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Discharge Permit Application Withdrawn for San Marcos Treatment Plant

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SEGUIN- The City of San Marcos and the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) announced today that they are temporarily withdrawing a discharge permit application submitted earlier to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

GBRA, in accordance with its contract as operator of the new water treatment plant for the City of San Marcos, was seeking the discharge permit in order to irrigate the city's adjacent athletic complex using filter backwash water from the plant.

Backwash water is potable water used to clean filters during the water treatment process. This water is stored in holding lagoons where solids are allowed to settle. The clean water can be normally returned to the plant for retreatment. At the San Marcos plant this settled water was to be used periodically for irrigation.

A discharge water permit is not required for operation of the water treatment plant, but was being pursued as a prerequisite in order to obtain a reuse permit for irrigation of the athletic complex.

After reviewing the proposed project, it was decided to continue the city's current watering procedure for the athletic complex and not to pursue the permit application at this time.