



Austin Energy Vegetation Management Audit Update

Audit and Finance Committee

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The audit process

Our work is conducted in three parts:



Initial Information
Collection



Detailed Test Work



Reporting

Resolution 20230209-081

Directs the City Auditor to conduct an audit of Austin Energy's Vegetation Management Plan and its implementation by Austin Energy, including:

- Adequacy and execution of the plan
- Identification of best practices and lessons learned
- Resource allocation and storm response
- Recommendations for improving the plan



What We've Done

- Interviewed staff in Austin Energy and Law
- Reviewed laws, policies, and procedures
- Reviewed guidelines and best practices
- Analyzed service request data
- Reviewed contracts, agreements, performance measures, and funding information
- Reviewed after-action reports and plans
- Reviewed communication, education, and outreach information



Objective: To determine the effectiveness of Austin Energy's vegetation management to meet normal and emergency response needs, and how this approach compares to peer entities.



PLANNING



EXECUTION &
MONITORING



INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY



COMMUNICATION



SAFETY



EQUITY

Next Steps

- Conduct focused tests to address our objective
- Draft report and recommendations
- Completion: September 2023



Questions?

