



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission  
November 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
Permitting And Development Center, Events Center, Room 1405  
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive  
Austin, Texas 78752**

**Some members of the Environmental Commission will be participating by videoconference.**

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone.

To register to speak remotely, call or email Kaela Champlin, Watershed Protection Department, at (737) 230-3786, [Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov](mailto:Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov) no later than noon, the day before the meeting. The following information is required: speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

**CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

Haris Qureshi  
Peter Einhorn  
Mariana Krueger  
Melinda Schiera  
Hanna Cofer

Colin Nickells  
Jennifer Bristol, Secretary  
Kevin Ramberg, Chair  
David Sullivan  
Richard Brimer  
Perry Bedford, Vice Chair

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Make a recommendation regarding the following requests to vary from the Land Development Code.  
**Name:** Blueridge Multifamily at Wildhorse Ranch (SP-2022-0426C.SH)  
**Applicant:** Allison Lehman, Kimley-Horn  
**Location:** 9825 Wildhorse Ranch Trail, Manor, Texas 78653  
**Council District:** District 1  
**Staff:** Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department  
**Applicant request:** Request to vary from a) LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut to 12 feet; and b) LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill to 10 feet  
**Staff recommendation:** Recommended with conditions
3. Make a recommendation regarding the following requests to vary from the Land Development Code.  
**Name:** Old Lampasas Dam #3 Dam Modernization Project (SP-2022-0558D)  
**Applicant:** Kimberley Patak, PE, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
**Location:** 9018 ½ Old Lampasas Trail, Austin, Texas 78750  
**Council District:** District 6 and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction  
**Staff:** Mike McDougal, Environmental Policy Program Manager, Development Services Department  
**Applicant Request:** Request to vary from a) LDC 25-8-261 to allow construction in the Critical Water Quality Zone; b) Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut up to 10 feet; c) Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill up to 9 feet; and d) Request to vary from LDC 25-8-301 to allow driveway construction on slopes over 15%  
**Staff recommendation:** Recommended with conditions
4. Make a recommendation regarding the request for 311-315 South Congress Planned Unit Development (PUD) (C814-2023-0027) located at 311, 313, 315 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704 (District 9). Presented by Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department and Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department.

## WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. Update from the Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Mariana Krueger, Colin Nickells, and Melinda Schiera

6. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee – Haris Qureshi (member) and Richard Brimer (alternate member)
7. Update from the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Jennifer Bristol
8. Update from the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Perry Bedford, Hanna Cofer, Haris Qureshi, and Kevin Ramberg
9. Update from the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – David Sullivan
10. Update from the Native Landscaping Working Group – Melinda Schiera, Perry Bedford, Richard Brimer, and David Sullivan

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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