



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20230503-006b

Date: May 3, 2023

Subject: C20-2022-019 Site Specific SOS amendment and related variances

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol

Seconded by: Kevin Ramberg

RATIONAL:

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2022, City Council approved Resolution No. 20221027-038 to initiate variances and amendments to the Land Development Code, including site-specific amendments to Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), as minimally required to address proposed improvements to the mobility and transportation infrastructure located along Slaughter Lane from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane and return to Council with the proposed variances and amendments as soon as is feasible.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is asking to Amend the Land Development Code (LDC) 25-8 Article 13 Save Our Springs Initiative and related variances to Chapter 25-8 Subchapters A (Water Quality).

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Edwards Aquifer portion of the Barton Springs Zone; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment and associated variances for the following reasons:

- The project is providing compliance with SOS non-degradation water quality treatment for all new and reconstructed impervious cover.
- The project is providing improved water quality treatment for all existing impervious cover.
- The project is updating 2 existing water quality ponds to provide SOS non-degradation water quality treatment for 121.6 acres of offsite drainage including 31.9 acres of offsite impervious cover.

- The project will reduce impact to 2 Critical Environmental Features – recharge features within a tributary of Slaughter Creek
- The project will pay into the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund in lieu of providing mitigation for the Floodplain Modification associated with the new water quality ponds.
- Other than the SOS amendment and variances identified, the project complies with City Code.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the Site-Specific Save Our Springs amendment.

VOTE 10-0

For: Ramberg, Bristol, Brimer, Cofer, Krueger, Nickells, Qureshi, Schiera, Scott, Sullivan

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KEVIN RAMBERG". The letters are written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair