



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY  
June 19, 2013**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday,  
June 19, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Environmental Board Members in Attendance:

**Mary Gay Maxwell  
Robin Gary  
James Schissler  
Mary Ann Neely  
Marisa Perales  
Robert Deegan**

**Absent**

**Jennifer Walker**

Staff in Attendance:

**Ben Mengden  
Chuck Lesniak  
Jean Drew  
Joe Pantalione  
Kelly Gagnon  
Marilla Shepherd  
Matt Hollon  
Sue Barnett**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.**
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**  
Speaker should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.  
**There were no speakers signed for citizens communication.**  
**Glen Coleman signed up to speak in favor of item 7.**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**
  - a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on June 5, 2013.  
**The minutes of the June 5, 2013 Environmental Board regular meeting were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion, and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second. [Vote 5-0-1-1] Board member Robert Deegan abstained, and Board member Jennifer Walker was absent.**

- b. Environmental Officer's report on Board agenda posting requirements. – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.  
**This item was conducted as posted.**
4. **10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**
- a. Identifying controls on surface and ground water quality in the Barton Springs Zone - Chris Herrington, Watershed Protection Department and Corrine Wong, University of Texas.  
**This item was conducted as posted.**

**Note: Changes in the order of committee reports and possible action is shown below:**

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- a. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Committee report regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality stakeholder group on Total Maximum Daily Load's (TMDL's) in four Austin Creeks - Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & Jennifer Walker.  
**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board recommends approval of the Environmental Board's proposed strategy for inclusion in the Austin Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan. See attached recommendation.**
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- a. **Name:** H-35 Frontage Drive Access to AISD SE Bus Maintenance and Service Facility SP-2013-0077D  
**Applicant:** Chan Partners Consulting Engineers on Behalf of AISD, Tom Curran  
**Location:** 7309 N IH 35 Service Road NB  
**Staff Reviewer:** Liz Johnston, PDRD Environmental Reviewer  
**Watershed:** South Boggy Creek (Suburban), Desired Development Zone  
**Ordinance:** Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)  
**Request:**
    - 1. To allow cut in excess of 4' but less than 8', LDC 25-8-341(A)
    - 2. To allow fill in excess of 4' but less than 8', LDC 25-8-342(A)
    - 3. To allow construction of a driveway on slopes greater than 15%, LDC 25-8-301**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended  
  
**The Environmental Board recommends approval of the IH 35 Frontage Drive Access to Austin Independent School District South East Bus Maintenance and Service Facility. Motioned by Board member James Schissler and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Vote 6-0-0-1 Board member Jennifer Walker was absent. See attached recommendation.**

7. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR RECOMMENDATION**
  - a. Consider making a recommendation regarding the Watershed Protection Ordinance, amending sections in Chapter 25-7 and 25-8 relating to drainage and water quality; amending various sections of Title 25 relating to environmental protection, and establishing a water supply mitigation fund and riparian zone fund. – Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection Department  
**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board recommends postponement to the next meeting. See attached motion.**
8. **NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**  
**None.**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE 20130619 006A**

**Date:** June 19, 2013

**Subject:** Consider making a recommendation regarding the Watershed Protection Ordinance, amending sections in Chapter 25-7 and 25-8 relating to drainage and water quality; amending various sections of Title 25 relating to environmental protection, and establishing a water supply mitigation fund and riparian zone fund.

**Motioned By:** James Schissler

**Seconded By:** Marisa Perales

A motion to postpone the consideration for a recommendation regarding the Watershed Protection Ordinance, amending sections in Chapter 25-7 and 25-8 relating to drainage and water quality; amending various sections of Title 25 relating to environmental protection, and establishing a water supply mitigation fund and riparian zone fund is postponed to the next Environmental Board meeting.

**Vote** 6-0-0-1

**For:** Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales and Schissler.

**Against** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Walker

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20130619

June 19, 2013

Subject: IH-35 Frontage Drive Access to AISD SE Bus Maintenance and Service Facility  
SP-2013-0077D

Motioned By: James Schissler

Seconded by: Mary Ann Neely

### Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends approval to a variance request to Land Development Codes:

1. To allow cut in excess of 4' but less than 8', LDC 25-8-341(A)
2. To allow fill in excess of 4' but less than 8', LDC 25-8-342(A)
3. To allow construction of a driveway on slopes greater than 15%, LDC 25-8-301

### STAFF CONDITIONS

1. Only clean fill of soil, rock, sand or other natural materials will be used as fill.
2. All fill greater than 4' will be structurally contained.
3. All trees greater than 8" in diameter will be mitigated with Appendix F Shade Trees.

### RATIONALE:

Whereas the driveway will facilitate access from the bus facility to IH 35 traffic on Bluff Springs Road,

And whereas the three variances are minor exceptions to the Land Development Code to allow the driveway to be built,

Therefore the Environmental Board recommends approval of the variance request as recommended by staff including the staff conditions.

### VOTE 6-0-0-1

For: Deegan, Gary Maxwell, Neely, Perales and Schissler

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Walker

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE 20130619 007A**

**Date:** June 19, 2013

**Subject:** Water Quality Regulations Committee – Committee report regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality stakeholder group on Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL's) in four Austin Creeks -

**Motioned By:** Mary Ann Neely

**Seconded By:** James Schissler

The Environmental Board recommends approval the Water Quality Regulations Committee's recommendations to the proposed plan for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality stakeholder group regarding Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL's) in four Austin Creeks -

**Vote** 6-0-0-1

**For:** Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales and Schissler.

**Against** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Walker

**Approved By:**

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair