

APPENDIX B

COMMENTS

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June 9, 2009

RE: Public Meeting
Switzler Creek Watershed
KM-0906804

SAMPLE LETTER

Name
Title
Agency
Street Address
City, State, ZIP

Dear _____,

The Switzler Creek Watershed District is holding a public meeting to solicit public comments on the rehabilitation of Switzler Creek Floodwater Retarding Dam 7. The meeting will be held Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 pm at the Burlingame City Hall, 101 E. Santa Fe, Burlingame, Kansas.

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Switzler Creek Watershed District
c/o Kirkham Michael and Associates, Inc.
PO Box 4
Ellsworth, KS 67439

Thank you for your assistance.

KIRKHAM MICHAEL

Larry J. Schieferecke, P.E.

JWB

Copy to: File; Fred L. Diver, Switzler Creek Watershed District; Jeff Gross, NRCS

**June 18, 2009
Public Meeting
Written Notices Sent**

David W. Barfield
Chief Engineer
Kansas Department of Agriculture –
Division of Water Resources
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Topeka, KS 66612

Larry Biles
State Forester
Kansas Forest Service
2610 Claflin Road
Manhattan, KS 66502

Jack Fast
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Topeka, KS 66611

Greg Foley
Executive Director
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th Street, Suite 500, Mills Bldg.
Topeka, KS 66612

Mike Hayden
Secretary
KDWP – Office of the Secretary
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Topeka, KS 66612

Vic Robbins
Contracting Officer
King and Associates Engineering
307 Montana Ave
Holton, KS 67436

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Kansas State Regulatory Office
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Watershed Support Wetlands & Stream
Protection
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Barb Oltjen
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Larry Schieferecke - RE: Switzler Creek Public Meeting

From: "Saadi, Hakim" <Hakim.Saadi@scc.ks.gov>
To: fdiver@kdheks.gov; Ischieferecke@kirkham.com
Date: 6/19/2009 8:45 AM
Subject: RE: Switzler Creek Public Meeting
CC: Greg.Foley@scc.ks.gov

Larry,

Fred,

The Switzler Creek Watershed District No. 63 applied for state cost assistance through the State Conservation Commission Watershed Dam Construction Program for the rehabilitation of Site 7 on July 5 2006, for the amount of \$98,000. Said application was reviewed and approved on September 11, 2006.

Any document pertaining to the rehabilitation of Site 7 should reference and recognize the state funding.

Hakim Saadi, P.E.
State Conservation Commission
Watersheds & MPSL Programs Manager
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Topeka, KS 66612
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From: Larry Schieferecke [mailto:Ischieferecke@kirkham.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 8:57 AM
To: Bob Atchison; Kathy Mulder; Susan Blackford; Matt Scherer; Scott Satterthwaite; Tom Stiles; Deb Baker; Herb Graves; Saadi, Hakim; William Jeffries; James Larson
Cc: Fred Diver; Jon Halbgewachs; Crystal Blackburn; Dean Krehbiel; Jeff Gross; Craig Denny; Darren George; Lok M. Sharma
Subject: Switzler Creek Public Meeting

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Larry Schieferecke - Re: Switzler Creek Public Meeting

From: "Herb Graves" <sakwwatersheds@sbcglobal.net>
To: lschieferecke@kirkham.com
Date: 6/23/2009 8:11 AM
Subject: Re: Switzler Creek Public Meeting

Larry,

Even though my schedule did not allow me to attend the public meeting, SAKW wants to submit the following comments:

Switzler Creek is commended for being the first Kansas watershed district to do a complete rehabilitation project. We all know many more are in the future.

Site 7 will be a model for what can be done to extend the life of watershed dams.

I have not seen the proposed restoration plans, but the project is in good hands with your firm and we look forward to the day when the work is complete.

SAKW has no doubt that the benefits derived from the Site 7 over the past 47 years have more than paid for the original construction costs and the future benefits will more than pay for the costs of the rehabilitation project.

We all know that the original project did not have to address NEPA environmental regulations. We are not sure what permitting for current regulations are required, but Switzler NO. 7 would make a good example if an assessment of the upstream and downstream environmental conditions such as wetland creation, woodland enhancement, and stream health were analyzed.

There is a feeling among us watershed promoters that over the years watershed dams create more critical habitat diversity than ever existed prior to the dam being built. Environmental groups constantly stress how damaging dams can be, but very little research is conducted to compare the before and after.

Good luck with the project!

Herb Graves
SAKW Executive Director

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 8:56 AM
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