

Meeting Date: 12/17/2015 Department: Watershed Protection

Subject

Approve a resolution related to a rule to be proposed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the beneficial reuse of wastewater.

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	
Action:	
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Council	
Committee,	October 14, 2015 – Briefing to the Water and Wastewater Commission (no action)
Boards and	November 4, 2015 – Approved by the Environmental Commission on a 9-2 vote with a
Commission	condition, with Commissioners Creel and Moya absent.
Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulates wastewater management and the beneficial reuse of wastewater. The draft resolution concerns a proposed rule that would apply to current and future TCEQ permitees that manage wastewater through land application and subsurface irrigation. The proposed rule is intended to encourage the beneficial reuse of wastewater, which is important in Central Texas because of increased demands on water supplies that coincide with increased growth.

The proposed rule would allow a permittee to reduce the required acreage that must be set aside for effluent disposal or reduce the size of required storage ponds/tanks that holds effluent when the permittee can show that the wastewater will be consistently utilized for beneficial reuse.