

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

### AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: **002**

#### Austin Water

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the Austin Water Wildland Conservation Division and Travis County to coordinate prescribed fire planning and implementation.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Austin Water
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	This item has no fiscal impact.
<b>For More Information</b>	Sherri Kuhl, 512-972-1664; Lucien Ball, 512-972-1683; Denise Avery, 512-972-0104
<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	July 11, 2018- Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote with Chair Moriarty and Commissioners Turrieta, Michel, and Schmitt absent.

#### Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a framework of cooperation for each of the parties to provide mutual support, cooperation and assistance for prescribed fire management, fire prevention, fire preparedness, and for assistance on “all risk” incidents or land management activities where specific skills and/or equipment are required. 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 the safety of employees participating

in interagency incident management efforts. Parties understand that the resources available from the City under this Agreement are limited to the resources of the Austin Water Wildland Conservation Division.

Travis County Parks and Recreation Department recently hired a prescribed burn manager and are expanding their burn program. We share common land management goals and look forward to partnering with them.

The Wildland Conservation Division is made up of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve program and the Water Quality Protection Lands program protecting over 40,000 acres of land from roughly Cedar Park to Kyle. The Balcones Canyonlands Preserve was established as a result of a Federal Permit issued to the City of Austin and Travis County to authorize impacts to eight endangered species. The Water Quality Protection Lands protect land over the recharge and contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer to protect the quality and quantity of water discharging at Barton Springs.