TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF HEARING City of Marble Falls SOAH Docket No. 582-24-14121 TCEQ Docket No. 2023-1593-MWD TCEQ Permit No. WQ0016234001

APPLICATION.

City of Marble Falls, 800 3rd Street, Marble Falls, Texas 78654, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new permit, TCEQ Permit No. WQ0016234001, to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 4,000,000 gallons per day via irrigation of approximately 360 acres of non-public access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 1 mile northwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1431 and U.S. Highway 281, in Burnet County, Texas 78654. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Marble Falls Lake in Segment No. 1405 of the Colorado River Basin. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-98.276944,30.602222&level=18

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Marble Falls City Hall, 800 3rd Street, Marble Falls, Texas.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing via Zoom videoconference. A Zoom meeting is a secure, free meeting held over the internet that allows video, audio, or audio/video conferencing.

10:00 a.m. - May 20, 2024

To join the Zoom meeting via computer:

https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/

Meeting ID: 160 340 2530 Password: TCQ442

or

To join the Zoom meeting via telephone: (669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 160 340 2530 Password: 448264

Visit the SOAH website for registration at: http://www.soah.texas.gov/ or call SOAH at 512-475-4993.

The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The evidentiary hearing phase of the proceeding, which will occur at a later date, will be similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will address the disputed issues of fact identified in the TCEQ order concerning this application issued on February 13, 2024. In addition to these issues, the judge may consider additional issues if certain factors are met.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 26, Texas Water Code; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155. The hearing will be held unless all timely hearing requests have been withdrawn or denied.

To request to be a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be adversely affected by the application in a way not common to members of the general public. Any person may attend the hearing and request to be a party. Only persons named as parties may participate at the hearing.

In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, "Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH."

INFORMATION.

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at (800) 687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Marble Falls at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mike Hodge, P.E., City Manager, at (830) 798-7051.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at (512) 475-4993, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: April 4, 2024

Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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