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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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April 15, 2021

MR DANIEL P FLORES
SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY
100 E GUENTHER
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78204-1401

RE: Applicant Name: SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY
Facility Location: Bexar County
Permit Number: WQ0010749007
Customer Reference Number: CN600790620
Regulated Entity Number: RN105285506
Type of Authorization: MAJOR AMENDMENT

DEAR MR FLORES :

The executive director has completed the technical review of the above referenced application and has prepared a preliminary decision and draft permit.

You are now required to publish another notice of your proposed activity. To help you meet the requirements associated with this notice, we have included the following items:

- Instructions for Public Notice
- Notice for Newspaper Publication
- Publisher's Affidavit
- Draft Permit
- Executive Director's Preliminary Decision
- Public Notice Verification Form

You must follow all the directions in the enclosed instructions. The most common mistakes are the unauthorized changing of notice, wording, or font. If you fail to follow these instructions, you may be required to republish the notices.

The following requirements are also described in the enclosed instructions. However, due to their importance, they are highlighted here as well.

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- You must publish the enclosed notice as soon as possible, but no later than 45 days from the date on the cover letter. **You may be required to publish the notice in more than one newspaper, including a newspaper published in an alternative language, to satisfy all of the notice requirements.**
- On or before the date you publish notice, you must place the following items in a public place in the county where the facility is or will be located: (a) a copy of your permit application, including any subsequent revisions; (b) the executive director's preliminary decision as contained in the technical summary and fact sheet; and (c) the draft permit, including any subsequent revisions. These items must be accessible to the public for review and copying, must be updated to reflect changes to the application, and must remain in place until the commission has taken action on the application or the commission refers issues to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- For each publication, submit proof of publication of the notice that shows the publication date and newspaper name to the Office of the Chief Clerk within **30 calendar days** after notice is published in the newspaper.
- Return the original enclosed Public Notice Verification and the Publisher's Affidavits to the Office of the Chief Clerk within **30 calendar days** after the notice is published in the newspaper.

If you do not comply with all the requirements described in the instructions, further processing of your application may be suspended or the agency may take other actions.

If you have any questions regarding publication requirements, please contact the Office of Legal Services at 512-239-0600. If you have any questions regarding the content of the notice, please contact the individual in the permitting area assigned to your application.

Sincerely,



Laurie Gharis
Chief Clerk

Enclosures (3)

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Instructions for Public Notice for a Water Quality Permit
Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision (NAPD)**

The executive director has completed the technical review of your application and issued a preliminary decision. You must comply with the following instructions. There are seven (7) steps involved in publishing notice. Complete each step.

1. REVIEW THE NOTICE FOR ACCURACY

Read the enclosed notice carefully and notify the Wastewater Permitting Section at 512-239-4671 immediately if it contains any errors or omissions. You are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all information published. Do not change the text or formatting of the notice or affidavit of publication without prior approval from the TCEQ. Changing the text or formatting of the notice may require new publication at your expense and delay processing of your application.

2. PUBLISH THE NOTICE IN THE NEWSPAPER

You must publish the enclosed notice as soon as possible, but no later than 45 days from the date on the cover letter.

For renewal applications, you must publish at least once in the same newspaper that you published the Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit.

For all other applications, you must publish at least once in a newspaper regularly published or circulated within each county where the facility and discharge point are located or proposed to be located.

The bold text of the enclosed notice must be printed in the newspaper in a font style or size that distinguishes it from the rest of the notice (i.e., bold, italics). Failure to do so may require re-notice.

3. PUBLISH THE NOTICE IN AN ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE

You must publish notice in an alternative language IF: either the elementary or middle school nearest to the facility or proposed facility is required to provide a "bilingual education program" (BEP) as required by Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 29, Subchapter B, and 19 Tex. Admin. Code §89.1205(a) AND one of the following conditions is met:

- students are enrolled in a program at that school;
- students from that school attend a bilingual education program at another location; or
- the school that otherwise would be required to provide a bilingual education program has been granted an exception from the requirements to provide the program as provided for in 19 Tex. Admin. Code §89.1207(a).

A "bilingual education program" is different from an "English as a second language program" (ESL). An ESL program alone, will not require public notice in an alternative language.

If triggered, you must publish the notice in a newspaper or publication primarily published in the alternative language taught in the bilingual education program. Publication in an alternative language section or insert within a large publication which is not printed primarily in that alternative language does not satisfy these

requirements. The newspaper or publication must be of general circulation in the county in which the facility and discharge point are located or proposed to be located. If the facility and discharge point are located or proposed to be located in a municipality, and there exists a newspaper or publication of general circulation in the municipality, you must publish the notice only in the newspaper or publication in the municipality.

You must demonstrate a good faith effort to identify a newspaper or publication in the required language. If there is no general circulation newspaper or publication printed in such language, then publishing in that language is not required. You have the burden to demonstrate compliance with these requirements.

If you are required to publish notice in Spanish, you must translate the site-specific information in the notice that is specific to your application, at your own expense. You may then insert the Spanish translation of your site-specific information into a Spanish template developed by the TCEQ. The Spanish templates are available on the TCEQ website at www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/review/napd/wqspanish_napd.html. If you are required to publish notice in a language other than Spanish, you must translate the entire public notice, at your own expense.

4. PUT THE APPLICATION IN A PUBLIC PLACE

You must put a copy of the following documents in the public place identified in the enclosed notice:

- the complete application,
- the executive director's preliminary decision as contained in the technical summary and fact sheet,
- the draft permit, and
- any subsequent revisions to these documents.

This copy must be accessible to the public for review and copying beginning on the first day of newspaper publication and remain in place until the commission has taken action on the application or the commission refers issues to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

For confidential information contained in the application, you must indicate which specific portions of the application cannot be made available to the public. These portions of the application must be accompanied with the following statement: "Any request for portions of this application that are marked as confidential must be submitted in writing, pursuant to the Public Information Act, to the TCEQ Public Information Coordinator, MC 197, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087."

5. PROVIDE PROOF OF PUBLICATION

For each newspaper in which you published, you must submit proof of publication. Proof of publication must include the following:

- a completed Publisher's Affidavit (enclosed); and
- a copy of the published notice which shows the notice, the date published, and the newspaper name. The copy must be on standard-size 8½ x 11" paper and must show the actual size of the published notice. Do not reduce the image when making copies. Published notices longer than 11" must be

copied onto multiple 8½ x 11" pages. Or you can submit the original newspaper clipping.

If you are required to publish notice in an alternative language and are unable to do so, complete and submit the Alternative Language Exemption form (enclosed).

6. PROVIDE PROOF OF APPLICATION VIEWING LOCATION

You must submit a completed Public Notice Verification Form (enclosed), which certifies that the complete application and draft permit were placed at the public place identified in the enclosed notice.

7. SUBMIT PROOFS TO TCEQ

Scan and email the proof of publication documents (Step 5) and the completed Public Notice Verification Form (Step 6) within 30 days of publication to PROOFS@tceq.texas.gov;

Or Mail to:

TCEQ
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
Attn: Notice Team
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Additional Information

If you fail to publish the notice or submit proofs within the timeframes noted above, the TCEQ may suspend further processing on your application or take other actions in accordance with 30 Tex. Admin. Code §39.405(a).

If you have any questions regarding publication requirements, please contact the Office of Legal Services at 512-239-0600. If you have any questions regarding the content of the notice, please contact the Wastewater Permitting Section at 512-239-4671. When contacting TCEQ regarding this application, please refer to the permit number at the top of the enclosed notice.

If you wish to obtain an electronic copy of the notice, please visit our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/cc_db.html or www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/eda.html. Please be aware that formatting codes may be lost and that any notices downloaded from these web sites must be reformatted by you so that your downloaded copy looks like the notice document you received from us.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0010749007

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. San Antonio River Authority, 100 East Guenther, San Antonio, Texas 78204, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010749007 to authorize an increase in the 2-hour peak flow for the Interim I and Final phases. TCEQ received this application on August 23, 2019.

The facility is located at 2095 North Graytown Road, in Bexar County, Texas 78152. The treated effluent is discharged to Martinez Creek, thence to Lower Cibolo Creek in Segment No. 1902 of the San Antonio River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is high aquatic life use for Martinez Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1902 are primary contact recreation and high aquatic life use. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ's *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review has preliminarily determined that no significant degradation of water quality is expected in Martinez Creek, which has been identified as having high aquatic life use. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-98.2475%2C29.445277&level=12>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for review, downloading, and printing at: <https://www.sara-tx.org/services/utilites/wastewater-treatment-plants/martineziv>.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from San Antonio River Authority at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Daniel Flores, Utilities Operations Superintendent, at (210) 302-4200.

Issuance Date April 15, 2021

TCEQ-OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
MC-105 Attn: Notice Team
PO BOX 13087
AUSTIN TX 78711-3087

APPLICANT NAME: SAN ANTONIO
RIVER AUTHORITY
PERMIT NO.: WQ0010749007
CCO#: 117531
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND
PRELIMINARY DECISION

**PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT
FOR ALL APPLICATIONS FOR WATER QUALITY PERMITS
OTHER THAN RENEWALS**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

_____, who being by me duly
(name of person representing newspaper)

sworn, deposes and says that (s)he is the _____
(title of person representing newspaper)

of the _____; that this newspaper is
(name of newspaper)

regularly published or circulated in _____ County/Countries, Texas,
(same county as proposed facility)

and that the enclosed notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s):

(date or dates, of publication in the newspaper)

Newspaper Representative's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____,
20_____, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

(Seal)

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Print or Type Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

TCEQ-OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
MC-105 Attn: Notice Team
PO BOX 13087
AUSTIN TX 78711-3087

APPLICANT NAME: SAN ANTONIO
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ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

_____, who being by me duly
(name of person representing newspaper)

sworn, deposes and says that (s)he is the _____
(title of person representing newspaper)

of the _____; that this newspaper is
(name of newspaper)

generally circulated in _____ County, Texas,
(same county as proposed facility)

and is published primarily in _____ language;
(alternative language)

the enclosed notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s):

(date or dates, of publication in the newspaper)

Newspaper Representative's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____,
20_____, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

(Seal)

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Print or Type Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Public Notice Verification Form
Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision
(NAPD)
Water Quality Permit

All applicants must complete this page.

Applicant Name: SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

Site or Facility Name: MARTINEZ IV WWTP

Water Quality Permit Number: WQ0010749007

Regulated Entity Number: RN105285506 Customer Number: CN600790620

PUBLIC VIEWING LOCATION

I certify that a copy of the complete water quality application and draft permit, and all revisions, were placed at the following public place for public viewing and copying. I understand that the copy will remain available at the public place from the 1st day of publication until the commission has taken action on the application or the commission refers issues to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Name of Public Place: _____

Address of Public Place: _____

Applicant or Applicant Representative Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____



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Water Quality Permit

Complete this page only if you are required to publish in an alternative language and are not able to do so.

Applicant Name: SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

Site or Facility Name: MARTINEZ IV WWTP

Water Quality Permit Number: WQ0010749007

Regulated Entity Number: RN105285506 Customer Number: CN600790620

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE EXEMPTION

I certify that I have conducted a diligent search for a newspaper or publication of general circulation in both the municipality and county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located and was unable to publish the notice in the required alternative language because:

- A newspaper or publication could not be found in any of the alternative languages in which notice is required.
- The publishers of the newspapers listed below refused to publish the notice as requested, and another newspaper or publication in the same language and of general circulation could not be found in the municipality or county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located.

Newspaper Name: _____

Language: _____

Applicant or Applicant Representative Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____