South Central Water Company TCEQ-TPDES Permit WQ0016310001 Item #12

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting June 13, 2023 Agenda Item #12 South Central Water Company, LLC Proposed Wastewater Quality Permit NO. WQ001631001

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Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, related to the TCEQ-TPDES Permit WQ0016310001 by South Central Water Company to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 700,000 gallons per day from the plant site directly to Salado Creek.

Narrative:

Clearwater UWCD has notified Representative Brad Buckley of the permit application notice and due to our concerns on May 9, 2023, has agreed to request a public hearing. CUWCD was notified by TCEQ of the application. Representative Buckley has notified TCEQ, on May 10, 2023, that he wants a public hearing on the application to be held in Salado by TCEQ and the Applicants.

We have talked to TCEQ staff who stated that the comment period is open per the following: https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/

You can search the permits using our Commissioners Integrated Database is: http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eCID/

- <u>Search One</u> will show you the status of matters pending or that have gone before the Commission for approval and associated documents.
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- Step Two: In the TCEQ ID Number box, Enter the Permit number: WO001631001
- Click Search

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) General Manager, has not requested a review of the application in its entirety by legal counsel and by our district geoscience consultant to review at this time.
- 2) Formal discussion on the timeline to offer comments and to respond to local concerns by landowners, private well owners, public water suppliers in the Salado Area.
- 3) Clearwater UWCD has had several inquiries from local citizens asking what the potential impact on recharge, water quality and threaten species at the Spring Complex and to Public Water Supply Wells.
- 4) After reviewing the application, reviewing the timeline and facts related to the application, GM and Counsel and Geoscience Consultant can prepared formal comments and recommendations by that the district and provide public comments, and participate in the public meeting by with our local legislator and that we request a contested case hearing per the attached announcement and supplemental information.

From: To: Rose Churchill Dirk Aaron

Subject:

Permit# WQ0016294001

Date:

Friday, June 9, 2023 10:00:55 AM

Attachments:

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External Email

Dirk,

Below is the link to submit a comment, be added to the mailing list or request a public meeting or hearing.

TCEQ e-Comments (texas.gov)

Enter Permit # WQ.....

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Information on the permitting process: <u>Permits for Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants:</u>
<u>Learning More - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - www.tceq.texas.gov</u>

Office of the Chief Clerk: 512-239-3300

Wastewater Permitting - Firoj Vahora: 512-239-4540

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rose Churchill

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality External Relations 512-239-6454

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TCEQ Notice

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0016310001

APPLICATION. South Central Water Company, P.O. Box 570177, Houston, Texas 77257, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016310001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0144266) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 700,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility will be located approximately 6,900 feet west of the intersection of Dos Hermanas Road and Williamson Road, in Bell County, Texas 76571. The discharge route will be from the plant site directly to Salado Creek. TCEQ received this application on March 7, 2023. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Lena Armstrong Public Library, 301 East 1st Avenue, Belton, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.62482,30.871472&level=18

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notices.

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ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a

response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide,

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