

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS, REQUESTING THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO CONSIDER INCLUDING A PROVISION IN THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY'S DRAFT WATERWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT RELATING TO CONDITIONS THAT MUST EXIST PRIOR TO THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT INTO THE BLANCO RIVER

WHEREAS, the City of Wimberley is proposing to relocate, upgrade and expand its existing wastewater treatment plant at the Blue Hole Regional Park to provide wastewater service to approximately 170 properties in central Wimberley, most of whom are currently served by outdated, sometimes failing, individual septic systems believed to be contributing to elevated bacteria levels in Cypress Creek; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wimberley is committed to reusing all treated effluent, when possible, from the proposed treatment plant to irrigate areas of the Blue Hole Regional Park and possibly in central Wimberley; and

WHEREAS, when reuse of wastewater effluent from the proposed treatment plant is not possible and on-site effluent storage facilities are full and/or unavailable, the treated effluent will be discharged into Deer Creek, which empties into the Blanco River; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wimberley has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the permit required to discharge up to 100,000 gallons of treated effluent from the proposed treatment plant per day; and

WHEREAS, while the City is committed to discharging treated effluent from the proposed treatment plant into the Blanco River only as a "last resort", some members of the general public are concerned the discharge permit being sought does not bind the City to this approach in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wimberley understands the concerns expressed regarding potential changes in the frequency and volume of effluent discharges in the future and desires to address those concerns.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS:

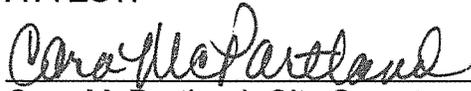
SECTION 1. That the City of Wimberley requests the TCEQ consider including the following provision in the City of Wimberley's Draft Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit No. WQ0013321001:

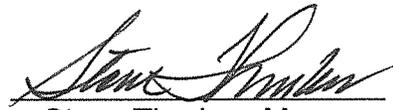
"The daily discharge shall not exceed 75,000 GPD in the interim phase and not more than 100,000 GPD in the final phase. Applicant shall only discharge treated effluent into Blanco River if:

- 1. The land to be surface irrigated is frozen or saturated and the on-site effluent storage tank is full and/or unavailable.*
- 2. When the Blanco River is flowing at an acceptable rate as determined by TCEQ."*

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS ON THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

ATTEST:


Cara McPartland, City Secretary


Steve Thurber, Mayor

