



POB: CALL TO ACTION

Reach out to the mayor and city council and State lawmakers, let them know that you are a member of POB and fully support the efforts of POB and:

- a) Make it clear the current daily dumping of effluent into the Blanco River is not acceptable and should immediately be replaced with irrigation and reuse;
- b) Insist the City lowers the permit to a number that will accurately reflect our growth over the next 10 years; we have no need to jump from 225,000 gallons to 1.6 MILLION gallons daily.
- c) Encourage the City to work with POB and the Meadow's Center for Water and the Environment to improve the irrigation potential on the City's 110 acres;
- d) Urge the Blanco City Council to adopt the attached *One Water* resolution;
- e) Write to the Blanco County News; report what you have seen as far as deterioration of the Blanco and emphasize the importance of that waterway to our city, county and state;

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BLANCO ONE WATER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Blanco River is an invaluable resource in the Texas Hill Country, providing clean recharge water for the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers, which are the primary sources of drinking water for millions of residents of Central and South Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Blanco River supports tourism for the City of Blanco and its business owners, whose economies depend on the continued aesthetic and recreational value of the river; and

WHEREAS, the Blanco River is a beloved treasure for Blanco residents and guests, who use the clean water for swimming, boating, fishing, birdwatching, and other aesthetic and recreational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blanco is committed to addressing potential growth in an orderly and responsible fashion and to operating its business in an environmentally sensitive manner, including in regard to activities such as protecting our night skies and encouraging the rerouting of potential oil and gas pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") mission statement says that the TCEQ strives to protect our state's public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development and the City of Blanco has similar goals; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the City of Blanco has preferred to use its wastewater for irrigation and reuse also called "land application," instead of directly discharging it into the Blanco River; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blanco has applied to the TCEQ for a major amendment to its TPDES direct-discharge permit in order to directly discharge up to 1.6 million gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater into the Blanco River without any obligation to irrigate any portion of the wastewater and is currently not utilizing any effluent for irrigation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blanco, pursuant to the terms of its TPDES permit, recently invested significant public resources in the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility capable of treating the City's wastewater effluent to cleaner standards in regard to some of the contaminants of the wastewater effluent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blanco remains committed to a "no-discharge" solution for disposing of its wastewater.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO:

1. The City of Blanco is reaffirming its commitment to developing a no-discharge alternative in order to help prevent discharge of wastewater effluent into the Blanco River, in favor of using treated effluent for beneficial reuse, subsurface irrigation, land application and other alternative uses for the conservation and efficient management of its water resources; and
2. The City of Blanco is affirming its commitment to developing a no-discharge alternative with the involvement, support, and assistance of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, engineers, planning professionals and regional stakeholders in order to achieve the shared goal of integrating a "One Water" approach to manage current and future development of land and water resources sustainably while ensuring the stewardship and health of the Trinity Aquifer and the Blanco River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. The City Council directs the Mayor to request TCEQ to "pause" the ongoing permitting process, so that the City can investigate and negotiate a no-discharge alternative plan with concerned residents, environmental groups, and other necessary stakeholders, which Council anticipates would require an amendment to the City's pending permit application; and
2. The City Council directs the Mayor to hold, with the assistance of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, consultants and stakeholders, a community-led public planning workshop series on the topic of alternative no-discharge designs for the City's wastewater disposal operations; and
3. The City Council directs the Mayor to, before the ____ day of October, 2019, establish and appoint a committee of stakeholders interested in finding solutions and alternatives to the City of Blanco's disposition to reuse and irrigate wastewater effluent and avoid discharge of wastewater effluent into the Blanco River, to be known as the "Blanco Clean River Committee"; and
4. The City Council directs the Mayor to schedule a site visit so that City-approved representatives of the respective stakeholder groups can visit the 110-acres of City-owned property and the operating wastewater treatment facility in order to investigate and develop a no-discharge, subsurface drip dispersal or other suitable and protective reuse alternative; and
5. The City Council directs the Mayor to schedule dates for negotiations with stakeholders and to approve a mediator or facilitator, identified by stakeholders, that will facilitate negotiations.