

Tammy Johnson

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REGULATED ENTY NAME MUSTANG SPRINGS WWTF

RN NUMBER: RN111677324

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016524001

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COUNTY: BELL

PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

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COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1202 E Creekview Dr
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PHONE: 5125501575

FAX:

COMMENTS: - We are concerned about the discharge affecting the wells that draw from the Edward's Aquifer - We are concerned about potential contamination of the source our water due to potential impact of our well. - We are concerned about the effect of the wastewater run off to the creek that runs through our property. - We are concerned about the fact that the permit requestor is not being required to install emergency backup generators and the potential overflow of contaminated wastewater in the

event of a loss of power. - We would like to see Mustang Springs utilize a land application to keep all effluent discharge on the Mustang Springs property.

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PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: MRS Lynda Bean

EMAIL: lyndabeanrdh@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1476 Long Meadow
Salado, TX 76571

PHONE: 2546814623

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am registering my opposition to the potential granting of Permit #WQ0016524001 for a Wastewater Treatment Facility in the Mustang Springs Development. I own a home that is dependent upon well water from the Edwards Aquifer and when the inevitable happens, raw sewage will contaminate my only supply of clean drinking water. Please protect the aquifer by denying this application.

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Richard Bean

EMAIL: richard.g.bean@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1476 Long Meadow
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PHONE: 2542894870

FAX:

COMMENTS: I own property and have a home that depends on an Edwards Aquifer well as its only supply of clean water. I would like to express our concerns about the permit application for a Wastewater Treatment Facility (WQ0016524001) located near Salado on FM2843. We are concerned about the discharge affecting the Edwards Aquifer and wells that draw from the Edwards Aquifer. Discharge will be sent into Mustang Creek which flows into Salado Creek, a recharge zone where faults and fractures allow

surface water to flow into the groundwater putting wells at risk. Mustang Creek is federally registered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Critical Habitat for the endangered Salado Salamander, an animal found only in the spring fed waters of a few creeks. (Salado Salamander Monitoring Final Report 2020) 3) The Department of Fish and Wildlife regularly monitors Mustang Creek and its springs located on our property. They have found snails that have only been found in our springs. 4) Mustang Creek flows through over 30 properties in Hidden Springs, which is located less than 2 miles from the Mustang Springs Development. This creek is used by residents for contact recreation. Being spring fed, it is clear, clean and aesthetically pleasing. We are concerned that adding almost 1,000,000 gallons of effluent/day will result in a smelly, algae-filled creek that no one will enjoy being around 5) We would like to see Mustang Springs Development utilize a land application to keep all effluent discharge on the Mustang Springs property. 6) IF this permit is granted, we would like to see the 5-5-2-1 maximum limits (or better) for treated discharge. This will help protect all downstream animals and humans who interact with Mustang Springs.

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PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: MR Danny Burnett

EMAIL: bsquare@dwyerrealty.com

COMPANY:

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PHONE: 5124228107

FAX:

COMMENTS: MY FAMILY AND OUR NEIGHBORS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED PERMIT REQUEST, ITS IMPACT TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY, OUR COLLECTIVE DRINKING WATER, AND THE SEEN AND UNSEEN IMPACTS THAT ARE ALMOST A GUARANTEE TO THE EDWARDS AQUIFER, TRINITY AQUIFER, BUTTERMILK CREEK, SALADO CREEK AND THE SURROUNDING CREEKS, SPRINGS, AND KARST FEATURES OF THE AREA. THESE IMPACTS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. I UNDERSTAND

THAT THE ROUTING OF THE PROPOSED DISCHARGE HAS BEEN CHANGED SINCE THE ORIGINATING PERMIT. THIS NOW MORE DIRECTLY IMPACTS MY FAMILY AND MY PROPERTY AS WE HAVE DIRECT FRONTAGE TO/ALONG MUSTANG CREEK. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THERE ARE METHODOLOGIES THAT IMPART A HIGHER STANDARD OF TREATMENT AND DISCHARGE AND IN THIS CASE, AS IT APPLIES WITHIN THE SPRINGSHED BOUNDARY FOR SALADO CREEK THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A SUPREMELY HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE IN THEIR DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, AND OPERATIONS. IF THIS IS UNTENABLE, THEN I WOULD REQUEST THAT THE PERMIT APPLICATION BE DENIED. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE ON STAFF AT THE TCEQ FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR GREAT STATE OF TEXAS. RESPECTFULLY, DANNY BURNETT

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PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Ashley Byrd

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COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1409 Trails End
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PHONE: 5128458474

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am appalled to learn that the Mustang Springs Pollutant Discharge Elimination System proposal has made it this far in the approval process. This treatment facility will do nothing but contaminate our aquifers let alone destroy Salado Creek. If this gets passed through, not only will it destroy the drinking water of those like me that rely on our water wells but it will also destroy the beauty and quality of Salado. The filth that will flow will contaminate our entire town. I beg of you to put a stop to this atrocity. Mustang Springs can function prosperously with personal septic systems and a shared well water system. To destroy our wildlife and quality of living would be criminal. I pray you do what is right and just for our precious town.

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Gary Lee Cantrell

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COMPANY: Cantrell

ADDRESS: 2196 Mission Trail
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PHONE: 7274122781

FAX:

COMMENTS: these are a couple additional questions concerning the Mustang Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant proposal: 1) The CUWCD states that Mustang Springs will discharge effluent that is consistent with 30 TAC 213.6(c)(1) but there is no discussion concerning water quality monitoring nor was this presented as a firm commitment by the requestors. IS THIS A FIRM COMMITMENT? Who and How will water quality monitoring be conducted. 2) What enforcement options are available to insure compliance to the application commitments? 3) Has the TCEQ reviewed other possible discharge points on the Mustang properties that would further reduce the risk to the Edwards Aquifer and or further reduce the risks when "accidents" or disasters occur?

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 1:15 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016524001
Attachments: Questions concerning wastewater permit hearing on WQ0016524001.pdf

From: gary_cantrell@outlook.com <gary_cantrell@outlook.com>
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CN NUMBER: CN600749410,CN606112068

NAME: Gary Lee Cantrell

EMAIL: gary_cantrell@outlook.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2196 MISSION TRL
SALADO TX 76571-6088

PHONE: 7274122781

FAX:

COMMENTS: Questions concerning wastewater permit hearing on WQ0016524001 1) If I understand the proposed treatment facility correctly, it proposes to release up to 1,312,000 gallons per day of effluent into the Buttermilk, Mustang and Salado creeks which will affect these aquifers and the Community use of the popular Salado Creek for swimming etc. What is the forecasted effluent seepage into the Edwards and Middle Trinity aquifers ? 2) What is the forecasted impact on the Edwards and Middle Trinity drinking

water quality? 3) What is the effluent impact on the Salado Creek swimming area (popular spot next to Main Street) where families play in the water? 4) Floods and Accidents happen (even in low risk zones) so what is the “disaster recovery plan/procedures” in the event of malfunction, human error or accidental sewage spillage? 5) What are the planned / required maintenance, monitoring and reporting requirements for the operation of the treatment facility? 6) Who is accountable and holds the legal and financial liability in the event of a significant issue? The developer has also sought a \$65M bond facility (PID??), given the developer will leave development who owns any residual liabilities? 7) This developer has demonstrated a propensity to ignore standard operating practices (meaning they proceed with activities without approval then ask for “forgiveness” after the fact (as highlighted in the CUWCD memo dated 5/12/2023). What safeguards or oversight procedures are being implemented to insure they comply with the commitments and approvals (if granted)?

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TCEQ Registration Form

February 3, 2025

MUSTANG SPRINGS UTILITY LLC PROPOSED WATER QUALITY PERMIT WQ0016524001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: John B. Cook

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Phone Number: (254) 718-1737

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

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: William T Grace

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COMPANY:

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PHONE: 2547185084

FAX:

COMMENTS: We request a copy of the Preliminary Design Report for the WWTP design that lays out the type and size of the facility, and the related phases planned. We request a formal site layout of the proposed plant and its relationship to our property. We further request a copy of the draft TCEQ permit for this facility. This proposed WWTP borders our property and main entrance, and it may have stream quality impact through our property. As we understand it, 1,000,000 gallons of discharge, which is the

projected discharge for this facility, is equivalent to the discharge output of approximately 100,000 people. This is an excessively large amount of discharge planned for what has been marketed as serving 600 homes. The projected discharge of effluent is planned to be at a basin that runs dry 3 months out of the year. The rest of the year, it flows directly into our livestock ponds and then flows into Salado Creek. This leads to two concerns: a. amount of discharge into creeks and b. quality of water discharged into our basin, livestock ponds, and creeks. We have been told that the WWTP will be enclosed, we obviously do not want to see, smell nor hear the facility. We want assurances that the WWTP is enclosed. We further want a clear understanding of the plan for disposal locations and treatment, storage, and a handling of the disposal of the waste solids and effluent disposal areas. Will there be back-up power required by TCEQ for this permit? Will Mustang Springs Utility LLC, be a current registered utility provider permit holder? And if so, what other facilities do they currently hold and maintain? In conclusion, we are concerned about the longevity of this facility, how it will affect our property, our legacy and our investment. We are stewards of this land and water resources. We are not only protecting our legacy, but the legacy of our home town. Bill and Tere Grace Mustang Creek Ranch, LLC

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MUSTANG SPRINGS UTILITY LLC PROPOSED WATER QUALITY PERMIT WQ0016524001

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Name: Whitney Ingram

Mailing Address: 700 Kennedy Court

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Belton, TX Zip: 76513

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If yes, which one? Clearwater VWCD

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Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District

P.O. Box 1989, Belton, Texas 76513

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February 3, 2025

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AT PUBLIC MEETING

TCEQ Representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment regarding the Mustang Springs Discharge Permit. My name is Whitney Ingram, Assistant General Manager for Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District. We are very pleased with the leadership of Representative Brad Buckley and his staff who called this public meeting, allowing local citizens to be engaged in the review of this permit.

I want to begin by saying that our District aligns with the enhanced changes made in this permit, as compared to the first permit request submitted by Mustang Springs. These modifications reflect a necessary and responsible approach to safeguarding our groundwater resource in the Edwards BFZ Aquifer which extends from the Belton along IH35 to Uvalde Texas.

Given this precedent, we strongly recommend that TCEQ adopt the same requirements and conditions for all future discharge permits over the outcrop of the Edwards BFZ Aquifer and the spring shed of Salado Creek which lies in Bell County and our jurisdiction. The TCEQ Edwards Aquifer Protection Plan does not cover the full extent of the Edwards boundaries into Bell County which causes concerns from our District. It is critical that we protect the underlying ground water of Bell County with the same level of scrutiny and regulation that TCEQ applies south into Williamson County. There is no reason for a regulatory gap to exist simply due to jurisdictional boundaries. TCEQ has the authority to take action without requiring legislative changes by ensuring that all future discharge permits in Bell County are held to the same standards.

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District is the only scientific-based regulatory agency in Bell County. However, we have no authority over discharge permits. Despite this, we consistently intercede and advocate on behalf of groundwater users, a process that places a significant financial burden on local taxpayers. Establishing clear guidelines that align with what is now being implemented in this permit would provide consistency, reduce unnecessary costs, and ensure stronger protection for our shared water resources.

In closing, I encourage TCEQ to make this approach the standard practice when reviewing similar applications. Doing so would create a fair, protective, and scientifically sound regulatory process that benefits both the environment and the communities that rely on these vital water sources.

We gratefully embrace this process for public comment, called for by our state representative. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Whitney Ingram
Assistant General Manager

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and underground water conservation district created and operating under and by virtue of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution; Texas Water Code Chapter 36; the District's enabling act, Act of May 27, 1989, 71st Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 524 (House Bill 3172), as amended by Act of April 25, 2001, 77th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 22 (Senate Bill 404), Act of May 7, 2009, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 64 (Senate Bill 1755), and Act of May 27, 2015, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 1196, Section 2 (Senate Bill 1336)(omnibus districts bill); and the applicable general laws of the State of Texas; and confirmed by voters of Bell County on August 21, 1999.

Wastewater (and other) Rules for the Edwards Aquifer

- Edwards Aquifer south of Bell County
 - 30 TAC 213.6(a)(1) - New industrial and municipal wastewater discharges into or adjacent to water in the state that would create additional pollutant loading are prohibited on the recharge zone.
 - 30 TAC 213.6(c) - Discharge upstream from the recharge zone.
 - (1)(A) five milligrams per liter of carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand, based on a 30-day average;
 - (1)(B) five milligrams per liter of total suspended solids, based on a 30-day average;
 - (1)(C) two milligrams per liter of ammonia nitrogen, based on a 30-day average; and
 - (1)(D) one milligram per liter of phosphorus, based on a 30-day average.
- Recent draft permit in Bell County
 - 5 mg/L CBOD
 - 5 mg/L TSS
 - 2 mg/L NH₃-N
 - 0.15 mg/L TP
 - 6 mg/L TN
 - 126 CFU or MPN of *E. coli* per 100 ml
 - 4.0 mg/L minimum DO
- <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/eapp/material.html>
 - TCEQ-0585 Geologic Assessment
 - TCEQ-0584 Water Pollution Abatement Plan Application
 - TCEQ-0582 Sewage Collection System Application
- RG-348 - Complying with the Edwards Aquifer Rules: Technical Guidance on Best Management Practices
 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-348>
 - BMPs for construction and stormwater

Jennifer Cox

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410,CN606112068

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COMMENTS: Dear TCEQ, I have completed my own review of the Application made by Jaffe Interests and Mustang Springs but have not yet had time to write, type and mail to you or transmit some very important objections that I have and which my neighbors have (which they will send separately to you.) As in their previous Application WQ0016294001 (although they changed their name), I have uncovered several very great inconsistencies in their application, both the written portion and in the mapping portions—and

more. Would you please allow adequate time for me to gather these inconsistencies and write/type them in the form of my initial protest? Other adjoining neighbors also request that you please allow adequate time before your deadline (such date I have still not found). I did see your email to them about one of their inconsistencies but these have not been corrected. I was reading from Salado Library's copy. I assume their copy is up to date—if not please send them the most current copy of their application so I and the community may be properly informed. We need time to research several points looking for actual truth, then time to type up our protests and get them to you. Please allow time for this. If you have already set a deadline for public protest, we are not aware of that date. Please inform us on this. Of course we would welcome a statement from you that no date has been set yet. As you know, after Texas Representative Brad Buckley had a sort of town meeting in Salado last year, crowds overflowed the old highschool meeting place and resulted in some kind of a stay on WQ0016294001—either it was withdrawn by the developer or TCEQ declined to approve such—I don't know which. This supposedly is a new application under a different name which we revealed to TCEQ as being the same developer—just by another name. I think they have now put it back under the name of Mustang Springs—not Jaffe Interests. Texas Representative Brad Buckley has not called another town meeting for this newest Application because very few people know the details—not having access to a copy of the Application. We will continue to direct others to the Salado Library to view a copy, write and type their protests. We must know how much time you are giving us to protest. Thank you.

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Debra Ann Lively

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FAX:

COMMENTS: The discharge from this proposed facility potentially affects our air quality as well as our drinking water due to the daily discharge flow path and volume (over 1,000,000 gallons/day). This volume of water usage could potentially affect my well, as we already had to have the pump lowered due to drought.

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016524001

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 5:27 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016524001

REGULATED ENTY NAME MUSTANG SPRINGS WWTF

RN NUMBER: RN111677324

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016524001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BELL

PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Andrew Marshall

EMAIL: amarshall1213@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3939 Altamont Ave
Oakland, CA 94605

PHONE: 5106935414

FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Andrew Marshall and I own lots at 1218 and 1234 E Creekview dr. in the Hidden Springs neighborhood. After learning about this proposed sewer plant, there are significant safety concerns. I am concerned about the potential for the spread of disease. The proposed sewer plant discharge would run directly through both properties, altering them from my intended use and the devaluing my properties. I am aware of federally protected species within the natural springs that are recognized by the Fish and Wildlife services. These areas are animals critical habitat, which must remain protected. As my properties are directly affected by the effluent pollutants/discharge, I demand to be considered an affected party in this matter.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 4:22 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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CN NUMBER: CN600749410,CN606112068

NAME: Jeanne McCrea

EMAIL: jamccrea@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1173 HIDDEN SPRINGS DR
SALADO TX 76571-6505

PHONE: 2146080098

FAX:

COMMENTS: Salado is home to several aquifers that could easily become contaminated from having a sewage treatment plant in close proximity or having any type of overspill into the earth around it. This not only can contaminate the water, but also the wildlife that depend on water from the aquifers and springs in the area. Why wasn't this environmentally reviewed for approval? Who is being paid off here? This action needs to be reviewed and fined for violation. Vet companies and individuals promising growth and development in the area - they only care about their wallets and not about the local environment or the existing population in the area who could be impacted.

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From: lmfm729@gmail.com <lmfm729@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2025 6:38 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Larry Michelos

EMAIL: lmfm729@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3809 S General Bruce Drive #103-31q
Temple, TX 76502

PHONE: 2545351826

FAX:

COMMENTS: Applicant does not have a State of Texas Utility License, nor do they have a source of water commitment. Design Build consultants says backup generators required. The backup generator design and build should be done by the design consultant not by the operator. The Draft Permit raises numerous questions about the lack of attention to the details. Why is the applicant given multiple options (get out of jail free card) in lieu of the backup general spec's but the designer? This is adeaster waiting to happen.

You should know the reliable of power in this area.....not good! A failure without backup power threatens the Edwards Aquifer, Salado Salamander, and down stream impoundments. At a bare minimum if a permit is issued there should be prerequisite conditions of the water availability commitment, Utility License secured, backup generators design and installation by the D/B consultant, US Fish and Wildlife has reviewed and signed off.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:52 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016524001

From: Moreno.o@sbcglobal.net <Moreno.o@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 9:11 AM
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NAME: Oscar Moreno

EMAIL: Moreno.o@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1372 LONG MDW
SALADO TX 76571-6000

PHONE: 5123503956

FAX:

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Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016524001

From: Moreno.o@sbcglobal.net <Moreno.o@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 3:57 PM
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To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: Sherri.moreno@sbcglobal.net <Sherri.moreno@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 9:12 AM
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NAME: Sherri Moreno

EMAIL: Sherri.moreno@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1372 LONG MDW
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PHONE: 5126802347

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410,CN606112068

NAME: James Morin f

EMAIL: islandtime3721@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1320 LONG MDW
SALADO TX 76571-6000

PHONE: 5129482469

FAX:

COMMENTS: I feel that a sewer plant will cause excessive growth in the area also of major concern is the water as every house is on a water well and a large number of home owners have had to lower their pumps due to falling water levels

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TCEQ Registration Form

February 3, 2025

MUSTANG SPRINGS UTILITY LLC PROPOSED WATER QUALITY PERMIT WQ0016524001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: MAX PRINZ

Mailing Address: 1507 HIDDEN SPRINGS ~~SALADO, TX 76571~~

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: SALADO, TX Zip: 76571

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Email: maximillian.prinz@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 508-3832

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NAME: Maximillian Randolph Printz

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COMPANY:

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Phillip Stach

EMAIL: philstach@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1398 Long Mdw
Salado, TX 76571

PHONE: 2546445195

FAX:

COMMENTS: Concerns regarding permit application# WQ0016524001 for a Wastewater Treatment Facility located in Salado, TX 76571 near/on FM2843. 1). We are concerned about the discharge affecting the Edwards Aquifer and wells that draw from the Edwards Aquifer. Discharge will be sent into Mustang Creek which flows into Salado Creek, a recharge zone or faults and fractures allow surface water to flow into the ground water putting wells at risk. 2). Mustang Creek is federally registered by the US Fish and

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Salado Salamander,

downstream impoundment pounds,

downstream outdoor recreational pools

Texas Parks and Wildlife Spring monitoring activities

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No emergency overflow pond identified

Applicants not licensed by the State of Texas as utility providers who approve construction documents, oversees, and in specs construction

Draft Permit Concerns

Lack of critical issuance not addressed in conditions to be met prior to permit activation

Water availability commitment

Developer not properly licensed by the State of Texas as a utility provider

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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 3:17 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016524001

REGULATED ENTY NAME MUSTANG SPRINGS WRRF

RN NUMBER: RN111677324

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016524001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BELL

PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP,MUSTANG SPRINGS UTILITY LLC

CN NUMBER: CN600749410,CN606112068

NAME: Phillip Stsch

EMAIL: Philstach@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1398 LONG MDW
SALADO TX 76571-6000

PHONE: 2546445195

FAX:

COMMENTS: Purple pipe system not included per CUWCD. Land owner and operator/developer have differing site locations. I signed up for prior public notification on TCEQ but never receive any. Building a sewer plant NEXT to a flood plain is very poor planning and will have adverse affects on all when, not if, when a mechanical failure occurs. Recent phone calls to TCEQ giving out misinformation is frustrating and misleading.

TCEQ Registration Form

February 3, 2025

MUSTANG SPRINGS UTILITY LLC PROPOSED WATER QUALITY PERMIT WQ0016524001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Teri Stach

Mailing Address: 1398 Long MPW

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Salado, TX Zip: 76571

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

Email: teri.stach@gmail.com

Phone Number: (214) 861-9961

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

If yes, which one? _____

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Tammy Johnson

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 8:49 AM
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From: teriestach@gmail.com <teriestach@gmail.com>
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BELL

PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: Teri Stach

EMAIL: teriestach@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1398 long mdw
salado, TX 76571

PHONE: 2198619961

FAX:

COMMENTS: My deepest concerns, hopes, and questions regarding the consideration of potentially issuing this permit are as follows: * Why is this even a topic if the precious resource of water availability has NOT been established? * Why is there lack of consideration of proper backup capabilities when this system fails? * Why is there lack of concern for the potable water for EXISTING home and landowners and ranchers? * Why is there a lack of concern for the effluent that will invariably make its way into our

precious creeks, springs and streams when tis system fails due to lack of proper implementation, oversight and inspection? * Why is there a lack of consideration for EXISTING EPA and US Dept Fish and Wildlife Critical Habitat? Why is it being ignored? * Why is there a lack of concern for the utilization of vetted, licensed utility providers? * Why is there a lack of research into the history of any developer's past precedence, performance, adherence, and fines associated with our state and local laws, building codes, ordinances, processes and procedures?

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CN NUMBER: CN600749410,CN606112068

NAME: Teri Stach

EMAIL: Teriestach@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1398 LONG MDW
SALADO TX 76571-6000

PHONE: 2198619961

FAX:

COMMENTS: Lack of prior public notification from TCEQ to registered and affected homeowners and/or HOA regardless of the fact said people have signed up to be notified . Locations between land owner and developer/operator are not consistent. Sewer plant next to a flood plain is not a smart plan and could adversely affect all. Purple pipe system not included as per Clearwater recommendations.

TCEQ Registration Form

February 3, 2025

MUSTANG SPRINGS UTILITY LLC PROPOSED WATER QUALITY PERMIT WQ0016524001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Earl & Amy Stearns

Mailing Address: 1160 Pin Oak Trail Salado TX 76571

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Salado TX Zip: 76571

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Email: estearns55.es@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 750-0451 512 413-4669

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PRINCIPAL NAME: JAFFE INTERESTS LP

CN NUMBER: CN600749410

NAME: MR Maurice R Weatherholt

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Salado, TX 76571

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properties in Hidden Springs, which is located less than 2 miles from the Mustang Springs Development. This creek is used by residents for contact recreation. Being spring fed, it is clear, clean and aesthetically pleasing. We are concerned that adding almost 1,000,000 gallons of effluent/day will result in a smelly, algae-filled creek that no one will enjoy being around. We would like to see Mustang Springs Development utilize a land application to keep all effluent discharge on the Mustang Springs property. We feel without your action, the potential to impact the value of our home and property.