



Mill Creek Water Reclamation District

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Ms. Dawn Thompson
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Re: Grand Prairie Sanitary District
New Land Treatment System
CMAP Water Quality Review Number 09-WQ-005

Dear Ms. Thompson:

As you know, I attended the Wastewater Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 and would like to clarify a critical issue with the Committee. Specifically, I believe that the Committee did take valid action with respect to the amendment request at the meeting.

At the meeting, a valid motion was made to adopt the Staff's recommendation. The motion was duly seconded. A lengthy discussion ensued during which the Applicant made lengthy presentations (far exceeding the suggested time limits) and also submitted numerous additional documents. At the end of the discussion, the Applicant specifically requested that the motion not be deferred and that the Committee vote on the motion.

The members did vote on the motion. Initially all three members present at the meeting voted in favor of the motion. Subsequently, one of the members changed his vote and voted against the motion. However, even if the change of vote is allowed, there still were two votes in favor of the motion and one against. Since a quorum of the Committee was present and had been established, under Roberts Rules of Order, only a majority of those voting on the issue needed to vote in favor of the motion in order for the motion to be approved. Accordingly, the motion passed.

Subsequent to the approval of the motion, the members discussed that a majority of the acting members of the Committee might be required to approve the motion. However, this is not the case. Only a majority of those present is required as long as a quorum existed.

All of the subsequent discussions with respect to a deferral were of no effect as the initial motion had already passed. Therefore, we would ask that the Committee confirm that the motion has passed. Since the Applicant had full opportunity to submit documents and make

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presentations to the Committee, and further, since the Applicant had specifically requested that the matter be decided and not deferred, the Applicant is not prejudiced or harmed by this action.

Please correct this error and confirm that the Staff's recommendation has been adopted by the Wastewater Committee.

Sincerely

MILL CREEK WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

By:  _____
Mark Ruby, Trustee