

Travis County Commissioners are being asked to make a very important decision next Tuesday regarding the proposed Sweetwater development. They will consider approval of over 1800 homes on lots as small as 1/6th of an acre on the steep slopes of the Bee Creek watershed. Please email your comments to our Commissioners and plan on attending Tuesday, January 31 at 9:45 AM.

PLEASE FORWARD TO OTHERS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SWEETWATER

Ask our Commissioners not to approve this plan. Email addresses are: sam.biscoe@co.travis.tx.us; ron.davis@co.travis.tx.us; karen.sonleitner@co.travis.tx.us; gerald.daugherty@co.travis.tx.us;

- ✓ This developer publicly agreed, and the community was lead to believe that the revised water quality rules which were approved last July would apply to everything beyond section one. Now he is trying to grandfather the entire development under the old rules.
- ✓ Traffic and safety on Hwy 71 has not been addressed. No construction should begin on this project until a turn lane is added. Commissioner Daugherty has suggested merging the westbound traffic to one lane as a temporary solution. This will make the situation worse, not better.
- ✓ Section one was approved in June of 2004 “as is”. Now this developer is trying to add a commercial development in a revised version of Section One. This commercial development should not be approved unless he resubmits it under the new ordinance.
- ✓ An environmental impact study has not been completed or made available to the public.
- ✓ There is not a clear plan for the removal of wastewater prior to the completion of the wastewater treatment plant. Pumping and hauling wastewater down Hwy 71 should not be permitted. If the developer has an alternative plan, he should demonstrate what that plan is.
- ✓ The type of wastewater system that has been engineered, calls for raw sewage to be piped across one of Bee Creek’s larger tributaries into a treatment facility and piped back across several tributaries, over the ridgeline and spray irrigated on 300 acres of the Barton Creek watershed. The TCEQ has not yet commented on this plan. There is a strong possibility that wastewater will leak into Bee Creek, this plan will most likely be contested.
- ✓ The Bee Creek watershed is extremely vulnerable to non-point source pollution (polluted runoff). The developer has submitted at least three plans to the LCRA for dealing with NPS pollution, none of these plans have been approved. The developer has not demonstrated that he can meet the NPS ordinance.
- ✓ The current plan calls for 32 concrete walls to create detention ponds throughout the subdivision. This will require a great amount of cut and fill because of the steep slopes they are building on.
- ✓ The Lick Creek disaster has taught us about the environmental impact from disturbing land during construction. This has been addressed in the interim rules. This developer must be required to follow the new guidelines if more than 5 acres are disturbed at a time.