



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20240306-005

Date: March 6, 2024

Subject: Northwest Area Lift Station Improvements Great Hills Lift Station No.53 (SP-2022-0537C)

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol

Second by: Kevin Ramberg

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission understands the Austin Water Utility Department is requesting a Land Use Commission variance to allow development in the CWQZ for a lift station per LDC 25-8-261 and; A Land Use Commission variance is requested to allow construction of a building on a slope with a gradient of more than 25% per LDC 25-8-302(A)(1) and; A Land Use Commission variance is requested to allow fill up to 14 feet for construction of a lift station exceeding the 4-foot limitation per LDC 25-8-342 and;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the Land Use Commission variance is recommended by staff with a condition and;

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the three Land Use Commission variances with the following conditions:

Staff Conditions:

1. Provide structural containment of the fill with a retaining wall.

Environmental Commission Conditions:

1. Limit construction and removal of trees from March to August when the endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler is in the area.
2. Applicant will solicit and incorporate Watershed Protection Jollyville Plateau salamander expert review and comment on the temporary and permanent stormwater design.
3. After construction, the disturbed areas from both this construction and previous emergency repairs are restored using 609S species and that those areas are maintained and mowed to the minimum extent practical to maintain access to the lift stations by Austin Water staff.

Vote: 7-0

For: Perry Bedford, Jennifer Bristol, Mariana Krueger, Colin Nickells, Haris Qureshi, Kevin Ramberg, and David Sullivan

Against: None

Abstain: Richard Brimer

Absent: Hanna Cofer, Peter Einhorn, and Melinda Schiera

Attest:

KEVIN RAMBERG

Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair