

- The City of Burnet applied for an amendment to their Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) wastewater permit to increase the amount of treated effluent discharged to Hamilton Creek and thence Lake Travis in Burnet County.
- LCRA reviewed the proposed amendment and the LCRA [CREMS](#) Water Quality Model results demonstrated that the proposed discharge would impact water quality in Lake Travis.
- LCRA and the City of Burnet, along with the City of Austin, worked collaboratively to secure improved practices and conditions for the proposed amendment
- The City of Burnet, as good stewards of the water quality of Lake Travis, have agreed to terms and conditions which will be protective of water quality of the receiving stream.
- The conditions for discharge are based on a CREMS derived loading rate that will be protective of the water quality of Lake Travis.
- The City of Burnet will beneficially reuse treated effluent under a TCEQ 210 Authorization for Use of Reclaimed Water permit, thus reducing the volume of effluent discharge to Hamilton Creek and Lake Travis.
- When irrigation is impractical due to conditions such as wet weather or saturated or frozen ground, the City of Burnet will treat effluent to some of the most protective levels of nutrient removal in the State of Texas. The City of Burnet agreed to include these limits as conditions of their TCEQ discharge permit.
- The City of Burnet has agreed to construct a facility capable of meeting even higher standards of treatment for phosphorus removal than is required in their wastewater permit, and when necessary to meet the load requirement, will treat their effluent to those higher standards above and beyond the required permit levels.