

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Robert Goode, P.E., Interim Assistant City Manager

FROM: Shay Ralls Roalson, P.E., Director, Austin Water

DATE: November 13, 2023

SUBJECT: South Llano River Dam Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Permit

Application by Waterstone Creek, LLC

This memo provides a report on staff's actions to implement direction from Council as outlined in Resolution No. 20230914-080.

This resolution directed the City Manager to take certain actions regarding the permit application submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) by Waterstone Creek, LLC to construct a dam on the South Llano River that would impound 12.02 acre-feet of water for recreational purposes.

On October 20, 2023, Waterstone Creek, LLC withdrew its application.

Prior to the permit's withdrawal, City staff had taken steps to implement the actions directed by Council, including preparing to submit a contested case hearing request to TCEQ and discussing mutual concerns related to the permit application with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA).

City staff will continue to monitor TCEQ water right permit applications and engage with TPWD and LCRA on impoundments in the Colorado River basin going forward.

This is the last planned report to Council pertaining to this resolution. If you have any questions, please contact Shay Ralls Roalson at (512) 972-0108 or via email at shay.roalson@austintexas.gov.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager Anne Morgan, City Attorney