

Dear Regulators,

The Blanco River Cypress Creek Water Association (BRCCWA) is in full support of the City of Austin's petition for a proposed TAC rule change promoting beneficial reuse for treated effluent disposal. The current TCEQ rules require entities to obtain discharge type permits in order to take treated effluent offsite for beneficial reuse which discourages Entities from getting Texas Land Application Type Permits (TLAP) which are more protective of our fragile hill country waterways and groundwater. Discharge permit applications over the Contributing Zone of the Edwards have pitted the public against their local governments/utilities over and over again forcing the public to contest these permits. The City of Austin proposal to provide credit for firm demand of reclaimed water for beneficial reuse against the land disposal field size and effluent storage volume requirements is a common sense way to encourage land application and protect our water resources.

We encourage the TCEQ to move this rule forward to adoption.

Sincerely,

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