

Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group

WATER POLICY ISSUE #9

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Topic: Innovative Strategies

Issue #9: Reuse/Return Flow

“The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group recognizes that return flows should be managed. Municipalities and other entities may manage by direct and indirect reuse within their ETJs and CCN where applicable. River Authorities and/or other regional entities may manage all return flows otherwise not used. No action should be taken that will be a disincentive for return flows into a stream. Any management of return flows should be evaluated to determine its impact on environmental instream flows.”

Suggested revision of above to be discussed at Policy Committee Meeting on November 10th:

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group recognizes that return flows should be managed. Municipalities and other entities may manage by direct and indirect reuse where applicable. Regional providers of water, whether raw, potable or reuse, should manage all return flows otherwise not used. Management of return flows should be co-ordinated with the appropriate state agencies. When considering the reuse of return flows there should also be consideration given to the impact they will have on environmental instream flows.