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COUNCIL BANS UTILIZING LANDFILL BUILT ON AQUIFER

SEGUIN, Texas – City council approved a resolution Tuesday night banning future waste management companies holding contracts with the City of Seguin to utilize a landfill constructed on an aquifer.

The council's vote shows continued opposition to the proposed Post Oak Clean Green, Inc. landfill that is pending a permit from TCEQ. If approved, it would be constructed on top of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in Guadalupe County. The aquifer is the source of drinking water for the city and other customers of the Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation.

The resolution requires city staff to add a clause in future city contracts with solid waste hauling companies forbidding them from disposing any waste in any landfill located over an aquifer or its recharge zone.

“The City has the authority to draft its contracts in a way to protect its citizens from potential harm. In fact, in solid waste contracts, there are clauses related to equipment and other matters in order to decrease the risk of spillage and pollution arising from the solid waste collection activity,” stated City Attorney Andy Quittner in a memo to council.

Quittner showed council an example of the type of liner the company plans to use as a barricade between our water source and garbage. He was easily able to poke a hole in the flimsy, thin material with a letter opener showing that it's hard to accept that it would protect the aquifer from contamination.

The proposed site for the landfill is 7787 FM 1150, approximately 12.1 miles east of Seguin just south of Interstate Highway 10.