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STATE SENATOR • DISTRICT 14

November 10, 2022

Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Office of the Chief Clerk (MC-105)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Request for Public Meeting for Permit WQ0005397000

Dear Chief Clerk Gharis:

On behalf of my constituents, I am formally requesting a public meeting in Bastrop, Texas for GAPPED BASS LLC, CN606040079's application to build and operate a wastewater treatment facility at 130 Walker-Watson Road, Bastrop, Texas 78602 (proposed permit WQ0005397000).

The permit application seeks to discharge up to 142,500 gallons a day of treated wastewater into the Colorado River as well as using the effluent to irrigate nearby land. The proposed site currently has some of the highest water quality standards in Texas, having been designated as "exceptional" for aquatic life use, and "primary contact 1" for recreational use activities with a higher risk of ingesting the water, such as swimming, and is designated to provide water for use as a public water system for drinking water supply.

Due to the environmental sensitivity of the location and the potential long-term impact on human activities and aquatic life, many engaged residents have already submitted public comments expressing concern and requesting a public meeting. A public meeting in Bastrop will provide an opportunity for greater transparency and for the community to offer their feedback.

We are happy to help plan and promote the public meeting with local elected officials and stakeholders. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact my office at 512-463-0114 should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SEK", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Senator Sarah Eckhardt

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