

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE TCEQ PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0016171001 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ON THE GUAJOLOTE RANCH TRACT DUE TO THE DISCHARGE ROUTE FROM THE PLANT SITE VIA PIPE TO HELOTES CREEK WHICH RUNS THROUGH THE ENTIRE CITY OF GREY FOREST AND THE NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, DISRUPTION TO THE NATURAL CREEK SYSTEMS, AND COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES THEREOF; AND OPPOSITION TO TCEQ'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PERMIT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grey Forest recently passed a Resolution No. 2021-17R to confirm its opposition to the development of the Guajolote Ranch Tract Project including opposition to the infrastructure sewer options for multiple new lift stations, oversized gravity sewer main and on-site wastewater treatment plant, opposition to the extension and development of the sewer CCN at the proposed location of and to the Project and any location along creeks due to the negative environmental impacts, disruption to the natural creek systems, and collateral consequences; and its opposition to the San Antonio Water System Board approval thereof.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grey Forest is a Stakeholder in the Project as the propped permit will directly affect the City of Grey Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grey Forest is located in the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, contains Karst Zones 1, 2 and 3, and portions of Critical Habitat Unit 5 and Critical Habitat Unit 6, which contains 9 endangered species; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grey Forest maintains approximately 28 acres of greens spaces, trails, Lee Creek, which is a natural spring fed creek, and the Helotes Creek riparian area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Antonio has acknowledged the environmental sensitivity of this area, because of its multiple caves and sinkholes feeding directly into the Edwards Aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, there are four Conservation Easements on Scenic Loop Rd, purchased by the Edwards Aquifer Protection Plan with taxpayers dollars, specifically to protect San Antonio's drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grey Forest developed and maintains the Senator Frank L. Madla, Jr. Natural Area, which is one of the Conservation Easements located along Scenic Loop Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Research Institute's 2020 study of the Helotes Creek concluded that ANY type of wastewater treatment installed in Helotes Creek watershed will lead to degradation of the water recharging the Edwards Aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, the discharge of treated wastewater in the proposed location would result in permanent impacts to the creeks, springs, trees, historic and archaeological sites, trails, and wildlife (including endangered species) forever changing the City of Grey Forest's way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grey Forest is concerned that inevitable failure of the facility could cause severe and lasting effects on the City's numerous natural and cultural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grey Forest relies on its own premium-rated water wells and numerous residents along the corridor rely on their own private wells. The potential threat of contamination to the Recharge, the City's water supply, and those of our neighbors is alarming and could cause significant effects to residents' water supply.; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of contamination could be catastrophic upon the residents of the City of Grey Forest as the costs for reparation would be ultimately born by the taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the creeks involved are subject to regular, massive flooding and the dispersion downstream of one (1) million gallons of effluent per day has the potential to contaminate San Antonio's drinking water which affects the City of Grey Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the inevitable sanitary sewer overflow and discharge into Helotes Creek would be catastrophic to the environment and the City of Grey Forest community; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS:**

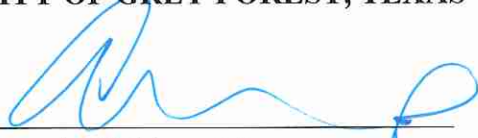
**SECTION 1.** That the City of Grey Forest, Texas confirms by this Resolution, its opposition to the TCEQ proposed permit No. WQ0016171001 for the wastewater treatment facility on the Guajolote Ranch Tract due to the discharge route from the plant site via pipe to Helotes Creek which runs through the entire City of Grey Forest and the negative environmental impacts, disruption to the natural creek systems, and collateral consequences thereof; and opposition to TCEQ's approval of the proposed permit.

**SECTION 2.** That the findings set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby in all things approved and adopted.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall be submitted to any regulating authority with jurisdiction to consider the City of Grey Forest's opposition to proposed permit No. WQ0016171001 related to the development of the Guajolote Ranch Tract Project including the extension and development of the proposed wastewater treatment facility at the proposed location of and to the Project.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED**, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 at a regular meeting of the City of Grey Forest, Texas, which was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Gov't Code §551.001, et Seq at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

**CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS**

  
Amanda Waldrop, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Miguel Cantu, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

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Ryan S. Henry, City Attorney

