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COMMENTS: I want to oppose this project due to decrease of my property value

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COMMENTS: As a property owner very near to this proposed site i formally object to this project being approved. There is no need to discharge this water in to the river near us that has minimal flow at best. You need to direct the waste products in to the main sewer system in to Georgetown. A treatment plant of this size will also come with unpleasant smells that no one in the surround homes want. Please to not approve this project.

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COMMENTS: -As residents in OSG, there is concern about the water impact at the low water crossing in the hiking trails. - the biological systems in the creek/river - overgrowth of algae and nitrogen in the water - nuisance of the smells, etc. - karst sensitive recharge zone for our aquifer - flooding - with 360,000 gallons per day this will possibly expand the floodplain and have effects on the downstream San Gabriel river. - aesthetics of the facility (the treatment plant will be in view from several homes) - property values - The proposed outflow to the South Fork San Gabriel, includes a pipeline that obstructs a deeded easement and emergency services access to 4820 W State Highway 29, 78628, which is troubling. Any obstruction to deeded easements and emergency services access could have far-reaching implications for public safety and property rights. We have safety concerns.

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Kimberly Muth

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Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 4:40 PM
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COMMENTS: As a resident of the Oaks of San Gabriel I am concerned about the impact to the water that runs through our neighborhood. This project will affect the water quality. We don't want this waterway to have the same already issue that Liberty Hill has with the San Gabriel. This will have a negative impact to our neighborhood and property value.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 4:06 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016355002
Attachments: Craig Shugert request for a public hearing on TCEQ-TPDES Application WQ0016355002.docx

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COMMENTS: Re: Public Comment on TPDES/TCEQ Application WQ0016355002 Dear Executive Director, I am writing to express my concerns regarding Application number WQ0016355002 submitted by Riverside Utilities LLC and Vista Townhomes Austin LLC. My wife and I own a house that is located closest to the proposed location of this Waste Treatment facility (directly adjacent, per the drawing our property is at 156' but edges of actual facility are well within 150'). We are located at 10801 Vista Heights Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628. After reviewing the application, I have identified the following concerns that must be addressed. 1. Concerns with Inadequate Soil Coverage: The proposed area for water treatment and spraying of treated water is on top of high concentrations of bedrock with little soil. On-site core soils testing is necessary to determine the actual soil characteristics and what would be needed to mitigate runoff with the proposed irrigation plan. These poor conditions could lead to phosphates running off and contaminating the already fragile Edwards Aquifer, exacerbating the current issues such as algae blooms in the Middle Fork and South Fork San Gabriel Rivers. 2. Inconsistencies in the two applications submitted: It has been brought to my attention that there are notable discrepancies between the original permit request (WQ0016355001) and the revised plan (WQ0016355002). The reduction of 29 hookups should not account for such a significant decrease in water outflow from 360,000 gallons per day to 24,000 gallons per day. This inconsistency needs clarification and certification to ensure accurate assessment and planning. 3. Proximity to Protected Environmental Areas: The proposed development is in close proximity to critical environmental areas. Furthermore, the irrigation of effluent raises concerns about potential environmental impacts on cave systems in the vicinity, all of which must be thoroughly evaluated. 4. Pollution of Edwards Aquifer: Storm runoff from nonporous roads, buildings, and parking lots in addition to the irrigation of 6.5 acres with effluent wastewater (6 hours per day, 7 days per week) could lead to contamination of the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. A comprehensive hydrological study is needed to assess the potential for phosphate and other chemical runoff, and its impact on water quality. 5. Lack of Contingency Plans: There is no mention of contingency plans in case of power loss to irrigation pumps or failure of the effluent holding pond. This raises concerns about the possibility of overflow into the Edwards Aquifer, highlighting the need for robust contingency measures. The proposed site of the WWTF, Effluent Holding Pond and Irrigation area sit in the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone, and 600 feet from the Middle Fork San Gabriel River, both are critical resources of water for Central Texas. 6. Air Quality Concerns: The addition of an Effluent Holding Pond and the Effluent irrigations of 6.5 acres (6 hours per day, 7 days per week, 24k gallons) raises concerns for the surrounding neighborhood of air quality. The negative effects of emissions originated from the proposed WWTF to atmosphere must be researched and disclosed. More importantly pollutant emissions from wastewaters, volatile organic compounds, and other inorganic pollutants (heavy metals) which cause reactions in the atmosphere need to be identified and eliminated. Finally, I am requesting a Public Meeting to discuss concerns raised and provide community input on this application. The Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) representatives must complete a comprehensive study and provide feedback to the public regarding our concerns. These concerns must be addressed to protect our wellbeing and environment, prior to any decision to move forward. Respectfully, Craig Shugert

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April 17, 2024

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COMMENTS: Residents in the Oaks at San Gabriel area are worried about the impact on water levels at the low water crossing along the hiking trails with this proposed overflow. The delicate biological systems in the creek will be affected by an overgrowth of algae and nitrogen, leading to unpleasant smells and other nuisances. This area is a sensitive recharge zone for our aquifer, and the potential flooding from 360,000 gallons per day could expand the floodplain and harm the downstream San Gabriel river. Additionally, the aesthetics of the treatment plant, which will be visible from several homes, could lower property values. Moreover, the proposed outflow to the South Fork San Gabriel involves a pipeline that blocks a deeded easement and emergency services access, posing safety concerns and threatening property rights.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COMMENTS: As residents in OSG, there is concern about the water impact at the low water crossing in the hiking trails. - the biological systems in the creek/river - overgrowth of algae and nitrogen in the water - nuisance of the smells, etc. - karst sensitive recharge zone for our aquifer - flooding - with 360,000 gallons per day this will possibly expand the floodplain and have effects on the downstream San Gabriel river. - aesthetics of the facility (the treatment plant will be in view from several homes) - property values - The proposed outflow to the South Fork San Gabriel, includes a pipeline that obstructs a deeded easement and emergency services access to 4820 W State Highway 29, 78628, which is troubling. Any obstruction to deeded easements and emergency services access could have far-reaching implications for public safety and property rights. We have safety concerns.