wastewater aren't hurting the population of wildlife that depend on the river? Specifically migratory ducks and other waterfowl?

As water quantity and quality is arguably the most valuable natural resource in the Texas Hill Country, how do you know that the waste water from the Village - Fredericksburg won't decrease or negatively impact the value and investment of my land?

Thank you,



Taylor Collins
1804 Pfeiffer Rd
Fredericksburg TX 78624
512-294-1326

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From: taylor@roamranch.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:18 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

REGULATED ENTY NAME THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK

RN NUMBER: RN111768339

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Taylor Collins

EMAIL: taylor@roamranch.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1804 PFEIFFER RD
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5764

PHONE: 5122941326

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, I have lived alongside the Pedernales River for the last 7 years and I am concerned about surface water and groundwater contamination with the recent development and waste discharge permits that propose dumping wastewater directly into the river. Not only is my aquifer groundwater impacted by the conditions of the Pedernales River (which my ranch relies upon to water my orchard, garden, and livestock), but more importantly, it impacts the water that my family uses. In addition to household water requirements, my 2 children frequently play in the river and I am worried about how the water might impact their health. I am requesting a public meeting on this permit as more information is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

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THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

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Name: Kelly Crunk

Mailing Address: 326 Lost Valley Rd

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Kerrville, TX Zip: 78028

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Email: crunkkelly@gmail.com

Phone Number: (830) 895-2647

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1. will the discharge limits (Permit) be as stringent as the City of Fredericksburg WWTP?
2. what will be operator requirements?

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Emily Duecker

EMAIL: just_peachy57@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 360
STONEWALL TX 78671-0360

PHONE: 8306442412

FAX:

COMMENTS: As three generations of residents in eastern Gillespie Co., we live 1.2 miles North of the Pedernales River and down river from the waste water discharge zone. Our concern is: any and all remnants of waste water getting into our well water and underground aquifer that could adversely impact our health and those of our livestock.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name:

Rhonda Eckert

Mailing Address:

151 Creek Side Rd

Physical Address (if different):

City/State:

Fog TX

Zip:

78624

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Email:

Rhonda.R.Eckert@gmail.com

Phone Number:

(830) 456-4617

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From: rhonda.k.eckert@gmail.com <rhonda.k.eckert@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 10:46 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: MRS Rhonda Eckert

EMAIL: rhonda.k.eckert@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 151 CREEK SIDE RD
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-8344

PHONE: 8304564617

FAX:

COMMENTS: I, Rhonda Eckert, submit the following public comments regarding the Village at Grape Creek TPDES permit no. WQ0016363001. My address and phone number are 151 Creekside Rd, Fbg, Tx; 830-456-4617. I am strongly opposed to the issuance of this and any permit allowing the dumping of waste water into Pedernales River or any tributary leading to it. I am opposed for the following reasons: 1) I am concerned for the water quality in both the surface water and ground water. Our county is still in

severe drought when considering that normal rainfalls have not occurred in approximately 10 years! This repeated annual deficit has left our aquifers at low levels and the river running at much lower levels. With these factors and that there is more strain on our local aquifers from increased population, how will the proposed dumping/release of treated wastewater affect area wells and river water? The site of the proposed release seems to be a fragile recharge area for the Hensley Aquifer, which also fills the Ellenberger Aquifer therefore affecting many more wells. Has an actual on-site visit with experts, County Water Board Officials, of the aquifers been done? 2) Land owners down the river have long enjoyed recreation along this beautiful river. How will the release of wastewater that still has high phosphorus levels and pharmaceutical residues impact the recreation? Pedernales State Park and many municipal lakes receive this river's water! 3) Many land owners' original families settled along this river, including past President Johnson's family, for ranching purposes. How will this and the future release of wastewater into this already burdened river affect livestock and farming operations? How will the chemicals left untreated affect natural flora and fauna, wildlife, insects, etc..., as well as livestock? 4) This river has a rich and exciting history of flooding when the rain falls in various areas. The hill country is known for some major flooding. I grew up here and have witnessed the river being a mile wide across Hwy 87 south! I am concerned that the proposed treatment facility, swimming pools, and any rv's or buildings could wash away overnight and pollute even further the river and adjacent properties or properties down river including municipalities. In conclusion, we are Texans. We need to take care of our resources especially our precious water! We should respect our rivers, neighbors, and fellow citizens. Let's not dump waste into our water systems. The Hill Country of Texas is a beautiful place. We don't get the rain we used to and should be mindful how we treat our natural land during these times. Take care of our lands now so it will take care of us in the future. We are better than just doing the minimum. Can you guarantee that what will be dumped/released won't harm other's wells, livestock, & natural native plants and animals? If your answer is that you can't guarantee then the logical answer for the permit should be no, because the TCEQ is for the purpose of protecting Texas' citizens. Respectively Submitted, Rhonda Eckert

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 6:04 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: ben.edgerton@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:33 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Ben Edgerton

EMAIL: ben.edgerton@gmail.com

COMPANY: Self

ADDRESS: 210 QUAIL RUN DR
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5814

PHONE: 5127734728

FAX:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

COMMENTS: As a resident of Gillespie County, the overall well being of the rivers and watersheds that exist here is of utmost importance to me. Development in the Hill Country cannot come at the detriment of the natural waterways. I am requesting a public meeting to discuss this permit, as I fear it will put the Pedernales River, and downstream neighbors, in unnecessary danger.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 1:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: golftee@aol.com <golftee@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:49 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Margaret Terri Escobar Farris

EMAIL: golftee@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1715 DARTMOUTH AVE
AUSTIN TX 78757-1313

PHONE: 9154330316

FAX:

COMMENTS: We have lot 14 on Vintner's Way in the Sonoma on the Pedernales Division which is a mile from The Village at Grape Creek, which has proposed to dump effluent from their waste water treatment facility to the Pedernales River . This is an environmental concern that we oppose. Please consider a safer option for all the community's health and safety. The wellbeing and future of the Fredericksburg area depends on all of us. Thank you Mark and Margaret Farris

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 4:28 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Karen Evard

EMAIL: b2karen@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1982 AXIS CIR
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-2977

PHONE: 2817930654

FAX:
DOCKET NUMBER:

COMMENTS: The permit requested by The Village at Grape Creek to dump treated sewage into the Pedernales River each day is unacceptable. It is a small, but important river to our community and region historically, ecologically, and agriculturally. It is highly vulnerable to permanent damage and degradation from the explosion of these unregulated and entirely inappropriate developments.

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THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC Proposed Water Quality Permit Number WQ0016363001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Paul Garcia

Mailing Address: 1187 MIDDLE CREEK RD

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: FREDERICKSBURG TX Zip: 78624

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Email: _____

Phone Number: () _____

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1) WHY HASN'T THIS APPROVAL HAPPENED BEFORE BUILDING SUCH A HUGE LOCATION?

2.) I NEEDED MY WASTE WATER & SEPTIC TO BE APPROVED BEFORE PERMIT AND BUILDING

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Christina Bourque

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Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:01 PM
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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Troy Garza

EMAIL: ventrue_79@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 801 BELL ST
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-4705

PHONE: 2542386978

FAX:

COMMENTS: I'd like to know more about the environmental impact if this plan comes to fruition.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:35 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: samgrobe16@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 6:57 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Sam Grobe

EMAIL: samgrobe16@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1589 E MAIN ST
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5404

PHONE: 8308891088

FAX:

COMMENTS: Big developers come in to ruin our land & care less what it does or looks like. The contamination of said water has a tendency to stay in the soil for a long time. The runoff into our main river which eventually goes into the Colorado River. IT will harm our fish & wildlife. I vote against this request. Also will create a traffic problem as well

CN NUMBER: CN6

NAME: Sam Grobe

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:28 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: MarkAGrounds@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 6:20 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Mark Grounds

EMAIL: MarkAGrounds@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2310 S COUNTY ROAD 1121

MIDLAND TX 79706-4885

PHONE: 8502186156

FAX:

COMMENTS: I cannot see or by any common sense see the need to discharge 20k or more treated waste into a dry creek bed. The stench, increased insects and damage to freshwater tributaries. NO.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 3:34 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: DeAnn Hampton

EMAIL: deannhampton66@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 255
STONEWALL TX 78671-0255

PHONE: 8309929633

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am a lifelong resident of Stonewall and a concerned Pedernales River property owner. Over the years, the flow of the river has decreased along with the quality of water. Our current drought situation allows for less water to disperse the treated affluent already being dumped into our precious river. The levels of phosphorus proposed to be dumped into the river needs to be lowered or better yet the treated affluent needs to be reused. The treated affluent could be used for irrigation or for flushing toilets. I grew up fishing and playing in the river and I would love for my grandchildren to be able to do the same. If this permit is allowed, I would fear for their well being and safety. Thank you for your consideration.

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JUNE 13, 2024

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Name: JOAN JACOB, SENSCHKE

Mailing Address: 315 W. AUSTIN ST., FREDERICKSBURG, TX 78624

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: FBG. TEXAS Zip: 78624

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Email: FWZNTJO@AUSIN.RR.COM

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my name is Joan Senachy Senachko,
family members have fished and continue
to fish downstream in the Pedernales.
my hope is ~~that~~ no permits will be
issued for treated ~~water~~ ^{sewage} to be dumped
into the Pedernales. If permits were to
be issued (Heaven forbid) would there
be true inspections made? Self
reporting seems rather fishy and iffy.

Thank you for the
opportunity to
be heard & to
listen

Senachy)

Jo J Senachko

830-456-4739

830-497-2963

F42N50@AUSTIN.RR.COM

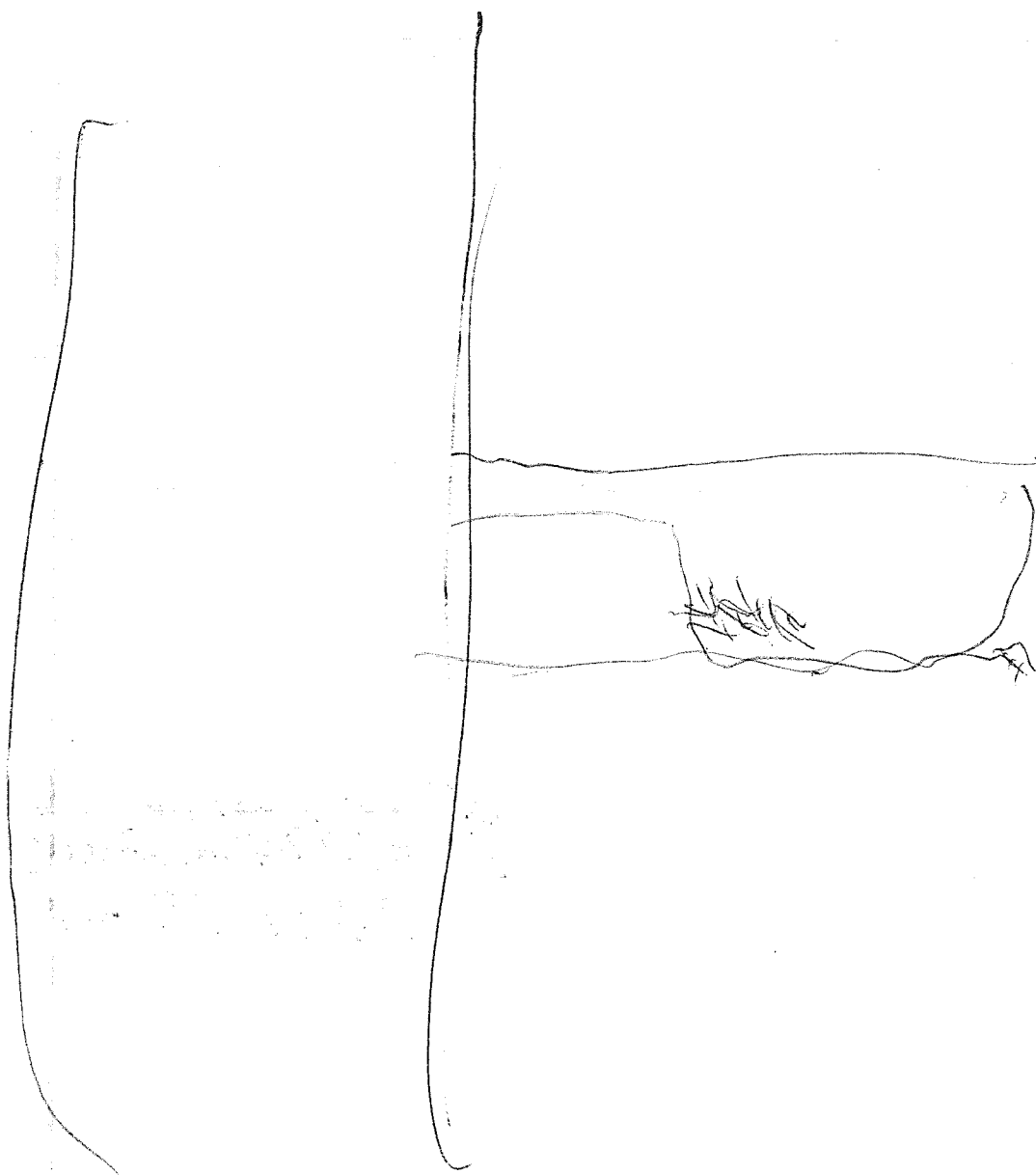
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PML+ for the permit and Gillespie County

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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Irmgard Johnson

EMAIL: bayerwald19@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 296
STONEWALL TX 78671-0296

PHONE: 8309902411

FAX:

COMMENTS: June 11, 2024 Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P O Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 SUBJECT: Public Comment Submission regarding the Application ("Application") of the Village at Grape Creek LLC for TPDES Permit No. WQ0016363001 I, Irmgard Johnson, submit the following formal comments regarding the Village at Grape Creek LLC (herein after referred to as "the Village") for TPDES Permit No. WQ0016363001 (hereinafter referred to as

“the Permit”). I am strongly opposed to the issuance of the Permit allowing the Village to discharge treated wastewater into an “unnamed tributary of the Pedernales River” that is actually a dry creek and named Beckman Branch by locals. As with all dry tributaries in the Texas Hill Country, Beckman Branch is prone to flooding. Is this not a flood control district drainage ditch that should be identified in the Application? Most important, Beckman Branch appears to be a recharge area for the Hensel aquifer that also fills the Ellenberger aquifer. The Village is stating that “discharges from the facility are expected to contain no pollutants”. How can this be a correct statement? To the best of my knowledge there is no such thing! The environment and clean/safe water should be a priority for everyone. The discharge should remain on the Village property and not encumber neighboring land with wastewater release! Treated effluent should be used for irrigation etc. without causing harm to neighbors/people, streams, water wells, livestock, animals, plants etc. The Village is also advertising that they will have the largest swimming pool in Fredericksburg! Not only will the swimming pool be located in the flood plain, some tiny homes and RV spaces and possibly the Wastewater Treatment Facility will also be located in the flood plain. Is that allowed? Where will the water come from to fill the swimming pool and where will it go should the pool require draining? If the Permit is granted who would vouch and monitor that the Village complies with the requirements of the Permit? While we understand that we can’t stop developments in the Texas Hill Country, TCEQ can control the impact that any development will have and make every effort to protect our natural resources, not just for us but future generations. Thank you for your consideration. Please place me on 1) the permanent mailing list for the above and 2) the mailing list for Gillespie County. Irmgard Johnson PO Box 296 Stonewall, TX 78671

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Name: Sherry Knutson

Mailing Address: PO Box 2776

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City/State: Fredricksburg, Tx. Zip: 78624

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Email: Sherry.knutson@fatassranch.com

Phone Number: (214)-650-7883

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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Sherry Knutson

EMAIL: Sherry.Knutson@fatassranch.com

COMPANY: Fat Ass Winery And Brewery

ADDRESS: PO BOX 2776
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-1926

PHONE: 2146507883

FAX:

COMMENTS: The wastewater will run directly through our property into our vineyard and down to the Pedernales river front property that Fat Ass Winery owns. We do not want pharmaceuticals etc coming into our vineyard which will cost us a lot of lost revenue as well as affect our livestock.

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: MRS Kristina Lackey

EMAIL: CHIGGERHILLFARM1@SBCGLOBAL.NET

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 502 W CREEK ST
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-3116

PHONE: 2147968757

FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Kristina Lackey and I am a landowner in Gillespie County. Although my property is not in close proximity to The Village property, I am extremely concerned about the proposed development's effects on the water quality of the Pedernales River and its tributaries. As a retired clinical microbiologist who worked in the public health sector, my concerns center around the possible contamination of the tributary bed and river. These concerns include the river itself, the downstream

neighbors, and the patrons of the proposed development. As I understand it from the plans that I have seen, a portion of the development lies in the flood plain. That portion does apparently include the wastewater treatment plant, the swimming pool, and a splash pad. Apparently there are no county restrictions on building in the flood plain within Gillespie County. With the dumping of effluent wastewater into tributary this paves the way for ponding and stagnation of water in that tributary which in turn encourages the growth of bacteria and pathogenic amoeba such as *Entamoeba histolytica* and *Naegleria fowleri*. These can affect downstream areas such as LBJ National Park. If there is indeed flooding that will result in contamination of the pool area or the splash pad area by the effluent water found in the tributary, this presents a real public health issue for the patrons of the proposed resort. I simply cannot imagine building a public pool, splash pad, and wastewater treatment plant within the flood plain. How can the developer even get loan approval or liability insurance with this type of proposed building plan?

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Name: Kathy Lewis

Mailing Address: 13437 FM 2093

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Fredericksburg, TX Zip: 78624

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Email: KLewis@beecreek.net

Phone Number: (830) 377-8113

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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: MRS Kathleen C Lewis

EMAIL: klewis@beecreek.net

COMPANY: Armadillo Acres

ADDRESS: 13437 FM 2093
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-7111

PHONE: 8303778113

FAX:

COMMENTS: WQ0016363001 Questions/Considerations regarding effluent disbursal permit at the Village at Grape Creek The Village at Grape Creek advertises two high water use amenities – a splash pad and “the largest Resort-Style Pool in Fredericksburg,” as well as acres of lovely, lush green grass surrounding amenities, public spaces, and the 185 tiny houses called for in the plans. 1. Has average yearly water use been calculated for each of these amenities? Splash pad? Pool? If not, why not? 2. Has

the square footage of green spaces/lawns been calculated? If not, why not? 3. Has the number of acre feet per year of water required to keep this square footage of grass green and healthy been calculated? If not, why not? 4. Has consideration been given to using system effluent for irrigation of these lawn areas? If not, why not? If the treated water will be clean enough to be released into the Pedernales River, surely it will be clean enough to use for irrigation. Changing the type of sewage treatment system proposed at the Village at Grape Creek from TPDES to Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) would relieve many of the fears of local citizens concerning immediate pollution of the Pedernales River and eventual pollution of our aquifers. In addition, using effluent would cut down on depletion of our aquifers in order to supply irrigation water to lawn areas. With our current and continuing drought and resultant water shortage, we cannot afford to waste valuable and increasingly scarce groundwater on irrigation of lawn areas.

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PHONE: 8303778113

FAX:

COMMENTS: WQ0016363001 Questions regarding monitoring of pollutants in effluent released into Pedernales River by the Village at Grape Creek 1. Who will be responsible for monitoring pollutant levels in effluent released by the Village at Grape Creek? TCEQ? Management of Village at Grape Creek? Other entity? 2. At what time intervals will effluent from the Village at Grape Creek be monitored? 3. Who will pay for ongoing periodic monitoring/testing of effluent from the Village at Grape Creek? 4. Will the testing

entity be an independent contractor? 5. To whom will contaminant levels be reported? 6. Will these reports be available to the public? If not, why not? 7. Will TCEQ maintain a database of these reports? If not, why not? 8. Will this database be available for viewing by the general public? If not, why not? 9. What level of excessive contamination will trigger an investigation or will it take several reports of excessive levels in a row or within a certain amount of time to trigger an investigation? 10. Once an investigation is triggered, how long will it take TCEQ to respond? 11. Which Division/Department at TCEQ is responsible for responding? 12. Is a report of the findings created? 13. If a report is created, what is the timeframe for issuance of such a report? 14. Are these reports available for public viewing? If not, why not? 15. Does TCEQ maintain a database of these reports? Of not, why not? 16. If such a database exists, is it available for viewing by the general public? If not, why not?

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COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 13437 FM 2093
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PHONE: 8303778113

FAX:

COMMENTS: WQ0016363001 Questions regarding environmental study of streams prior to issuing of permits by TCEQ 1. Does TCEQ require an environmental study of stream conditions/stream health prior to granting a permit to release effluent into that stream? If not, why not? 2. If such an environmental study is required, who pays for it? 3. Is a final report on that study generated? If not, why not? 4. If a final report is generated, is it available to the public? If not, why not? 5. If no such study is conducted, how can

base line levels/conditions of stream quality/health be determined? 6. If no base line levels of stream health are determined prior to granting the permit, how can the public be assured that the release of the Village at Grape Creek's effluent into the Pedernales River is not degrading stream quality, both immediately and over time?

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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NAME: MS Kathy Lewis

EMAIL: klewis@beecreek.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 13437 FM 2093
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PHONE: 8303778113

FAX:

COMMENTS: This permit application should be denied. This request to dump 20,000-50,000 gallons of waste water into a dry creek bed will seriously degrade the surrounding countryside. It will draw varmits, breed insects, and create noxious odors. In addition, the chemicals and pollutants in this waste water will eventually work their way downstream. Since the Pedernales River flows into the Colorado River, Lake Travis, and Lake Austin, the pollutants will eventually end up in Austin's municipal water supply. Additionally, it will contribute to algae blooms and compromise the water quality for those in the Highland Lakes and Austin who use the Colorado River, Lake Travis, and Lake Austin for recreational purposes. Please call a well publicized public meeting so that the citizens of the surrounding area will have the opportunity to voice their views and opinions regarding the approval of this waste water permit.

Jennifer Cox

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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: MS Martha Pitts Lichtenhan

EMAIL: Okanda123@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 39
STONEWALL TX 78671-0039

PHONE: 5125929936

FAX:

COMMENTS: My family owns a ranch on the Pedernales River in Stonewall. Texas, We have enjoyed the River for almost 30 years. We frequently have geese and bald eagles and king fisher's but recently have seen very few of these magnificent birds! The River also waters our cattle and we have several wells only 100's of feet from the river. Dumping sewage which includes pharmaceuticals and plastics and toxins into our beautiful river would contaminate not only the water source for so many animals but humans ! It

is unacceptable to me for dumping into the Pedernales River! I am also concerned about what illegal drugs like fentanyl could end up in our River! I am adamantly opposed to dumping sewage into Pedernales River! Martha Lichtenhan RN BSN

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: karen@pedernalesrmc.com <karen@pedernalesrmc.com>
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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: DR. Karen Lochte

EMAIL: karen@pedernalesrmc.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 603 E CREEK ST
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-4650

PHONE: 8304567028

FAX:

COMMENTS: During public Q&A portion of mtg on June 13 in Fredericksburg, Developer representative mentioned that the system at 20,000 gal was sized at 75 gal/day per structure. This means there are over 260 structures in development. Yet the average single family home consumes 145 gal/day per developer's rep and he stated the requirement is for waste systems to be sized at 250-300 gal/day (all numbers given by developer's rep). Without verifying the numbers represented above and assuming he

was correct, the discharge permit should be for 40,000 to 65,000 gals per day (260 homes x 145 gals/day using lowest number given). As this is a development for vacation purpose and as stated people bring more than 2 people per home/party and specifically July 4th was used as an example. July 4th is usually a multi-day event/social gathering and so overbuilding the sewer system would require it to hold capacity for multiple days while still receiving max capacity during peak activities. Is there a required per bedroom design size for such a development or will avg single family uses be required at a minimum? If a party/social area is included, is there a factor for capacity x event time to be added?

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Name: Karen Lockte

Mailing Address: 603 E Creek St

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Fredericksburg, TX Zip: 78624

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Email: ~~@watson15@~~ Karen@pedernalesRMC.com

Phone Number: (830) 456-7028

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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: DR. Karen Lochte

EMAIL: karen@pedernalesrmc.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 603 E CREEK ST
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-4650

PHONE: 8304567028

FAX:

COMMENTS: Comment stated during formal comments period at public meeting on June 13. The discharge max flow on draft permit is for 56 gal/min for upto 2 hrs. This 6,720 gal. What is the percolation rate if ground is already saturated and how far down the tributary would the discharge flow if allowed to discharge for this amount of time? Where would the water pool?

TCEQ Registration Form

JUNE 13, 2024

THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC Proposed Water Quality Permit Number WQ0016363001

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Name: Lith Mandelich

Mailing Address: 1620 Middle Creek Rd.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Fredericksburg TX Zip: 7624

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Questions

1. Why hasn't an environmental impact study been done before starting this development?
2. The water district is contesting this permit. Why? Why weren't they here to explain?

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Name: Randye McAnally

Mailing Address: 8318 Ranch Rd 1376

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Fredericksburg, TX Zip: 78624

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Email: randyeann@gmail.com

Phone Number: (830) 997-9988

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My name is Randye McAnally and I have lived in the area since 1997 and reside on property that has wells in the Hensell sands formation and I have also fished the Pedernales. There are springs near where the effluent discharge is proposed and I want to know if the discharge permit limitations of this proposed wastewater plant be as stringent as the City of Fredericksburg and will there be a wastewater operator on site? as it appears that the effluent could potentially pollute the Hensell Sand aquifer & damage many peoples' wells.

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Jennifer Cox

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Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:05 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001
Attachments: LCRAcommentsVillageAtGrapeCreekWQ0016363001.pdf

From: susan.meckel@lcra.org <susan.meckel@lcra.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 6:18 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

REGULATED ENTY NAME THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK

RN NUMBER: RN111768339

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Susan Meckel

EMAIL: susan.meckel@lcra.org

COMPANY: Lower Colorado River Authority

ADDRESS: PO BOX 220
AUSTIN TX 78767-0220

PHONE: 5125782450

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see attached comments on the proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0016363001 for the Village at Grape Creek. Thank you, Susan Meckel, Lower Colorado River Authority



June 13, 2024

Dear Ms. Gharis,

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is a conservation and reclamation district created by the State of Texas. As reflected in Chapter 8503, Special District Local Laws Code, LCRA was created under and is essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, including the control, storing, preservation, and distribution of the waters of the Colorado River and its tributaries within its boundaries. LCRA is authorized to provide for the study, correcting, and control of both artificial and natural pollution, including organic, inorganic, and thermal, of all groundwater or surface water of the Colorado River and its tributaries within the boundaries of the authority.

As stewards of the water quality of the lower Colorado River and its tributaries, LCRA routinely reviews TCEQ water quality permit applications to evaluate potential impacts to water quality in the lower Colorado River basin. The proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0016363001 for the Village at Grape Creek is located within LCRA's boundary and would allow up to 20,000 gallons per day of treated wastewater to be discharged into an unnamed tributary and thence into the Pedernales River (Segment 1414), a major tributary to Lake Travis. LCRA reviews and evaluates applications and proposed draft permits as part of its statutory responsibility to preserve and conserve natural resources within its boundaries. In evaluating the application and the proposed draft permit, LCRA recommends additional measures that may be utilized by the permittee to minimize potential impacts to water quality, aquatic habitat, and aquatic life.

LCRA reviewed the Village at Grape Creek, LLC permit application and draft permit prepared by TCEQ. We have also met with representatives of the Village at Grape Creek, LLC to discuss ways that the treated wastewater may be beneficially used as an alternative to discharging and have initiated discussions to reach an agreement to minimize potential impacts from this proposed new discharge to the receiving stream and the Pedernales River.

LCRA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed new Village at Grape Creek, LLC Water Quality Permit No. WQ0016363001 to ensure that the discharge does not contribute to degradation of the unnamed tributary or the Pedernales River.

Comments

LCRA understands and appreciates that the applicant agreed to more stringent permit limits of 5 mg/L carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand, 5 mg/L total suspended solids, 2 mg/L ammonia-nitrogen, 1 mg/L total phosphorus, 5 mg/L dissolved oxygen, and bacteria limits of 126 cfu as conditions of the draft permit.

Due to low ambient concentrations of nutrients (i.e., phosphorus and nitrogen) in Texas Hill Country streams including the Pedernales River, LCRA is concerned about potential nutrient loading from the discharge as proposed. Discharges containing phosphorus and nitrogen can promote excessive algal growth and result in changes to the trophic state of the receiving stream, especially during dry conditions when natural flows are low to non-existent, and effluent will dominate the streamflow. Increased algal growth can lead to dissolved oxygen depletion during nighttime respiration processes,

clog the stream channel, and cover fish and aquatic invertebrate habitats. These conditions can persist downstream of the discharge point. While the proposed permit limits include 1 mg/L total phosphorus, this is well above the average ambient background levels of less than 0.1 mg/L in the Pedernales River. Additionally, the 2 mg/L ammonia-nitrogen limit only addresses ammonia-nitrogen and not the total nitrogen concentration in the effluent.

In addition, this unnamed tributary feeds into the Pedernales River assessment unit 1414_04, which has a pending designation as critical habitat for the soon to be listed federally endangered Texas fatmucket mussel (July 5, 2024, is reported effective date). It has been shown that wastewater effluent can have a negative impact on native mussel populations^[1]. The Texas fatmucket and other native mussels could be found at or downstream of the confluence of the unnamed tributary and the Pedernales River.

Recommendations

LCRA recommends that the applicant be authorized and encouraged to beneficially reuse effluent within the proposed development to minimize the volume of discharge and the mass loading of nutrients to the receiving stream.

As mentioned above, LCRA and Village at Grape Creek, LLC are discussing an agreement that would reflect beneficially reusing effluent within the proposed development as an alternative to discharging when possible. In the absence of an agreement with the Village at Grape Creek, LLC, and to protect water quality of the unnamed tributary and the Pedernales River, LCRA submits the following recommendations to TCEQ for inclusion as conditions in the permit, should a permit be issued:

1. A requirement for specific monitoring and reporting for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in the effluent that is produced and discharged to the unnamed tributary.
2. A requirement for instream monitoring and reporting of benthic and suspended algal growth in the unnamed tributary before and after discharges from the facility commence.
3. A reduction in the permit limit for total phosphorus and the addition of a total nitrogen limit should post-discharge adverse instream conditions warrant added protection.

LCRA is willing to assist or engage in downstream monitoring of the unnamed tributary and in the vicinity of its confluence with the Pedernales River to measure nutrient loading from the proposed discharge and any quantifiable changes in the water quality or aquatic habitat of the receiving streams. That information would be provided to TCEQ to evaluate existing permit limits for phosphorus and total nitrogen to evaluate permit limits to reduce phosphorus and total nitrogen in the discharge as warranted.

In addition, it is recommended that a freshwater mussel survey is performed to determine if the Texas fatmucket will be affected by the proposed permit.


Conclusion

LCRA appreciates your consideration of our comments and suggestions to protect water quality of the receiving stream from this proposed wastewater discharge. We are available to discuss any of the information described above along with our concerns.

Should we reach an agreement with the applicant that addresses our concerns, we may withdraw our comments.

Please contact Susan Meckel at (512) 578-2458 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,


Monica Masters, P.E.
Vice President, Water Resources

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:17 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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From: stonewalltlcpastor@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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RN NUMBER: RN111768339

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: REVEREND Ryan Meyer

EMAIL: stonewalltlcpastor@gmail.com

COMPANY: Trinity Lutheran

ADDRESS: 4270 RANCH ROAD 1
STONEWALL TX 78671-4212

PHONE: 8306442479

FAX:

COMMENTS: I would like to request a public meeting for this permit. I would also ask that any type of sewage dumping into the Perdenales River from large organizations should be denied and handled with a land treatment. This would cause changes to the river adjacent to our facility, which is down river from this location.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:45 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: lmays1514@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:44 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Laura Perryman

EMAIL: lmays1514@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 5996 RR 1376
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-7552

PHONE: 8309929502

FAX:

COMMENTS: Will this development have to preserve the existing trees? Will the be require to put lighting in that is "Dark Sky" lighting? Not to mention the lack of water in this area! Wells are going dry here and all is being done is approving more homes....???? Does this make sense? No one thinks of this until we don't have water. And the dumping of wastewater (treated) into the river - would YOU want your children playing in this water? Would you think is was a good idea if you were put in the same situation? Ask yourselves that question.

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Marielle Bascon

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 6:03 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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From: judypetsch@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:05 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

REGULATED ENTITY NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Judith Petsch

EMAIL: judypetsch@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1024 PETSCH RD
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-8070

PHONE: 8308892460

FAX:

COMMENTS: I would like to request a public meeting regarding the sewage disposal of the above proposed property development, The Village at Grape Creek, TCEQ Waste Water Discharge Permit Application WQ0016363001 as soon as possible. This property should not be allowed to discharge their sewage into the dry creek next to or on their property, which could allow the sewage to end up in the Pedernales River, a major tributary to water downstream, even into Travis County.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:00 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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From: matthewpipkin@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 11:56 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: MR Matthew Pipkin

EMAIL: matthewpipkin@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2576 OLD MASON RD

FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-2283

PHONE: 5128447269

FAX:

DOCKET NUMBER:

COMMENTS: I would like to request a public meeting regarding the wastewater permits for The Village at Grape Creek (WQ0016363001) Arch Ray LLC (WQ0005452000). As a citizen of Gillespie County I am quite concerned with the discharge of treated wastewater and it's potential impacts on the Pedernales River and surrounding areas. The Hill Country is being overrun by RV parks and tiny home developments and need to get a handle on this situation before our aquifers and watersheds are irreparably harmed.

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JUNE 13, 2024

THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC
Proposed Water Quality Permit Number
WQ0016363001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Maria Pruneda

Mailing Address: N/A

Physical Address (if different): N/A

City/State: Kerrville, TX Zip: _____

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Email: ~~via~~ maria.pruneda@senate.texas.gov

Phone Number: (830) 896-9816

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which one? ~~Senator~~ Senator Pete Flores

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Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:36 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: kristen@burgscorner.com
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:21 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Kristen Restani

EMAIL: kristen@burgscorner.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 266

STONEWALL TX 78671-0266

PHONE: 8309984499

FAX:

COMMENTS: I'm a concerned resident of this community whose concerned about this permit. I'm down Gellermann Lane which crosses the Pedernales river, past where the dry creek would feed into the river. My whole life I've lived down this county road and have fond memories with family and friends playing in the Pedernales. Heck my husband and I just took our 7th anniversary photos there by the cypress and bubbling water. Why would they not be required to put in a septic system and deal with waste water like everyone else in the country side? Further more I don't see how we could supply this number! Our water is already limited with the past droughts. It is my deepest hopes this permit is NOT approved. The people and wildlife who call the region home are the ones who will suffer the consequences. Oh, and the

next time you cross the Pedernales on Gellermann Lane, look up because you might just catch a glimpse of a bald eagle!
They have nests along the Pedernales in this region.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:17 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: Susanrod58@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:11 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Susan R Rodriguez

EMAIL: Susanrod58@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 238 RILEY LN
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-3562

PHONE: 8177817905

FAX:

COMMENTS: There are far too many developments being proposed which will be dumping treated sewage into the Pedernales River. More research needs to be done into the cumulative effects of all these Gillespie county proposed developments onto this relatively small but very important watershed. Please do not approve this permit request.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 4:28 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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From: Schneidertraci@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 7:59 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Traci Schneider

EMAIL: Schneidertraci@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 668 POVERTY HILL RANCH RD
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-6472

PHONE: 2105085789

FAX:

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 11:38 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: Gkshaw@att.net <Gkshaw@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:37 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Greg T Shaw

EMAIL: Gkshaw@att.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 610 VINTNERS WAY
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-3592

PHONE: 8173134257

FAX:

COMMENTS: I recently completed our home at Sonoma on the Pedernales subdivision. My property line extends to the midpoint of the Pedernales river. With our 4 acre lot we worked with local official to make sure our septic was compliant and as safe for the environment as possible. How does a dense development meet those same standards? I am opposed to allowing something like this to not meet the

highest possible standards to avoid damage to a unique natural environmental treasure. Our river should not be turned into an open sewer drainage ditch. Greg Shaw

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:04 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: bill@bccitx.org <bill@bccitx.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:22 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: William Joseph Sisak

EMAIL: bill@bccitx.org

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 254 ISLAND RD
JOHNSON CITY TX 78636-4657

PHONE: 2818025787

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am a property owner on the Pedernales River, about 4 miles upstream of Pedernales Falls State Park. My family and I enjoy fishing and swimming in the river and visiting the park. In recent years, as development occurs along the Pedernales River, we are experiencing increasing high levels of algae at all times, and very high levels of algae during low flow in the hot months. My questions are: 1. Given the increasing number of permit application for discharging treated waste into the Pedernales River and

tributaries, how is TCEQ evaluating the environmental impact of phosphorus and other impurities in order to ensure that chemistry control limits are adequate to control algae blooms and ensure healthy water quality for those who live along and enjoy the river and park? 2. It is scientifically established that a large portion of groundwater recharge of the Ellenburger aquifer s(main source of water for Johnson City, much of Gillespie County along the Pedernales, and North Blanco County) occurs via seepage from the Pedernales River bed. Given this fact, what studies or data does TCEQ have that shows the impact of treated waste on ground water chemistry? It is my opinion that TCEQ needs to assess and understand the impacts of treated waste volumes on both surface and ground water quality. TCEQ should also look broadly at the anticipated levels of development along the river in developing a holistic view of allowable phosphorus and other impurity levels (should be the lowest practically achievable with best available technology) and of the total volumes of treated waste that should be allowed to be dumped into the Pedernales River.

COMMENTS: There should be nothing dumped in our river !! Absolutely not!! No permits ! You will destroy our river !!

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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 3:00 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: ejsmith0@gmail.com <ejsmith0@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 12:04 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Ed Smith

EMAIL: ejsmith0@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 402 W CREEK ST
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-3114

PHONE: 8304564515

FAX:

COMMENTS: In 2024, it is unconscionable to think that any business is allowed to dump sewer effluent into our rivers, streams and tributaries. How did this venture get permitted to begin with? Where is the water coming from; our aquifers are being seriously depleted and can't sustain the wild growth happening in the Hill Country. The light pollution created by uncontrolled growth is destroying our way of life.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 3:35 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: Nanastaats@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 2:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Barbara Staats

EMAIL: Nanastaats@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 574 REVERSE R DR
HARPER TX 78631-5181

PHONE: 8309928149

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please do not let them do this. It will negatively impact the waters of the pedernales river. We have owned property on that river for over 50 years and don't want it to change because of this horrible situation. We and neighbors and others along the river are totally against it.

Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 10:53 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: travis.stensby@gmail.com <travis.stensby@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2023 2:22 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Travis Stensby

EMAIL: travis.stensby@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2240 JENSCHKE LN
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-7866

PHONE: 4026503732

FAX:

COMMENTS: This many lots needs to have a water treatment plan for the sewer system as to maintain the Texas river ecosystem.

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JUNE 13, 2024

THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC Proposed Water Quality Permit Number WQ0016363001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: TABITHA STEWART

Mailing Address: 109 Ancient Coast Rd

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Fredericksburg, Texas Zip: 78624

This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act

Email: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

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I, Tabitha Stewart, resident and long-time visitor to Fredericksburg, have kayaked, played in, and enjoyed viewing the wild life resident in and near the Pedernales River. The villages at Grape Creek must be held to the strictest and lowest allowable levels of phosphorus within their treated waste water discharge or they must use alternative means of disposal.

Question: What is the flow per square foot of the creek (Beckmann?) the wastewater will be discharged into?

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 10:47 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: stewarttjane@gmail.com <stewarttjane@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 4:53 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

REGULATED ENTY NAME THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK

RN NUMBER: RN111768339

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Tabitha Stewart

EMAIL: stewarttjane@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 109 ANCIENT COAST RD
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-6139

PHONE: 7035879962

FAX:

COMMENTS: I hope that you will seriously review this application and its implications for the health of our dwindling water supplies not only for existing users but also wildlife. Is the applicant taking into consideration water conservation methods to limit the impact(s) of both water use and subsequent waste water discharge? Are they requiring low flow and gray water options be offered? Limiting fertilizer use, non-native plant material in the development to limit unnecessary water contamination? I'm not promoting no development, I'm hoping to encourage, through regulation if necessary, sustainable develop. Thank you.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 5:02 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: James@roamranch.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 2:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: James Tomeny

EMAIL: James@roamranch.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1804 PFEIFFER RD
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5764

PHONE: 5129242478

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, I have lived alongside the Pedernales River for the last 7 years and I am concerned about surface water and groundwater contamination with the recent development and waste discharge permits that propose dumping wastewater directly into the river. Not only is my aquifer groundwater impacted by the conditions of the Pedernales River (which my ranch relies upon to water my orchard, garden, and livestock), but more importantly, it impacts the water that my family uses.

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NAME: James Tomeny

EMAIL: James@roamranch.com

COMPANY:

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FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5764

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Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 5:01 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: david@momentumcamp.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 12:40 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016363001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: David Turpin

EMAIL: david@momentumcamp.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 444 METZGER RD
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-6797

PHONE: 3104973688

FAX:

COMMENTS: I have lived in FBG for 17 years. Our family has a ranch in Luckenbach. I am concerned about surface and groundwater quality with recent development and waste discharge permits that propose dumping wastewater directly into the river. I request a public meeting on this permit.

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JUNE 13, 2024

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Name: LEO C. TYNAN

Mailing Address: 9554 RP 965 FBC, TX

Physical Address (if different): 78624

City/State: _____ Zip: 78624

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Email: lctynan@gmail.com

Phone Number: (830) 456 2175

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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:02 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

From: lctynan@gmail.com <lctynan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:13 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: DR. LEO C TYNAN

EMAIL: lctynan@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 9554 RANCH ROAD 965
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-6578

PHONE: 8304562175

FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Leo Tynan and I am a practicing physician in Fredericksburg, TX for 36 years. I am also a member of the board of Hill Country Alliance and a past president and have been involved in conservation efforts in the Texas Hill Country for more than 20 years. In the last 10 years we have seen a stunning change in the landscape, agricultural lands, and ecosystems of this region. Explosive population growth has put unforeseen pressures on our community, our culture and our beautiful

surroundings. We have seen a marked degradation in the quality of our open ranges and our wild lands, and with intense demand for recreational and residential developments, increasing threats to the long term survival of our rivers and streams from discharge of wastewater, surface runoff, and eradication of riparian habitat. My question is this: What exactly is required of said applicant, "The Village..." in this permitting process? . It is evidently common for developers to be well into their construction and land modification activities before even so much as a hearing has been scheduled. They seem to be pretty confident that their TCEQ approval is already a "done deal" before they get started. Is this true? What type of assurances or proof that their discharge activity will not cause damage to river flow and water quality are mandated ? What studies are required? And if down the line, violations occur, how are the developers held accountable? What is the nature of enforcement in these affairs? What substantively would lead the TCEQ to deny a request outside of just a failure to dot an "i" or cross a "t".? The Pedernales River and its system of tributaries are critically important features of the Central Texas historic and geographic landscape. It is the beloved stream of a US president who grew up exploring its banks and later entertained heads of state under its shade trees . It has provided water and life -giving sustenance to countless humans and animals throughout the millenia here in the Hill Country and is worthy of our highest protections. I stand firmly against granting the discharge permit in the Grape Creek LLC case.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:59 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: cem722@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:20 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Callan Warfield

EMAIL: cem722@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 727 MADILYNN CT
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5489

PHONE: 2818440369

FAX:

COMMENTS: I'm writing to deeply express my concern for the surface and groundwater contamination possibilities with the recent development and waste discharge permits that propose dumping wastewater directly into the river. I'm requesting a public meeting on this permit as more information is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Marielle Bascon

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From: mdwarfield@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:05 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Matthew Warfield

EMAIL: mdwarfield@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 727 MADILYNN CT
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5489

PHONE: 2818440369

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello. I'm a frequent user (and conservationist) of the Pedernales River and I'm writing to deeply express my concern for the surface and groundwater contamination possibilities with the recent development and waste discharge permits that propose dumping wastewater directly into the river. This river sustains, protects, and nourishes lives all throughout this area (wildlife, livestock, and residents) and I'm requesting a public meeting on this permit as more information is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Marielle Bascon

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:28 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: bweinheimer.tx@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:51 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: GILLESPIE

PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: DR. Bruce Alvin Weinheimer

EMAIL: bweinheimer.tx@gmail.com

COMPANY: Self Employed

ADDRESS: 6207 OLIVER LOVING TRL
AUSTIN TX 78749-1832

PHONE: 5129703975

FAX:

COMMENTS: I was raised in Stonewall, Texas and continue to have property on the Pedernales River. I swam in the Pedernales as a young boy and take my grandchildren to the river to this day. We hope to use this vital natural resource for generations to come. I would like to voice my opposition to any development that has potential negative impact on the water quality of the Pedernales River or any other waterway in central Texas. I oppose the current plans for the Village at Grape Creek to dump treated wastewater into any tributary of the Pedernales River. Even treated, this sewage has the potential to negatively upset the natural ecology of these natural waters and should not be permitted. On a related pollution issue, I hope this development will be restricted in the amount of light encroachment that may emanate from the homes and related infrastructure. Thank you for consideration of these points. I love the Texas Hill Country, as have many who have gone before me (notably President Lyndon B Johnson, who lived on and revered the Pedernales River) and as our families will continue to do so as the generations unfold. Please protect our vital natural resources. Thanks again for your consideration. Bruce Weinheimer Austin, Texas

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: DAVID G. WEINHEIMER

Mailing Address: 7290 E. U.S. Hwy. 290

Physical Address (if different): Same

City/State: FREDERICKSBURG, TX Zip: 78624

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Email: dgw@beecreek.net

Phone Number: (832) 889-5746

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I AM ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ALLOWING
ANY KIND OF EFFLUENT - TREATED OR NOT -
PUT INTO THE PEDERNALES OR ITS TRIBUTARIES!
Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: KAREN WEINHEIMER

Mailing Address: 7290 E. U.S. Hwy. 290

Physical Address (if different): same

City/State: FREDERICKSBURG, TX. Zip: 78624

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Email: kwein49@gmail.com

Phone Number: (830) 889-5745

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I am adamantly opposed to allowing any kind of effluent - treated or not - into the Pedernales river or its tributaries!

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Name: AIAN + RHONDA WILCOX

Mailing Address: PO Box 341 Stonewall TX 78671

Physical Address (if different): 11382 Hwy 290 E

City/State: Fredericksburg TX Zip: 78624

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Email: FBG@Moment.NEWS

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Subject TCEQ Confirmation: Your public comment on Permit Number WQ0016363001 was received.

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Date Today at 5:02 PM

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PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Alan G Wilcox

EMAIL: fbg@moment.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 341
STONEWALL TX 78671-0341

PHONE: 8326238352

FAX:

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COMMENTS: Our concern on this waste water permit is that they want to release the treated water into a dry creek or un-named tributary. This tributary takes it directly off the applicant property and on to our homestead property 11382 Hwy 290 E. Fredericksburg Tx 78624. The tributary runs completely north across the middle of our property and then turns west onto neighbors property and then turns north again towards the Pedernales river. This DRY CREEK or seasonal tributary has no natural running water and therefore would make our property the applicant property's field line. It would come on to our property and NOT flow all the way to the Pedernales River. It would leach into our ground. It would come with a close proximity of our water well. There are natural outcroppings of rock in the dry creek that are in fact part of the recharge for the aquifer that feeds our well. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE THIS DEVELOPMENT'S SEPTIC FIELD Thank You Alan and Rhonda Wilcox

Based on TCEQ rule Section 1.10(h), the TCEQ General Counsel has waived the filing

requirements of Section 1.10(c) to allow the filing of comments, requests, or withdrawals using this online system. The General Counsel also has waived the requirements of Section 1.10(e) so that the time of filing your electronic comments or requests is the time this online system receives your comments or requests. Comments or requests are considered timely if received by 5:00 p.m. CST on the due date.

Jennifer Cox

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Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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NAME: Alan G Wilcox

EMAIL: fbg@moment.net

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ADDRESS: PO BOX 341
STONEWALL TX 78671-0341

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Kay Wischkaemper

Mailing Address: 215 Rusty Spur Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Fredericksburg TX Zip: 78624


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Email: kwischka.work@gmail.com

Phone Number: (404) 286 9169

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PRINCIPAL NAME: THE VILLAGE AT GRAPE CREEK LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Angie Wright

EMAIL: angie@airisele.com

COMPANY: Airis'Ele Vineyards

ADDRESS: 11290 E US HIGHWAY 290
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624-5760

PHONE: 8303041800

FAX:

COMMENTS: Date: June 13, 2024 Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 Subject: Application of the Village at Grape Creek LLC for TPDES Permit No. WQ0016363001 I am Angela Wright, and I am writing to you in regard to Permit No. WQ 16363001. I was born and raised in the Texas Hill Country. I raised my family in the Texas Hill Country and will die in the Texas Hill Country if I have my way. I have had the privilege of being part of a family whose roots are 4 generations deep in the Texas Hill Country. My great-grandfather and grandfather relied on the land and its resources to raise their families. I have had the fortune to raise my family on the same land I roamed and played on when I was young. I am strongly opposed to the issuance of this TPDES permit. The resources this land provides are unique and precious and have become even more precious as climate changes and growth requires more of and from the land. I understand that change is inevitable but as change takes place it is our responsibility as citizens and workers in the area to protect the very things that the land and resources provide. I work at a business that is located along Beckman Branch and is just across the highway from The Village at Grape Creek development. The property is home to wildlife (whitetail deer, axis deer, fox, squirrels, and turkey, etc.) that feed, water, and bed, especially along the draw. It is also a family friendly business. It is not uncommon for children and families to explore the grove and Beckman Branch. What effect will this development's wastewater plans have on this habit? What effect will the wastewater potentially have on Beckman Branch and eventually the Pedernales River? Is there a potential for guests visiting the area to be exposed to contaminated water? I have witnessed what a heavy rain can do at this property. I have seen a "dry creek bed" become a "flowing creek", sometimes raging, that rises onto the lawn area of this business. As a landowner, I know firsthand the concerns of protecting a water well that both humans and animals rely on. All surface water seepage and runoff have the potential to affect the quality of our ground water. It seems many in this area are fortunate to have strong wells with good quality water. What potential effects will this development's wastewater plan have on these wells? I am concerned about the oversight of the development's wastewater process and discharge. I would hope that measures would be put in place to prevent negative things from happening rather than trying to remedy a negative situation. I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of the concerns expressed. Angie Wright

Jennifer Cox

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CN NUMBER: CN606157683

NAME: Mark Zuzanek

EMAIL: markzuzanek@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 718 RIVER RANCH CIR
MARTINDALE TX 78655-3986

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COMMENTS: My name is Mark Zuzanek and I have been enjoying recreation downstream of this development on the Pedernales River for many years. Eventually the phosphorus in the wastewater and its continuous accumulation in both the stream and the river will jump start algae growth unless the concentration is kept extremely low. What is being done to ensure that wastewater from this development doesn't add to the emerging problem of algae growth in the Pedernales River? Thank you.

"My name is Jane Doe and I and my family have been fishing in the Pedernales River, just downstream from where this development is being built, for 3 generations. How will we know if the algae created by the phosphorus in the wastewater is hurting the fish population? Thank you."