

Water will get cleaner?

Once again, LCRA General Manager Joe Beal has proved his proficiency at manipulating the organization's board of directors. When asked by a board member if the 2,857 homes in the proposed "Sweetwater" subdivision will pollute Bee Creek, he said, "I don't think it will be polluted." He went on to say, "There no doubt will be a change in water quality because of the change in land use."

In other words, the "change" won't be pollution, just some variation on normal water quality. Could he possibly be suggesting that the change will be for the better? And yet the board, always looking for a good business deal regardless of environmental consequences, gleefully accepted his word and unanimously approved another crushing blow to our beloved Hill Country.

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LCRA caves to developers

Re: Feb. 17 article, "LCRA votes to supply water for subdivision":

I was one of the "frustrated" western Travis County residents who was present at the Lower Colorado River Authority board meeting where the board voted to allow Bill Gunn the surface water he needs to build an extremely dense subdivision called "Sweetwater Ranch" within the Lake Travis/Bee Creek watershed.

After almost begging the board to require U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service standards to protect Bee Creek and Lake Travis, the board, once again, granted LCRA General Manager Joe Beal's wish to serve the interests of developers rather than ensure the cleanliness of Austin's treasures.

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