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The Texas Nursery & Landscape Association (TNLA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the rules identified for potential improvement through the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office's review process. TNLA represents the green industry in Texas, including nursery growers, landscape contractors, garden centers, irrigation professionals, and more whose work depends on reasonable and workable water regulations.

We are particularly interested in the proposed revisions to Chapter 288 (Water Conservation Plans and Drought Contingency Plans) and Chapter 210 (Use of Reclaimed Water), and we support TCEQ's effort to modernize both chapters.

On Chapter 288, TNLA encourages TCEQ to ensure that any updated conservation and drought contingency framework remains flexible enough to account for water-efficient irrigation practices, reclaimed water use, and the practical realities of maintaining newly planted landscapes and nursery stock. We would welcome the opportunity to provide more detailed input as specific rule language is developed.

On Chapter 210, TNLA supports efforts to simplify and modernize the reclaimed water and graywater use rules, particularly as they relate to landscape irrigation. Clearer, more workable pathways for reclaimed and graywater use would benefit both the regulated community and water conservation goals statewide.

TNLA appreciates TCEQ's and TREO's work on this review process and looks forward to participating in the formal rulemaking process as these rules move forward

Sincerely,

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