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TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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May 16, 2001

Mr. Bob Felton
Austex Ent. No. 3
2101 Lakeway Blvd., Suite 220
Austin, TX 78734

Re: Edwards Aquifer, Bexar County
NAME OF PROJECT: Rayner Ranch; Located on Rebecca Creek Road; Canyon, Texas
TYPE OF PLAN: Request for Approval of a Contributing Zone Plan (CZP); 30 Texas
Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 213 Subchapter B Edwards Aquifer
Edwards Aquifer Protection Program File No. 1,675.00

Dear Mr. Felton:

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) received the CZP application for the referenced project submitted to the San Antonio Regional Office by Brian L. Merriman, P.E., of S. Craig Hollmig, Inc. on behalf of Austex Ent. No. 3 on April 13, 2001. Final review of the application was completed after additional material was received on April 18, 2001. As presented to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), the Temporary Best Management Practices (BMPs) and construction plans were prepared by a Texas Licensed Professional Engineer to be in general compliance with the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 213. These planning materials were sealed, signed, and dated by a Texas Licensed Professional Engineer. Final review of the application was not completed within fifteen days; therefore, as required by 30 TAC §213.23(e)(3), approval of this Contributing Zone Plan application was granted on August 25, 2000. This approval is subject to applicable state rules and the conditions in this letter. The applicant or a person affected may file with the chief clerk a motion for reconsideration of the executive director's final action on this Contributing Zone Plan. A motion for reconsideration must be filed no later than 20 days after the approval date. *This approval expires in two (2) years unless, prior to the expiration date, more than 10% of the construction has commenced on the project or an extension of time has been requested.*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed residential and commercial project will be located on a 1,100 acre development which will consist of the development of approximately 505 single family residential lots and associated parking areas and residential streets. The impervious cover for the development is approximately 126.50 acres.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Since this single-family residential subdivision will have less than 20% impervious cover, an exemption from permanent BMPs is approved. If the percentage of impervious cover ever increases

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above 20% or the land use changes, the exemption for the whole site as described in the Contributing Zone Plan may no longer apply and the property owner must notify the San Antonio Regional Office of these changes.

11. As indicated in the application, on-site septic systems shall not be placed within the boundaries of the 100-year flood plain.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. Pursuant to §26.136 of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code, any violations of the requirements in 30 TAC Chapter 213 may result in administrative penalties.

Prior to Commencement of Construction:

2. All contractors conducting regulated activities at the referenced project location shall be provided a copy of this notice of approval. At least one complete copy of the approved Contributing Zone Plan and this notice of approval shall be maintained at the project until all regulated activities are completed.
3. Any modification to the activities described in the referenced CZIP application following the date of approval may require the submittal of a plan to modify this approval, including the payment of appropriate fees and all information necessary for its review and approval prior to initiating construction of the modifications.
4. The applicant must provide written notification of intent to commence construction of the referenced project. Notification must be submitted to the Austin Regional Office no later than 48 hours prior to commencement of the regulated activity. Written notification must include the date on which the regulated activity will commence, the name of the approved plan and file number for the regulated activity, and the name of the prime contractor with the name and telephone number of the contact person.
5. Temporary erosion and sedimentation (E&S) controls, i.e., silt fences, rock berms, stabilized construction entrances, or other controls described in the approved SWPPP must be installed prior to construction and maintained during construction. Temporary E&S controls may be removed when vegetation is established and the construction area is stabilized. If a water quality pond is proposed, it shall be used as a sedimentation basin during construction. The TNRCC may monitor stormwater discharges from the site to evaluate the adequacy of temporary E&S control measures. Additional controls may be necessary if excessive solids are being discharged from the site.

During Construction:

6. During the course of regulated activities related to this project, the applicant or his agent shall comply with all applicable provisions of 30 TAC Chapter 213, Edwards Aquifer. The applicant shall remain responsible for the provisions and conditions of this approval until such responsibility is legally transferred to another person or entity.

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7. If sediment escapes the construction site, the sediment must be removed at a frequency sufficient to minimize offsite impacts to water quality (e.g., fugitive sediment in street being washed into surface streams or sensitive features by the next rain). Sediment must be removed from sediment traps or sedimentation ponds not later than when design capacity has been significantly reduced. Litter, construction debris, and construction chemicals exposed to stormwater shall be prevented from becoming a pollutant source for stormwater discharges (e.g., screening outfalls, picked up daily).
8. The following records shall be maintained and made available to the executive director upon request: the dates when major grading activities occur, the dates when construction activities temporarily or permanently cease on a portion of the site, and the dates when stabilization measures are initiated.
9. Stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable in portions of the site where construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased, and construction activities will not resume within 21 days. When the initiation of stabilization measures by the 14th day is precluded by weather conditions, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable.

After Completion of Construction:

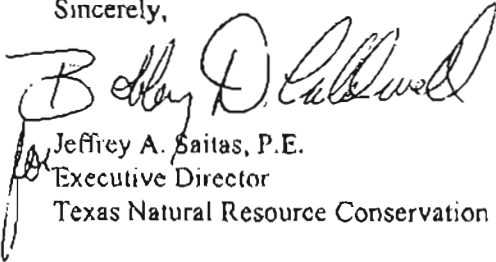
10. Owners of permanent BMPs and measures must insure that the BMPs and measures are constructed and function as designed. A Texas Licensed Professional Engineer must certify in writing that the permanent BMPs or measures were constructed as designed. The certification letter must be submitted to the San Antonio Regional Office within 30 days of site completion.
11. The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining the permanent BMPs after construction until such time as the maintenance obligation is either assumed in writing by another entity having ownership or control of the property (such as without limitation, an owner's association, a new property owner or lessee, a district, or municipality) or the ownership of the property is transferred to the entity. Such entity shall then be responsible for maintenance until another entity assumes such obligations in writing or ownership is transferred. A copy of the transfer of responsibility must be filed with the executive director through the San Antonio Regional Office within 30 days of the transfer. A copy of the transfer form (TNRCC-10263) is enclosed.
12. Upon legal transfer of this property, the new owner(s) is required to comply with all terms of the approved Contributing Zone Plan. If the new owner intends to commence any new regulated activity on the site, a new Contributing Zone Plan that specifically addresses the new activity must be submitted to the executive director. Approval of the plan for the new regulated activity by the executive director is required prior to commencement of the new regulated activity.
13. A Contributing Zone Plan approval or extension will expire and no extension will be granted if more than 50% of the total construction has not been completed within ten years from the initial approval of a plan. A new Contributing Zone Plan must be submitted to the San Antonio Regional Office with the appropriate fees for review and approval by the executive director prior to commencing any additional regulated activities.

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14. At project locations where construction is initiated and abandoned, or not completed, the site shall be returned to a condition such that the aquifer is protected from potential contamination.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Tom Gutierrez of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program of the San Antonio Regional Office 210-403-4025.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Saitas, P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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Enclosure: Change in Responsibility for Maintenance on Permanent BMPs-Form TNRCC-10263

cc: Mr. Brian L. Merriman, S. Craig Hollmig, Inc.
Mr. Greg Ellis, Edwards Aquifer Authority
Mr. Tom Hornseth, Comal County
TNRCC Field Operations