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Via email: [as22@txstate.edu](mailto:as22@txstate.edu)

Dr. Andrew Sansom  
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Dear Dr. Sansom:

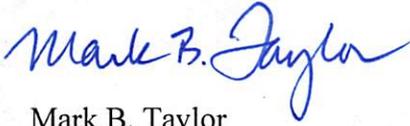
I am writing on behalf of the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance (SMGA) to confirm SMGA's support for the Meadows Center's completion of the upper San Marcos Watershed Protection Plan (WPP), as well as the Meadows Center's proposal to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to implement the WPP, known as the San Marcos Watershed Initiative (SMWI). SMGA members have been actively involved in the SMWI process. SMGA strongly believes the forthcoming WPP will be consistent with SMGA's mission to create and conserve an interconnected system of parks and natural areas for our community and future generations, and will help preserve the beauty and health of our unique San Marcos River.

The work SMGA does in the City's natural areas in the upper San Marcos watershed helps us understand the many pressures on our river, its tributaries, and its source, the Edwards Aquifer. The development and implementation of the WPP will help our community at large, including water resource managers, land developers, NGOs and City, Hays County and Texas State University leaders, to improve and protect water quality in the upper San Marcos River long into the future. SMGA supports incorporating in the WPP a broad range of measures to prevent non-point source pollution in the upper San Marcos watershed, including:

- Education and Outreach
- Structural best management practices for new developments and retrofits for existing development
- Non-structural measures including land management plans/strategies and preservation of undeveloped land
- Demonstration projects to encourage adoption of water quality protection practices
- Analysis and improvement of Codes & Regulations impacting water quality and
- Ongoing information gathering and monitoring to address remaining data gaps and provide for adaptive management

SMGA looks forward to the Meadows Center's completion of the WPP, and to assisting with the implementation of the WPP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark B. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mark B. Taylor  
President