

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN
AND THE
LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY
REGARDING BUOYS AT LAKE AUSTIN, LADY BIRD LAKE, DECKER LAKE,
AND THE AREA SURROUNDING HANDCOX WATER TREATMENT PLANT
ON LAKE TRAVIS**

Agreement Overview:

City of Austin agrees to work with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to install, maintain, and replace buoys, signs, cables and/or markers and appurtenances (Buoys) to assist boaters in recognizing hazards associated with Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, Decker Lake, and the area surrounding Handcox Water Treatment Plant on Lake Travis.

What is the Purpose of the Agreement?

Following major renovations to Tom Miller Dam in 2005, the City entered into an agreement with LCRA on July 26, 2007, for Buoy installation and maintenance to alert boaters to the hazards associated with the floodgates and spillway of Tom Miller Dam. On July 16, 2013, this agreement was amended to incorporate the City's water treatment plants and other improvements abutting or adjacent to bodies of water within the City of Austin's controlling jurisdiction, including all of Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, Decker Lake, and the area surrounding Handcox Water Treatment Plant on Lake Travis. This agreement is set to expire on December 30, 2022.

The proposed interlocal agreement between the City and LCRA will replace the expiring agreement.

What is the Required Reciprocity from each Governmental Agency?

LCRA Services to be Provided and Deliverables

- LCRA will work with the City to mutually determine the location, type, number, and anchoring of the Buoys.
- LCRA will work with the City to establish processes and procedures for the purchase and installation of Buoys in the aforementioned waterways.
- LCRA will provide all labor and equipment for Buoy installation.
- LCRA agrees to use best efforts to maintain, repair, or replace damaged Buoys subject to staffing, funding, and water and weather conditions.
- LCRA agrees to mutually loan equipment to the City for purposes of the agreement.

City of Austin Deliverables

- City's Contract Manager will work with LCRA to mutually determine the location, type, number, and anchoring of the Buoys.
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- City agrees to mutually loan equipment to LCRA for the purposes of the agreement.
- City will provide assistance if requested, to further the purposes of the agreement, in a manner agreeable to both the City and LCRA.

What is the Term of the Agreement?

The term of this agreement is five years. The parties may renew this agreement for up to two additional five-year terms upon a written agreement signed by an authorized representative of each party.

Which Approvals Are Required?

Each governing body must approve the negotiation and execution of the agreement.

- Austin City Council
- LCRA Board of Directors

What Action is Being Requested?

Recommend that the City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with LCRA for the installation, maintenance, and replacement of buoys to assist boaters in recognizing hazards on Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, Decker Lake, and the area surrounding Handcox Water Treatment Plant on Lake Travis.

What are the Next Steps?

- Request for City Council Action- September 15, 2022
- LCRA Board of Directors Action- TBD
- Negotiate and Execute Agreement with LCRA