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Letter of Support

Implementation Plan for One Total Maximum Daily Load for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (*I-Plan*)

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; the General Public; Civic and Governmental Organizations Interested in Bay Beaches Safety and Marine Surface Water Quality in the Corpus Christi Area

FROM: The Texas Coastal Bend Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, the local chapter of an international organization with vision to keep our beaches open to everyone, promote smart coastal development that avoids coastal impacts, protect special ocean and coastal places, ensure the water is clean to surf and swim and the beaches are free of plastic litter.

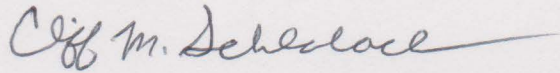
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: Primary goals of the Surfrider Foundation and its Texas Coastal Bend Chapter are the preservation of our shorelines, their water

quality and their access to all. For about ten years our chapter has conducted regular storm stenciling events within the City of Corpus Christi, including the Cole and Ropes Park watersheds, to remind our community that what is on our streets ends up in our Bay. The Texas Coastal Bend Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation strongly supports the proposed Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan (I-Plan) and its voluntary approach for reducing bacteria levels in Corpus Christi Bay at Cole and Ropes Park. Our chapter and its volunteers will also continue to be ready to assist our community in improving our bay's and coastline water quality.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cliff M. Schlabach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cliff Schlabach
Chair, Texas Coastal Bend Chapter of Surfrider

Letter of Support
Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan
For
Cole and Ropes Parks, Corpus Christi, Texas


TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; the General Public; Civic and Governmental Organizations Interested in Bay Beaches Safety and Marine Surface Water Quality in the Corpus Christi Area, City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

FROM: Bay Area Smart Growth Initiative.

Background: Beginning in April, 2012, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sponsored a series of public meetings to address elevated levels of bacteria in specific parts of Corpus Christi Bay. The target areas were bay waters receiving storm water from outfalls at Cole and Ropes Parks. These problem segments include beach areas adjacent the parks. And, the segments had been designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency to join other polluted waters on the national 303(d) impaired waters list, bodies unfit for recreational use in violation of the federal Clean Water Act under applicable water quality standards.

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: Bay Area Smart Growth Initiative (BASGI) supports the Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan for Cole and Ropes Parks. Improved recreational water quality in the target segments of Cole and Ropes Parks is consistent with Smart Growth principles supporting benefits to the general public and preserving critical environmental areas.

By: 
Judy Telge
Facilitator
Bay Area Smart Growth Initiative

Date: August 6, 2016

Letter of Support
Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan
For
Cole and Ropes Parks, Corpus Christi, Texas

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; the General Public; Civic and Governmental Organizations Interested in Bay Beaches Safety and Marine Surface Water Quality in the Corpus Christi Area.

FROM: **The Corpus Christi Taxpayers Association**, a watchdog society active since the 1920s, organized to keep taxes, fees, and utility bills at reasonable rates that all taxpayers in the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County can afford. Our association is an effective voice of citizens, carrying a message to elected officials that the community expects wise, not wasteful, use of tax dollars.

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: The Corpus Christi Taxpayers Association supports the Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan for Cole and Ropes Parks. Improved recreational water quality in the target segments of Cole and Ropes Parks is consistent with our policy to support projects that benefit a majority of individuals and communities in the area affected at reasonable costs.

By: Gerald A. Sansing
Dr. Gerald Sansing, President
Corpus Christi Taxpayers Association

Date: August 6, 2016



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July 29, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
MC-203
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Letter of Support for *Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*

Dear Mr. Loft,

Please accept this letter of support from the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation for the "*Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*." When water testing at the Cole and Ropes Parks beaches revealed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded water quality standards for recreational use, the beaches landed on EPA's 303(d) list for polluted waters. In July 2012 a community-led stakeholder group was formed, the Cole and Ropes Parks Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan Coordination Committee (CARP), which has been meeting since then to create the final *I-Plan*.

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Respectfully,

Jace Tunnell
President



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DEPARTMENT**

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July 15, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft
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Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Letter of Support for *Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*

Dear Mr. Loft,

Please accept this letter of support from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the City of Corpus Christi for the "*Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*." The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 and voted unanimously to support the *I-Plan*. When water testing at the Cole and Ropes Parks beaches revealed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded water quality standards for recreational use, the beaches landed on EPA's 303(d) list for polluted waters. In July 2012, a community-led stakeholder group was formed, the Cole and Ropes Parks Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan Coordination Committee [CARP], which has been meeting since then to create the *I-Plan*.

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Respectfully,

Stacie Talbert Anaya
Parks & Recreation Interim Director



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7/15/16
Date



Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.

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July 28, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Letter of Support for *Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*

Dear Mr. Loft,

On behalf of the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, I am writing to offer my support for the "*Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*." When water testing at the Cole and Ropes Parks beaches revealed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded water quality standards for recreational use, the beaches landed on EPA's 303(d) list for polluted waters. In July 2012 a community-led stakeholder group was formed, the Cole and Ropes Parks Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan Coordination Committee (CARP), which has been meeting since then to create the final *I-Plan*.

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The efforts within Cole and Ropes Parks are an important step towards reducing bacteria in the water at Cole and Ropes Parks beaches, and supports the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program Coastal Bend Bays Plan, specifically our Water and Sediment Quality Action Plan, Habitat and Living Resources Action Plan, and our Human Uses Action Plan. We have been and will continue to work with the CARP to provide our technical and scientific expertise as needed, and we look forward to the positive results this *I-Plan* will have for reducing bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks beaches.

Sincerely,

Ray Allen

Ray Allen
Executive Director
Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program
www.cbbep.org

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TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; the General Public; Civic and Governmental Organizations Interested in Bay Beaches Safety and Marine Surface Water Quality in the Corpus Christi Area

FROM: **Coastal Bend Windsurfers**, a group of windsurfers (list attached) who have regularly enjoyed practicing their sport at Cole and Ropes Park, some for over 25 years.

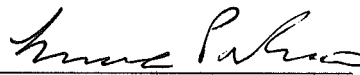
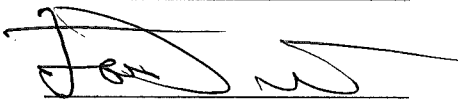
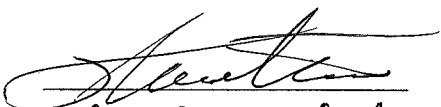
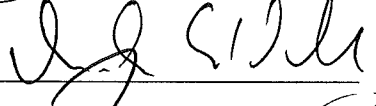
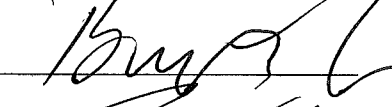

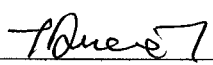

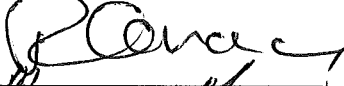
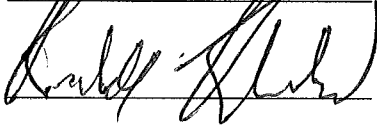
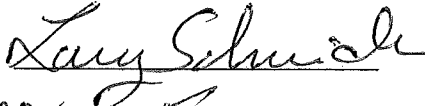
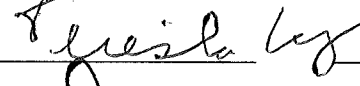

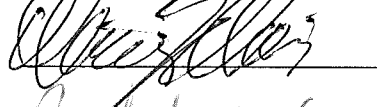




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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: Coles and Ropes Parks are some of our nation's premier windsurfing locations. Several regional and international competitions were held at Cole Park since the early eighties including the 2016 US Windsurfing Nationals organized by the US Windsurfing Association. The nearshore water quality of these parks is an obvious concern to this group and to other recreational users. For example windsurfers typically abstain from launching from these parks after rain events. Coastal Bend windsurfers wholeheartedly support the proposed Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan (I-Plan) and its voluntary approach for reducing bacteria levels in Corpus Christi Bay at Cole and Ropes Park. Improved recreational water quality will reduce the risk of negative health impact from practicing our sport. These benefits will extend to other recreational users who enjoy these wonderful parks. Better water quality in our parks is also important for our city as our waterfront is a wonderful resource well known regionally and, in the case of Oleander Point at Cole Park, known internationally in the windsurfing community.

By: Coastal Bend Windsurfers (see attached signatures)

Below Coastal Bend Windsurfers signatures expressing their support for the Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan for Cole and Ropes Parks.

Name, First Name	Signature	Residence (Street & City if not Corpus Christi)
Laurence Palreiro		1504 6 th St
Chip Ducrest		314 Melbo Park Dr
Florence Tissot		3560 Aransas St.
Monika Caldwell		1008 FURMAN AVE.
BRENT MAIN		3938 SURFSIDE BLVD
TERRY CALDWELL		1008 Furman Ave
TARA DUCREST		314 Melbo Park Dr.
Philippe Tissot		3560 Aransas St.
ROBERT CONACE		15357 CARAMEL 78418
Randy Rhodes		16114 Coralvine Dr
Larry Schneider		408 Grandstone, Round Rock, TX 78682
TERESINHA LANDRY		
RONALD JACKSON		15517 QUINN JUNCTION CC 78418
OLIVIER JALLAIS		7158 WINDBROOK CC 78418
Robert M'Gonigle		338 Poenisch
Chad Allen		302 Wilshire
Patrick Foley		15854 El Socorro
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Name, First Name	Signature	Residence (Street & City if not Corpus Christi)
Charles Allen	Charles Allen	5626 Moulton CTR 78414
COLIE Tschirter	we	15813 El Socorro Loop TX 78418
CHRIS DAVIS	Chris Davis	5007 W. Frank 21 Apt 110 TX 78731
VANESA WILBURN	Vic	11
SPECK, Gary	Gary Speck	2059 Parkview Ingleside, TX 78362
CALDWELL, TERRY	Terry Caldwell	1008 Furman Avenue C.C. - TX, 78404
Ellen Blumenthal	Ellen Blumenthal	13517 Queen Johanna CC TX 78418
Alissa Mejia	Alissa Mejia	4302 Ocean Dr #68 Corpus Christi, TX 78412
Deidre Williams	Deidre Williams	322 Canterbury Dr CC TX 78412
Jon Brandt	Jon E. Brandt	15340 Leeward Dr., Unit 314 Corpus Christi, TX 78418
Anthony Reisinger	AR	3016 Tepcka CC TX 78404
Kyle Krebs	KR	609 McClellan CC TX 78404



August 30, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Letter of Support for *Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*

Dear Mr. Loft,

On behalf of the United Corpus christi Chamber of Commerce's 1100 members, please accept this letter of support for the "*Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*." When water testing at the Cole and Ropes Parks beaches revealed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded water quality standards for recreational use, the beaches landed on EPA's 303(d) list for polluted waters. In July 2012 a community-led stakeholder group was formed, the Cole and Ropes Parks Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan Coordination Committee (CARP), which has been meeting since then to create the final *I-Plan*.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Annette Medlin'.

Annette Medlin, IOM

President and CEO



League of Women Voters - Corpus Christi Area

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Letter of Support

Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan
For
Cole and Ropes Parks, Corpus Christi, Texas

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; the General Public; Civic and Governmental Organizations Interested in Bay Beaches Safety and Marine Surface Water Quality in the Corpus Christi Area [ADD OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, SUCH AS THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS; AREA COGS, etc. that the SENDER may additionally identify.]

FROM: **The Corpus Christi League of Women Voters**, a nonpartisan, political Organization, that encourages informed and active participation in government, *Works to increase understanding of major public policy issues*, and influences Public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

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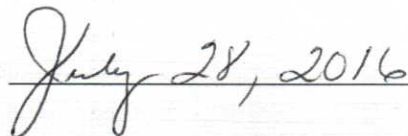
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: We, the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi, Texas, support the Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan for Cole and Ropes Parks. Improved recreational water quality in the target segments of Cole and Ropes Parks is consistent with the League of Women Voters' Policy Positions for Natural Resources, developed over the years, reviewed and affirmed by members at the May 2016 Annual Meeting.

By:


Dr. Mary Jane Garza, President

Date:


July 28, 2016

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August 10, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
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RE: Letter of Support for *Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*

Dear Mr. Loft,

Please accept this letter of support from William Burgin JR MD for the "*Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*." When water testing at the Cole and Ropes Parks beaches revealed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded water quality standards for recreational use, the beaches landed on EPA's 303(d) list for polluted waters. In July 2012 a community-led stakeholder group was formed, the Cole and Ropes Parks Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan Coordination Committee (CARP), which has been meeting since then to create the final *I-Plan*.

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Respectfully,

William Burgin JR MD

Name

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CC-NCPHD

Title

August 10, 2016

Date

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August 8, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
MC-203
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Letter of Support for *Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*

Dear Mr. Loft,

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Respectfully,


Paulette Kluge
CEO

Sierra Club Coastal Bend Group
PO Box 3512
Corpus Christi, TX 78463

August 8, 2016

Mr. Chris Loft
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Letter of Support for *Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*

Dear Mr. Loft,

Please accept this letter of support from the **Sierra Club Coastal Bend Group** for the "*Implementation Plan for Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria at Cole and Ropes Parks Beaches in Corpus Christi Bay (I-Plan)*." When water testing at the Cole and Ropes Parks beaches revealed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded water quality standards for recreational use, the beaches landed on EPA's 303(d) list for polluted waters. In July 2012 a community-led stakeholder group was formed, the Cole and Ropes Parks Bacteria Reduction Implementation Plan Coordination Committee (CARP), which has been meeting since then to create the final *I-Plan*.

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Respectfully,

Lois Huff

Lois Huff, Chair
Sierra Club Coastal Bend Group