



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2807, Agenda Item #: 28.**

**9/15/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Lower Colorado River Authority 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.

### **Lead Department**

Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$10,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Prior Council Action:**

February 1, 2007 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and the Lower Colorado River Authority to allow parties to locate, maintain and replace buoys at Tom Miller Dam on Lake Austin, on Council Member Martinez' motion, Council Member Kim's second on a 6-0 vote. On June 6, 2013, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement between the City and the Lower Colorado River Authority to include the City's water treatment plants and other improvements abutting or adjacent to Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, Decker Lake, and the area surrounding Handcox Water Treatment Plant on Lake Travis, on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

July 25, 2022 - Parks and Recreation Board recommended Austin City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority 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. The recommendation passed on a vote of 10-0. Recommendation No. 20220725-6.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

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 dam's floodgates and spillway. 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. The current agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2022, and the proposed interlocal agreement between the aforementioned entities will replace the expiring one. In the new agreement, the installation and maintenance will include the buoys, signs, cables, markers and appurtenances.

Together, LCRA and the City will:

- Mutually determine the location, type, number, and anchoring of the buoys
- Establish processes and procedures for the purchase and installation of buoys.
- Mutually loan equipment for purposes of the agreement.

LCRA Deliverables:

- Provide all labor and equipment for buoy installation.
- Use best efforts to maintain, repair, or replace damaged buoys subject to staffing, funding, and water and weather conditions.

City Deliverables:

- Provide funding for cost and installation of buoys and any associated equipment and repairs.
- Assist LCRA, if requested, and as mutually agreed.

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.

The Council's authorization for the negotiation and execution of this agreement will allow the two parties to continue their partnership to ensure the safety of the public.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.