



CITY OF WIMBERLEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The City of Wimberley proposes to construct a wastewater collection system and new wastewater treatment facility to serve central Wimberley. The proposed project would decrease the reliance on private septic systems, which in many cases are deteriorating. These deteriorating systems are potentially impacting the water quality of Cypress Creek, which winds through the central business district of Wimberley.

The project is composed of the relocation and expansion of an existing 25,000 gallons per day (GPD) capacity treatment plant to 75,000 GPD capacity, the rehabilitation and upgrade of an existing lift station, the construction of three (3) new lift stations, the installation of approximately 9,000 linear feet of force main wastewater lines, the installation of approximately 13,000 linear feet of gravity sewer lines, the installation of a 500,000 gallon capacity treated effluent storage tank, a spray irrigation system and an effluent outfall structure. The new plant would be located in the northeast corner of the Blue Hole Regional Park property.

The proposed project would collect wastewater from residences and business in the portion of the City of Wimberley bounded roughly by Cypress Creek to the west, the Blanco River to the south, Blue Hole Regional Park to the north, and FM3237 to the east. Wastewater would be collected and transported by gravity lines, lift stations and force mains, to the proposed treatment facility in the northeast corner of Blue Hole Regional Park. Wastewater lines would primarily parallel existing road and utility rights of way, but private easement acquisition will also be necessary for a portion of the collection system including two (2) of the lift stations.

The treatment facility proposed is a 75,000 GPD capacity extended aeration activated sludge package plant with filtration, disinfection and chemical addition for the removal of phosphorous. Treated effluent from the plant would be discharged either by spray irrigation on 13-acres of land within Blue Hole Regional Park or to Deer Creek. Discharge to Deer Creek would only be necessary in periods of heavy rainfall when irrigation is not possible. It is anticipated that discharges to the creek will be minimal. The installation of reclaimed water lines paralleling the collection system will be evaluated in the design phase. If it is determined to be economically viable, these pipes will be included in the overall project.

The proposed project is to be funded by a Texas Water Development Board loan under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Tier III program. In accordance with regulations, any project funded by State Revolving Fund Tier III loans requires an Environmental Information Document prior to issuance of the loan. The total estimated loan amount is \$5,111,692.

The funding options available to the City of Wimberley to repay the loan include connection fees, taxes, assessments, user fees, or any combination thereof. The funding mechanism has not yet been finalized, however, estimates for the potential cost on a per Living Unit Equivalent (LUE) basis were developed. These costs range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 per LUE for one-time connection fees, \$80 to \$125 per LUE per month for user fees and anywhere from \$40 to \$140 annually in taxes or \$600 to \$2,000 annually in assessments. An increase in one funding mechanism would reduce the revenue required of another, as illustrated by the ranges in values

Federal regulations also require that a public hearing be conducted on the proposed project's Environmental Information Document. One of the purposes of this hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it.

The Public Hearing will be held
At 6:00 P.M.
Monday, May 5, 2014
City of Wimberley Community Center
14068 Ranch Road (RR) 12
Wimberley, Texas 78676

Following the presentation, comments on the proposed project will be received from the public. Representatives from the City of Wimberley will be available to answer questions related to the project. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend. Any written comments specific to the proposed project should be sent to Mr. Don Ferguson at the address below.

Copies of the Environmental Information Document and associated project documents are available for public review and copying at the following locations:

Wimberley City Hall
221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676

Wimberley Village Library
400 FM 2325
Wimberley, Texas 78676

Wimberley Community Center
14068 RR 12
Wimberley, Texas 78676

The contact for questions relating to the public hearing is:

Mr. Don Ferguson, City Administrator (512-847-0025)
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221 Stillwater
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