

Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group

WATER POLICY ISSUE #9

Topic: Innovative Strategies

Issue #9: Reuse/Return Flow

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) recognizes that return flows should be managed by direct and indirect reuse where applicable. The reuse of return flows there should also be coordinated with the appropriate agencies. Furthermore, Brazos G recommends considering the impact of reuse of return flows on instream flows.

2006 Wording:

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) recognizes that return flows should be managed. ~~Municipalities and other entities may manage~~ by direct and indirect reuse ~~within their ETJ's 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.~~ The reuse of return flows there should also be coordinated with the appropriate agencies. ~~Any management of return flows should be evaluated to determine its~~ Furthermore, Brazos G recommends considering the impact on environmental instream flows.

Proposed BRA Response:

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) recognizes that return flows are an important water source and should be managed accordingly. Dischargers should take advantage of return flows by direct and indirect reuse within their ETJ and CCN where applicable. All return flows otherwise not used by the discharger should be treated as an available source of water to meet senior downstream water rights, the needs of the environment, and for beneficial use by other entities.

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