





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**THROUGH:** Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager 

**FROM:** Shay Ralls Roalson, P.E., Director, Austin Water 

**DATE:** March 26, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Response on Austin Water Storage Tank Mural (Resolution No. 20230816-015)

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This memorandum provides a response to [Resolution No. 20230816-015](#) regarding the City Council's desire to utilize Austin Water's storage tank located at 910 Armadillo Road as an opportunity to display public art that reflects the importance and value of the area's culture and history.

Austin Water (AW) has evaluated its water storage tank and agrees that it provides an opportunity to display public art for the community and our customers. AW has worked directly with the Economic Development Department (EDD) to determine the ability to move forward with this project through its Art in Public Places (AIPP) program. AW and EDD agree that the AIPP program will manage the artwork opportunity and select an artist/artist team to create a mural on the storage tank using AW's available funding. The current AIPP programmatic processes will be utilized for this project, including project discovery, artist selection, community engagement, design and fabrication, and project close-out, with review and advisement at regular points in the process by the Art in Public Places Panel and Arts Commission. EDD plans to issue a call to Artists in September 2024, with the artist contract executed in early spring 2025.

AW is excited to partner with EDD to utilize this storage tank that is not in service to display public art that reflects the importance and value of the community.

If you have any questions regarding the information included in this memo, please contact Randi Jenkins, AW Assistant Director of Customer Experience, at [randi.jenkins@austintexas.gov](mailto:randi.jenkins@austintexas.gov).

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