

Karankawa Kadla

Thursday, February 03, 2022

On behalf of the Karankawa Kadla peoples, our Five Rivers Council met to discuss an opportunity to share current information with our family and friends as follows:

- Plah bewwus (Thank you) for taking the time to receive our message.
- We have not been consulted to provide any information whatsoever about recent events so we wanted to update our supporters and the general public to minimize the disinformation from circulating.
- It is no secret & in fact public record, that we are in a LAWSUIT against the Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency that gave a dredging permit to a company named ENBRIDGE. If permits are approved, that would allow the company to dredge 43 acres of the 432 undeveloped land that the oil export company owns. This means 3.9 million cubic yards of material will be dredged and will disturb the land. The plaintiffs, who are challenging to stop this destruction, are openly recorded in all related paperwork and include: Karankawa Kadla, Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend, and Ingleside on the Bay Coastal Watch Association.
- A lawsuit win will not provide our tribe nor anyone else any financial gain. We are fighting to protect the land. We are challenging, in court, the company's practice of not following the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.
- Corpus Christi Bay was once our ancestors' settlement site and ENBRIDGE currently sits where there was once a Naval Base. The land is undeveloped at this time and it is sacred to our people. It must be protected.
- We value the endless work that our sister, Love Sanchez, does in her role as our water and land protector and anybody that thinks otherwise is unfortunately misinformed.
- Our peoples are a peaceful people and we value our allies in the joint mission to protect our ancestral land.
- More information will be provided in the future, if necessary. For now, please feel free to visit www.karankawas.com to learn the truth about our peoples .
- We thank you, again, for taking time to read our statement and for supporting us.

In peace, love, and unity,

-The Karankawa Kadla Five Rivers Council