



**Environmental Board
January 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
301 West Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

AGENDA

Bob Anderson
Place 1 Appointee

Marisa Perales
Place 2 Appointee

Jennifer Walker
Place 3 Appointee

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair
Place 4 Appointee

Robin Gary, Vice Chair
Place 5 Appointee

James Schissler, P. E., Secretary
Place 6 Appointee

Mary Ann Neely
Mayor's Appointee

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Speaker should sign up to speak prior to the meeting called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment for concerns not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on December 7, 2011

3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

State of Our Environment Report – Erin Wood, Watershed Protection Department

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Steiner Ranch Apartments/ SP-2011-0200D
Applicant: Crocker Consultants (Sarah Crocker agent)
Location: 4800 Steiner Ranch Blvd.
Staff Reviewer: Brad Jackson, Planning and Development Review Department
Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance, as amended by the Steiner Ranch Subdivision Settlement Agreement
Watershed: Bear West (Lake Austin) Watershed (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request:

1. To allow cut up to a maximum of 20 feet. (LDC 25-8-341)
2. To allow fill over 4 feet but not to exceed 16 feet. (LDC 25-8-342)

Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.

5. ACTION ITEM

a. Jean Drew, Watershed Protection Department

1. Recommend approval of an ordinance consenting to the creation of the proposed Pilot Knob Municipal Utility Districts 1-5 (“MUDs”) subject to adoption of an ordinance approving a strategic partnership agreement between the City and each MUD

2. Recommend approval of an ordinance consenting to the creation of the proposed Southeast Travis County Municipal Utility Districts 1-4 (“MUDs”) subject to adoption of an ordinance approving a strategic partnership agreement between the City and each MUD

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Recommend approval for the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the wholesale wastewater service agreement between the City of Austin and the City of West Lake Hills allowing wholesale wastewater service to be provided to new commercial development located within the City of West Lake Hills without increasing the level of service specified in the agreement. Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.
- b. Briefing on Single Use Carryout Bags Ordinance – An Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-6 phasing in prohibition of single-use carryout bags within the city limits; providing exemptions; and establishing a limited duration surcharge. Bob Gedert, Austin Resource Recovery Director
- c. Monthly Report on Environmental Commissioning for the Water Treatment Plant No. 4 Jollyville Transmission Main – Thais Perkins and David Johns, Watershed Protection Department

7. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.
- 2) Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales
- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, & Mary Ann Neely.
- 4) Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, & James Schissler.
- 5) Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, & Robin Gary.
- 6) Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, & Bob Anderson.
- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.

8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

9. ADJOURNMENT

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