



**PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT:**

For Press Conference and Protest Tuesday, May 21, 2024; 10:15 a.m.

**Neighbors and Environmental Groups Say Yes to Science and Conservation and No to Mirasol Springs Project and University of Texas Event Honoring Mirasol Springs Developers**

**WHAT AND WHERE:** Press conference set for this Tuesday, May 21, 10:15 a.m. on Hamilton Pool Road public right-of-way 0.2 miles past (west of) the entrance to Travis County's Hamilton Pool Preserve on Hamilton Pool Road.

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**PROTEST:** Immediately following, along Hamilton Pool Road; 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**WHO:** Landowner neighbors to the proposed Mirasol Springs development and environmental activists opposing the project will be protesting outside a luncheon and Mirasol Springs property tour hosted by the University of Texas honoring the Mirasol Springs developers. Dallas billionaire Steve Winn and his family own the 1700-acre Mirasol Springs property. The Winn family are major University of Texas donors. If built as proposed, the project includes a hotel, 71 home sites, two restaurants, an irrigated farm, and a U.T; biological research station.

**WHAT: Not enough water!** The proposed Mirasol Springs project has generated fierce opposition from neighbors, Austin area and Texas environmental groups, and Travis County officials because groundwater and surface water pumping for the project threatens Hamilton Pool springs and other springs in the area that provide critical flows to the Pedernales River and essential habitat for three endangered species. The project also seeks to divert Pedernales River flows in a stretch of river where river flows have plummeted over the last two decades. Neighbors and environmentalists also oppose a proposed onsite sewage treatment plant that would serve the proposed development.

The project has already generated substantial news coverage, with more to come as the developers seek groundwater pumping permits, a river water diversion permit, a wastewater treatment plant permit, and land development permits from state and local agencies. Travis County has joined neighbors and environmentalists in opposing the project.

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