



City of Austin

Austin Water Utility

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May 12, 2011

Re: Letter of Commitment to Bull Creek Ranch, The Mountain and Surrounding Spicewood Springs Neighborhoods.

Dear Tami Kagy, Jan Mooreman, Sharon Blythe, Gil Hembree, Warren Johnson, Eric Deal, Ira Perkins, Karen Roberts

Thank you for working with our project team to address issues regarding the construction of the WTP4 transmission main. We are committed to working with you and all the neighbors throughout this project; we appreciate your time and effort in helping build a productive relationship. This letter of commitment applies to all contractors, subcontractors and other entities authorized to perform work on the project.

In order to mitigate impacts to the surrounding community during the construction of the Jollyville Transmission Main, the City of Austin and MWHC agree to incorporate the following best management practices into the construction contracts regarding work performed at the shaft site on Spicewood Springs Road/Old Lampasas Trail. The issues in this agreement are based on the attached January 19th letter and outline neighborhood concerns.

1. Dust controls will conform to the Environmental Compliance Plan; the project team will institute corrective actions and dust control in the event that visible dust is observed leaving the site to the maximum extent practical. Only water or other approved alternatives will be allowed for dust control.
2. Noise will be mitigated to meet City of Austin ordinance, Chapter 9-2 Noise and Amplified Sound, during the execution of work, as well as other State and Federal requirements; "A Person may not operate a machine that separates, gathers, grades, loads, or unloads sand, rock, or gravel within 600 feet of a residence, church, hospital, hotel, or motel between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except for the installation of concrete as authorized under Section [9-2-15](#) (*Permit for Concrete Installation During Non-Peak Hour Periods*)." To mitigate noise, contractors may implement noise abatement measures such as enclosures or construct portable sound barriers, generators with residential silencer, equipment mufflers and broadband back-up alarms or flagging. Contractors shall perform acoustical monitoring of tunneling operations and shaft construction irrespective of implementation of any noise abatement measures at the adjacent property line.
3. Work on the Spicewood Springs site, excluding subterranean boring, will only be performed between the hours of 7:00a.m. and 7:00p.m. Monday thru Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.
 - a. No work will be allowed on Sunday or major holidays including: New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.



The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.

4. All construction related traffic entering or exiting the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail site is restricted to Spicewood Springs Road which borders the shaft site on the north and west side.
 - a. No construction vehicles or construction workers vehicles will be staged outside the fence line of the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail shaft site.
 - b. City inspectors, project managers and/or other city representatives will park for brief periods of time adjacent to the shaft site in City of Austin Right-of-Way. They will not use the Scotland Wells Lift Station parking area
5. Heavy equipment and/or commercial trucks (vehicles over 16,000 GVW) may only enter or leave the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail shaft site between 9:00a.m. and 3:00p.m.
6. Debris will be removed daily outside the construction fence line along the perimeter.
7. No trees will be removed from the critical water quality zone. There will be removal of hackberry trees at the front of the site. (See attached diagram)
8. An 8-foot high wood fence, with locking gates for off-hour security, will be installed around the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail site.
9. The Spicewood Springs site will be reseeded with native grasses after construction is complete.
10. There will be no above-grade structures on the site upon construction completion. Furthermore, the manhole lid will be buried 4ft +/- below finished grade.
11. The City of Austin will maintain Spicewood Springs Road.
12. Work at the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail shaft site will be limited to activities associated with a retrieval shaft, which requires significantly fewer trucks than a working shaft site.
13. If the contractor determines that blasting will be the method of excavation, structures within 500 feet of the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail construction site can receive a third-party, external home inspection prior to the beginning of construction. If interior access is provided to these same structures within 500 feet of the construction site, then an interior structural inspections will include walls, interior masonry, doors, and windows, will also be provided (See the attached diagram of 500 foot radius).
14. If the contractor determines that security lighting is needed at the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail shaft site, then lighting will be installed and face downward to minimize illumination in the neighborhood and be energy efficient.

In addition to the best management practices mentioned above, the City of Austin and MWHC also agree to provide the following:

- A 24-hour contact number for someone with authority to address any issues that may arise.
- Weekly construction updates to a designated representative.
- Monthly e-mail updates regarding construction progress at this site.
- A meeting with Bull Creek Ranch Condominiums and other Spicewood Springs Neighborhoods prior to beginning construction at the Spicewood Springs Road/ Old Lampasas Trail site.

The Water Utility has installed 3 parking spaces at the Scotland Wells Lift Station located at 100400 Scotland Wells Drive. Additional landscaping will be planted to restore the area using native plants and grasses. The work is expected to be complete by mid-May.

All other issues listed in the January 19th letter to Mayor and Council have been forwarded to the City of Austin Parks Department and the City of Austin Transportation Department respectively.

Sincerely,



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