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RE: Joint U.S. Corps and TCEQ Permit Application No. SWF-2010-00506
Applicant: CTA, LLC-Central Texas Airport

Dear Messrs Land and Trevino:

I am writing on behalf of the Lost Pines Sierra Conservation Committee, affiliated with the Austin Sierra Club (representing the Austin area, including Bastrop and Lee Counties), and the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, representing the state of Texas, regarding the proposed Central Texas Airport and its possible impacts on Segment 1428 of the Colorado River.

CTA proposes to locate in an environmentally sensitive area of Bastrop County; adjacent to Segment 1428 of the Colorado River; designated by TCEQ "exceptional" for wildlife and aquatic habitat; located at a resting point on a major avian flyway; impacting the habitat of the blue sucker, a threatened fish species; atop outcroppings of the Hooper and Simsboro Aquifers, both essential water sources for the region; and draining directly into the Colorado, threatening the water quality of the river.

The Sierra Club asserts that the project is poorly and incomplete planned, and will lead to significant and irreversible environmental degradation.

Therefore, the Sierra Club requests that TCEQ and the Corps hold a public hearing, in Bastrop County, to gather information from area residents concerning all environmental issues related to the Permit, and that these concerns be systematically addressed in an Environmental Assessment.

Attached, please find a RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CENTRAL TEXAS AIRPORT, passed by the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club on April 9, 2011.

Sincerely,

Phil Cook