

RESOLUTION #: 2016 - 1

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM ALTAIR DISPOSAL SERVICES, LLC (AKA CLEAN HARBORS) TO TCEQ FOR A HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SITE AT THE FACILITY IN COLORADO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District is to evaluate, preserve, and protect the groundwater of Colorado County; and,

**WHEREAS**, by definition, the term "hazardous waste" means an industrial by-product that is destructive to the environment or dangerous to the health of people or animals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed site for the hazardous waste disposal facility is within an ancient fluvial system of the Colorado River where abundant sand and gravel has been deposited and from which said sand and gravel has been mined in every direction from the proposed facility for over half a century; and,


**WHEREAS**, it is the nature of stratigraphic layers that contain abundant sand and gravel to be highly porous and permeable; and,

**WHEREAS**, the groundwater that flows through these sand and gravel layers also serves as a potential source of water for livestock, rural households, the town of Altair, Forest Oak Water Supply Corp. and Rice Consolidated ISD, all located in the immediate vicinity of the landfill; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in order to safeguard and protect the groundwater, we, the Board of Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District hereby oppose granting a permit to Altair Disposal Services, LLC for a hazardous waste landfill to be located at their Altair facility in Colorado County; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Manager of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District is authorized on behalf of the District to request a TCEQ contested case hearing or request party status in a TCEQ contested case hearing to oppose the pending Altair Disposal Services, LLC hazardous waste landfill permit application, as may be appropriate.

Signed and certified this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016

  
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Thomas L. Kelley, President

  
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Whyman D. Psencik, Secretary