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From: Shawn Cox
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 4:09 PM
Cc: Joe Chesney; Joe Mayfield; Chad Gilpin; Charles Zech; Jennifer Ritter; Leibe, Stephanie; Coonan, Steve; Laura Calcote
Subject: TWDB Meeting - UPDATE
Attachments: Aqua Connection Option #5.pdf

Mayor & Council,

I wanted to provide an update to the meeting the City had yesterday with the TWDB. Council Members Minnick, Byrne, and I met with Dain Larsen (Team Manager, Central Region), Jesse Milonovich (Senior Engineer), Kristin Miller (Environmental Reviewer), and Alexis Lorick (Assistant General Counsel). The meeting was held to provide the TWDB an update on where we are with the various components of our contract, and to answer any questions they may have.

Meeting Recap:

Easements:

We updated the TWDB on the three (3) easements we are in the processes of negotiating. They are aware of the October 25, 2019 deadline for the return of information from the property owners and that we anticipate having them considered at our upcoming November 7 meeting. We also updated them on the new bore location and that we are taking the necessary steps to update the GLO application. Once this is complete, we will provide the updated information along with an explanation for the change to be included in the Statement of Findings, which will then be released for the thirty-day (30) review.

Kristin did not express any concerns with the proposed alignment as identified in Option #5 (attached).

Mr. Larsen stressed that we **MUST** secure the easements. If we don't, he said we will have a "**DEAD PROJECT.**" I am following up regularly with property owners and welcome reinforcement from Council.

Aqua Contract:

The requirement of the necessary easements is the key component to completing the Aqua Contract. Acquisition of the necessary easements in November should allow us to have a contract for consideration in December. We will of course have a draft the TWDB, Bond Counsel, and our Financial Advisors for review and comments prior to Council's consideration. These are the same parties that have been involved in the development of the contract since the beginning.

Construction:

Capital Excavation is preparing the Change Order for review by our engineer (Plummer) and the City. Additionally, they are putting together an updated construction schedule. We let the TWDB know our goal to have this considered at the November 7 meeting. Joe Chesney with Capital did not express any issues with this timeline, but I did let him know we could call a special meeting if needed.

With the OK from TxDOT and the necessary elevations for the lift station and wet well, Capital has provided their sub-contractor with the information needed to complete the submittals for Plummer's review. We provided the TWDB this information and that we will be sure to provided them a copy of the Council approved Change Order and schedule, as required.

In discussion of the lines north of the Creek, I discussed with the TWDB the possibility of having a separate contractor complete that installation (possible Aqua). We understand that we may not be able to use bond proceeds for this work,

but that reimbursements to the General Fund for Project Management and Construction Administration costs already incurred, with the Change In Scope may provide the needed funding.

Next Steps:

- We will let the TWDB know what we hear back from the easement property owners and our next steps. We've expressed to the TWDB that getting the necessary easements is our top priority, because without them, we have no project. **(Anticipated Completion – Week of October 28)**

- Once Council has had a chance to review and consider the Change Order from Capital Excavation, we will provide the TWDB the necessary information. **(Anticipated Completion – November 8)**

- Once the bore survey is complete and the GLO application is updated, we will provide an update for the Statement of Findings. **(Anticipated Completion – Mid November)**

- Before Council considers a contract with Aqua Texas, we will provide a draft for all necessary parties to review. **(Anticipated Completion – Prior to Consideration at December 5 Meeting)**

If any Member of Council does talk to any property owners regarding easements, or the Contractors, I ask that I please be kept in the loop. That way we are all on the same page.

Sincerely,
Shawn

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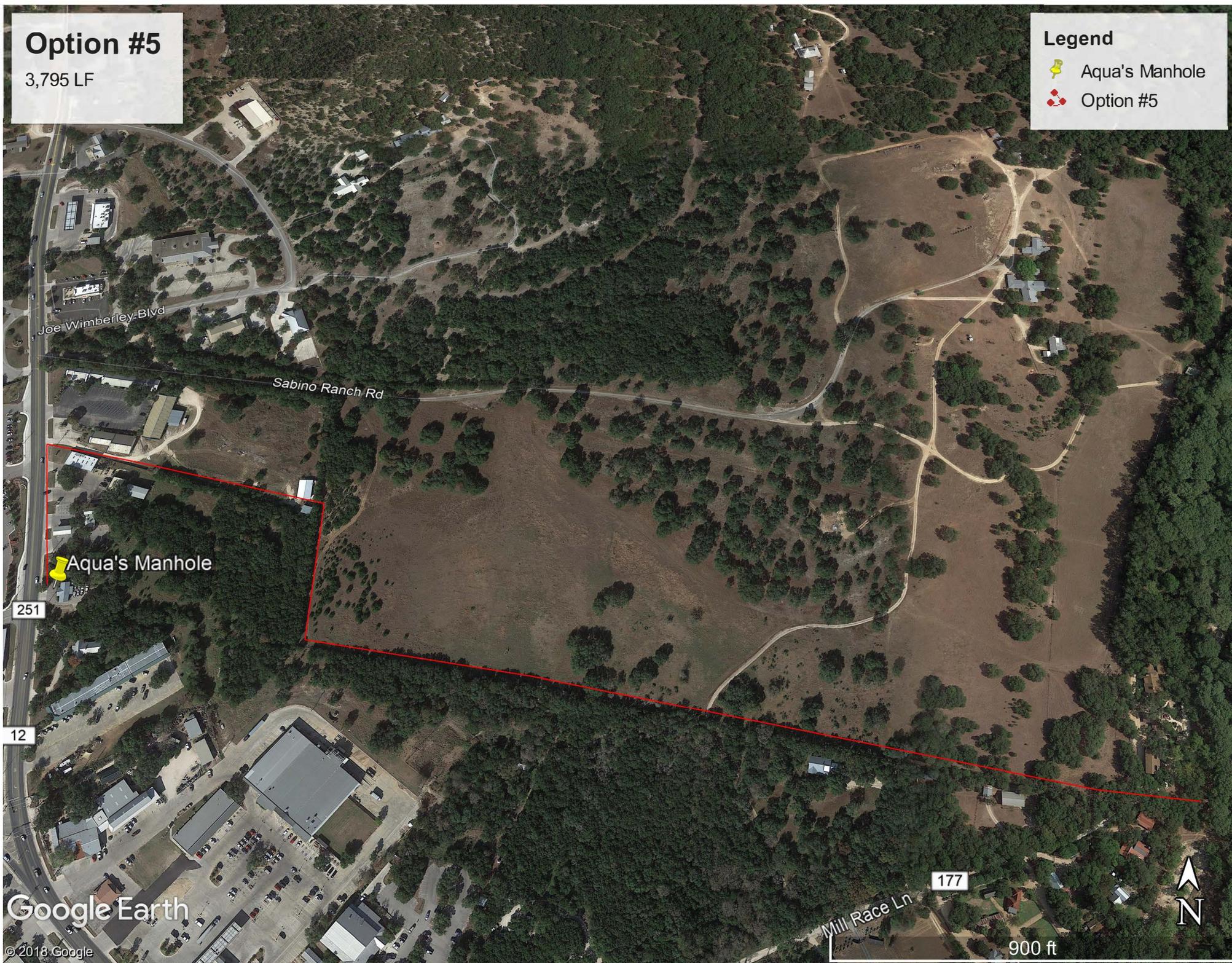
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Option #5

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Legend

-  Aqua's Manhole
-  Option #5



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