

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: May 24, 2018

Item Number: **004**

Austin Water

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with West Travis County Public Utility Agency ('WTCPUA') for the City's provision of emergency back-up water service to WTCPUA's service area.

District(s) Affected: District 6

Lead Department	Austin Water
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact.
Prior Council Action	
For More Information	Bart Jennings, 512-972-0118; Denise Avery, 512-972-0104
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	May 9, 2018- Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent.

Additional Backup Information:

West Travis County Municipal Public Utility Agency ("WTCPUA") was created on December 21, 2011 by the City of Bee Cave, Hays County, and West Travis County Municipal Utility District ("MUD") No. 5 in response to the Lower Colorado River Authority's ("LCRA") decision to sell all

LCRA's individual retail water and wastewater systems that it owned within LCRA's jurisdictional boundary. The WTCPUA subsequently purchased a portion of the LCRA's water and wastewater infrastructure to continue the provision of water and wastewater service in southwest Travis County and Hays County. The WTCPUA serves approximately 17,000 water customers and 3,800 wastewater customers.

The City of Austin does not provide wholesale water or wastewater service to the WTCPUA.

The WTCPUA has requested a contract for the City provide emergency back-up water service by way of three emergency interconnections near Southwest Parkway and State Highway 71, Circle Drive and US 290, and Blazyk Drive and FM 1826 shown on the attached map ("Exhibit A"). These three emergency interconnections will only be able to provide temporary water service to approximately 8,000 of the 17,000 WTCPUA customers.

Major requirements of the emergency back-up water service contract include:

- Emergency water service is provided only for specifically defined events such as Acts of God or similar unpreventable catastrophic conditions;
- Emergency water service is provided only for a specified duration (generally a two-week period);
- The Austin Water's provision of service is subject to the availability of water, and the needs of City customers take precedence;
- The term of the contract is for a ten-year period;
- WTCPUA will pay a monthly customer account fee, regardless of volume used, and pay for any volumetric use of water at the City's average wholesale water rate subject to an increase of City water rates; and
- WTCPUA will pay an initiation fee of \$5,400 per day during an active emergency event, which also may increase consistent with City water rates.

The City currently provides similar emergency back-up water service to the Travis County MUD #4 and to Travis County Water Control and Improvement District #17.

WTCPUA is located adjacent to District 6.