

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	12484	Agenda Number	2.
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Meeting Date:	2/9/2012	Department:	Austin Water Utility
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a twelve month Interlocal Agreement between the Texas Forest Service, a member of the Texas A&M University System and an agency of the State of Texas, and the City of Austin, Texas to engage in prescribed fire planning and implementation, for the maintenance, enhancement, and protection of wildlife habitat and public and private property, with options for five twelve month extensions.

Amount and Source of Funding

This action does not require budget allocation or funding.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Luke Ball, 972-1683; Willy Conrad, 972-1661; Denise Avery, 972-0104.
Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on February 8, 2012.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The parties involved in this interlocal agreement engage in prescribed fire planning and implementation, for the maintenance or enhancement of watersheds and wildlife habitat, or the reduction of hazardous fuels for the protection of life, property and natural resources from wildfires and other "all hazard" incidents. This reinstates the previous interlocal that expired. It is to the mutual advantage of the Texas Forest Service and the City of Austin to coordinate efforts for prevention, training for, detection, and suppression of wildfires; and management and training for prescribed fires and other incidents to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation for each of the parties to provide mutual cooperation and assistance for prescribed fire management, fire prevention, fire preparedness; and for emergency management and assistance on "all Hazard" incidents such as wildfire and floods. Management of prescribed fire, Wildland fire, or other emergency incidents on one or another party's land could require greater resources and expertise than that party can handle. It is in the best interest of each party to have available service from the other party to aid and assist them in management of, preparation for, and response to these incidents. It will also provide

for technical support and training; and will allow each party to request equipment, personnel and appropriate personal safety items as necessary to ensure safety of employees participating in interagency incident management efforts. Parties understand that resources available from the City of Austin under this agreement are limited to the resources of the Austin Water Utility, Wildland Conservation Division.