

**WATER DISTRICT REVIEW SHEET**

**CASE:** C12M-2017-0001 Travis County Water Control & Improvement District No. 18 (WCID 18)

**PLANNING COMMISSION DATE:** April 25, 2017

**APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL:** Travis County Water Control & Improvement District No. 18 submitted an application requesting that the City of Austin consent to the District's annexation of certain properties into the boundaries of the District.

**APPLICANT:** Travis County Water Control & Improvement District No. 18

**AGENT:** McLean & Howard, LLP (Anthony Corbett)

**LOCATION OF DISTRICT:** The Travis County Water Control & Improvement District No. 18 is located along the south shore of Lake Austin near Cuernavaca Drive in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Portions of certain parcels within the District are located within the City's full and limited purpose jurisdiction along the shoreline adjacent to the lake.

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** No

**WATERSHED:** Lake Austin

**BACKGROUND:** Travis County Water Control & Improvement District No. 18 was created by Order of the Commissioners Court of Travis County dated February 9, 1956. The City does not have a consent agreement with this District, but the District is required to obtain the City's approval for any boundary changes. The District provides retail water services to residential and commercial customers. On-site sewage facilities are used for wastewater treatment.

Approximately 60 of the District's 1,850 retail water service connections are located outside of the District's corporate and taxing boundaries. The District charges a higher base monthly fee to the out-of-District customers for water service that generally equates to the amount of tax revenues that would have been collected by the District if these properties were located within the District's boundaries.

To address concerns expressed by the out-of-District customers regarding the higher out-of-District fee and to eliminate the rate disparity, the District would like to give the customers the option of being annexed into the District. After annexation, the customers would no longer pay the higher base monthly fee for water service, but would pay ad valorem taxes to the District. Whether the District annexes each individual property will be up to the individual property owner since the owner would have to sign a petition for annexation.

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request to allow Water Control & Improvement District No. 18 to annex the 60 out-of-District water customer parcels into the District because:

1. City water infrastructure is more than six miles away from the District;
2. The out-of-District customers already receive water service from the District;

3. City departments have not indicated a negative impact to their department upon the approval of the District's request; and
4. The City's approval does not impair the City's ability in the future to annex properties located within the District.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A –Location map showing the existing WCID 18 boundaries and the 60 out-of-District parcels to be annexed into the District

**PROCESS FOR ANNEXATION TO A WATER DISTRICT:** Annexation of territory to a water district requires approval by both the district and property owners. The District submitted this request for the City's consent because the affected property is in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The City Code review process for annexation of territory to a water district requires review by City staff and boards and commissions prior to action by Council within 91 days of the receipt of a completed application. The completed application was received on February 28, 2017 and must be acted upon by Council on or before May 30, 2017.

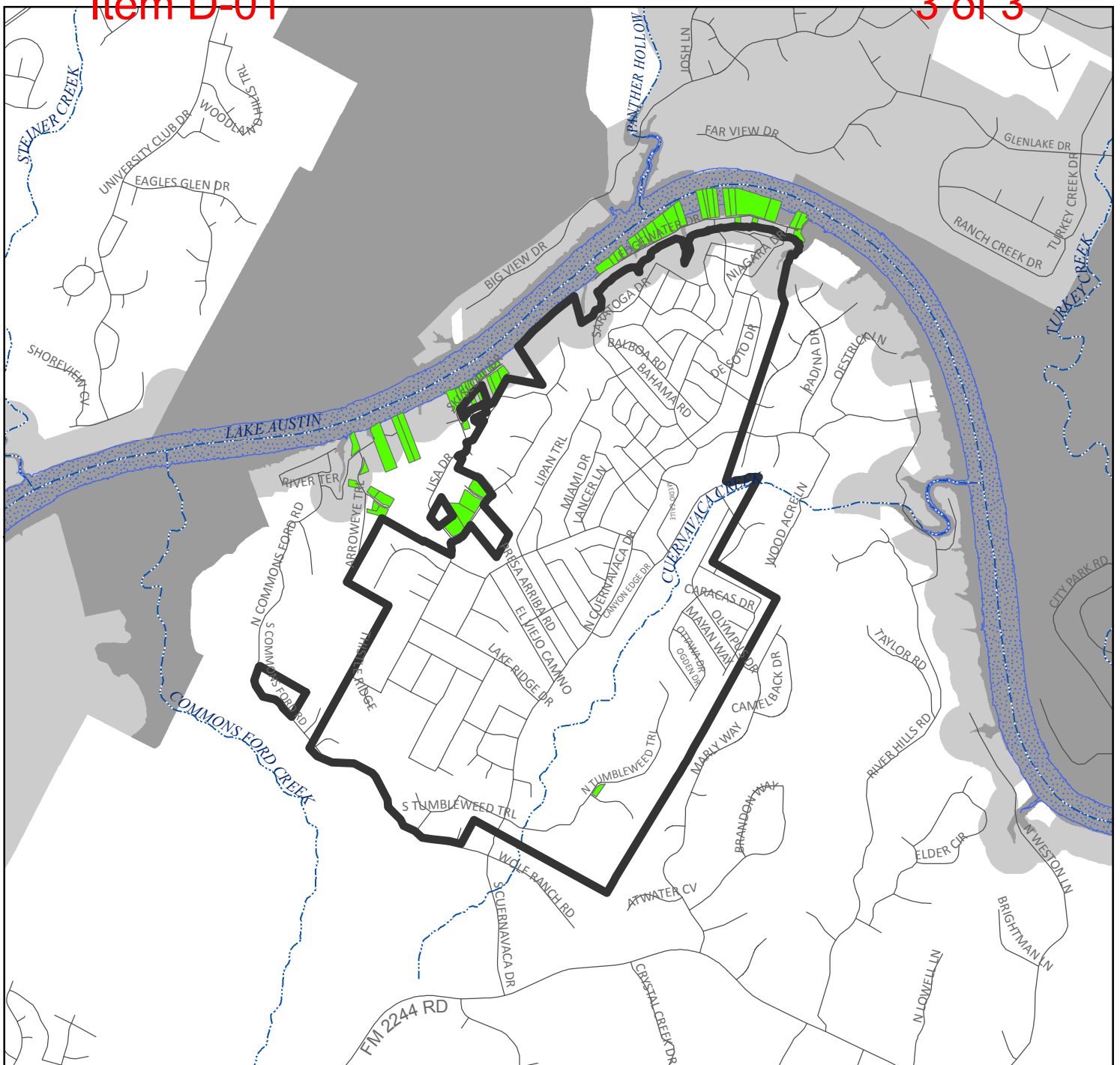
**WATER & WASTEWATER COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** The April 12, 2017 WWW Commission meeting at which this item was to be considered was cancelled due to the number of Commissioners that would be absent so they made no recommendation.

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** May 11, 2017

**ACTION:**

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## C12M-2017-0001 Water Control & Improvement District No. 18

- WCID18 Out-of-District properties
- WCID 18
- Streets
- Major Creeks

### Jurisdictions

- Austin Full Purpose
- Austin Limited Purpose
- Austin ETJ
- Other City or ETJ



1 in = 2,500 feet



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