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RE: PERMIT NO. WQ0016533001, South Central Water Company

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I do not have the hard data. Hydrographic information is needed. I have had less than 15 days in which to obtain this information but have not had success. The applicant has the information but refuses to disclose it.

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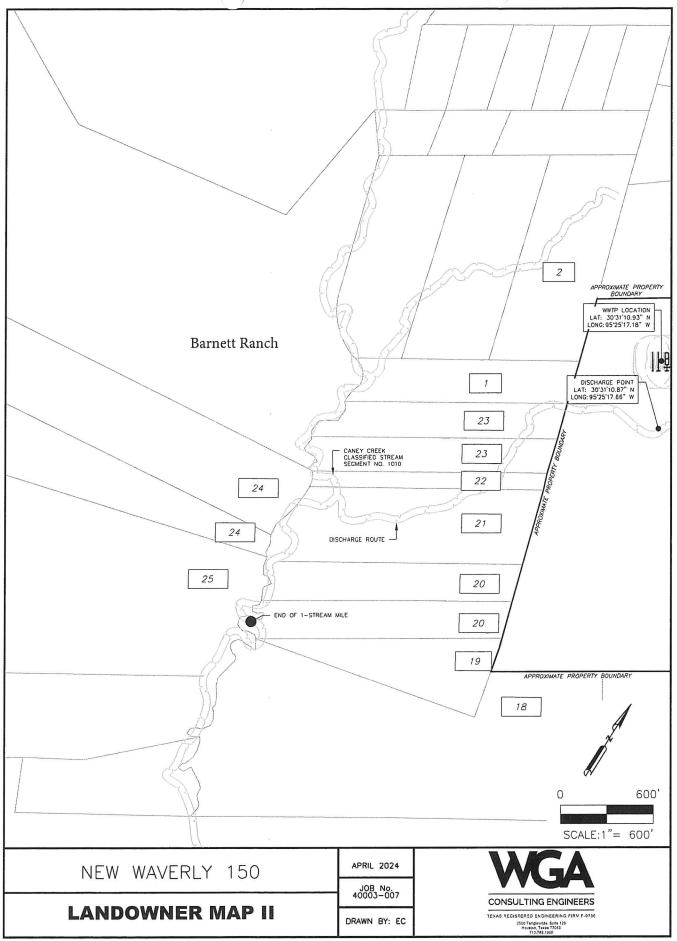
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I request a public meeting and/or contested case hearing.

Sincerely yours,

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Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:25 PM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016533001

Attachments:

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Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 10:53 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov > **Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WQ0016533001

REGULATED ENTY NAME NEW WAVERLY 150

RN NUMBER: RN111966701

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016533001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WALKER

PRINCIPAL NAME: SOUTH CENTRAL WATER COMPANY

CN NUMBER: CN602602179

NAME: Fritz Barnett

EMAIL: fbarnett@barnettlawfirm.com

COMPANY:

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COMMENTS: See the attached letter of protest, comments and request for hearing.

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