

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20201120 003b

Date: November 20, 2020

Subject: Albert H. Ullrich Water Treatment Plant, Revision 2, SPC-03-0005C(R2)

Motion by: Kevin Ramberg Seconded by: Perry Bedford

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is requesting seven variances from code including:

- 1) LDC 25-8-261 to allow development in the Critical Water Quality Zone, and by extension in the Water Quality Transition Zone of a Water Supply Rural watershed in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone South [LDC 25-8-452] for: a) Phase 2: switchgear enclosure, duct bank and access drive, and b) Phase 3: containment basin, electric building and related duct banks, sludge changeover facility, 6" water line;
- 2) LDC 25-8-281 to allow construction within a rimrock Critical Environmental Feature buffer for: a) Phase 2: duct bank and access drive:
- 3) LDC 25-8-301 to allow construction of a driveway on a slope with a gradient of more than 15 percent for: a) Phase 2: duct bank and access drive;
- 4) LDC 25-8-302(A)(1) to allow construction of a building on a slope with a gradient of more than 25 percent for: a) Phase 2: switchgear enclosure and b) Phase 3: sludge change-over facility;
- 5) LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut to sixteen (16) feet for: a) Phase 3: containment basin;
- 6) LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill to twelve (12) feet for: a) Phase 2: duct bank and access drive; and
- 7) LDC 25-8-423(C)(1)(a) to allow impervious cover to exceed the 20 percent limit for development in the uplands of a Water Supply Suburban watershed.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that Staff recommends this variance (with conditions) having determined the required Findings of Fact have been met.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the variance request with the following;

Staff Conditions:

- 1. Applicant has designed permanent diversion and dissipation for the existing concentrated flow from the electric station.
- 2. Applicant has designed the rain gardens to avoid and preserve significant trees and has agreed to revegetate the rain gardens with native plants.
- 3. Applicant has redesigned the proposed road to preserve the wetland at the base of the rimrock.

VOTE 9-0

For: Gordon, Nill, Neely, Bedford, Thompson, Smith, Guerrero, Coyne, Ramberg

Against: None Abstain: None Recuse: None

Absent: Creel, Maceo

Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair

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