



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20130717 006A

Date: July 17, 2013

Subject: Consider making a recommendation regarding the Watershed Protection Ordinance, amending sections in Chapters 25-7, 25-8, 30-4, and 30-5 relating to drainage and water quality; amending various sections of Titles 25 and 30 relating to environmental protection, and establishing a water supply mitigation fund and riparian zone fund.

Motioned By: James Schissler, P., E.

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

Recommendation:

Whereas City of Austin staff has done an exceptional job inviting and incorporating public input and comment, keeping the process transparent, and analyzing how policy options would affect current residents and the environment.

Whereas the Watershed Protection Ordinance revisions reflect a good balance of encouragement of smarter and more responsible development patterns.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the Watershed Protection Ordinance.

Environmental Board Conditions:

1. Remove section 25-8-25 (2) and 30-5-24(2) from ordinance
2. Add transit stops for buses or trains to 25-8-6(C), 25-8-211, 25-8-516, 30-5-65, 30-5-211 and 30-5-516 in addition to intersection upgrades and bicycle lane additions.
3. Revise language to clarify that trails are allowed in the half Critical Water Quality Zone but outside the Erosion Hazard Zone only if there is not space outside the half Critical Water Quality Zone.
4. Revise language to have maximum trail width of 12 feet in the Critical Water Quality Zone.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Maureen J. Shepherd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".