



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230705-007

**Date:** July 5, 2023

**Subject:** SOS Code Amendments for Little Bear Creek Recharge Enhancement Facility  
SP-2022-0462D

**Motion by:** Jennifer L. Bristol

**Seconded by:** Perry Bedford

**WHEREAS**, the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) will construct, operate, and maintain the Little Bear Creek Recharge Enhancement Project within the recharge project at Stoneledge Quarry within the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, four variances are necessary to complete the site development permit application process:

- 25-8-263 (*Floodplain Modification*) to allow floodplain modification within a CWQZ
- 25-8-341 (*Cut*)
- 25-8-342 (*Fill*) to allow cut and fill in excess of 4 feet.
- 25-8-422 (*Water Quality Transition Zone*) to allow development in a water quality transition zone that lies over the South Edwards Aquifer recharge zone

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

1. The project will provide SOS non-degradation water quality treatment for all new and reconstructed impervious cover, or equivalent area, with innovative management practices in accordance with LDC 25-8-151.
2. The new impervious cover proposed by the project is limited to an unimproved road with gated and restricted access for use by City of Austin staff in maintenance, land management and educational activities.
3. The project will provide 3 acres of floodplain restoration which is 140% of the required mitigation for the proposed floodplain modification in a CWQZ.
4. The project will provide 5.23 acres of upland restoration.
5. The project will pay into the Tree Fund in lieu of providing mitigation for tree removals.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends approval of the amendments.

**VOTE: 10-0**

For: Kevin Ramberg, Perry Bedford, Jennifer Bristol, Richard Brimer, Hanna Cofer, Mariana Krueger, Colin Nickells, Haris Qureshi, Melinda Schiera, David Sullivan

Against: none  
Abstain: none  
Recuse: none  
Absent: Peter Einhorn

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KEVIN RAMBERG". The letters are in all caps and have a cursive, slightly slanted appearance.

Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair