

AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Austin Water Utility
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 8**

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an emergency water agreement with Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 4 ("TCMUD #4") for the City's provision of emergency water service to a portion of TCMUD #4's service area.

Amount and Source of Funding: TCMUD #4 will be responsible for the necessary infrastructure improvements. No City funding is required for this agreement.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 4 (TCMUD #4) is the master district for Travis County Municipal Utility Districts No. 3-9 which are located within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction in the City's designated Drinking Water Protection Zone, west of Capital of Texas Highway, south of FM 2244, and north and east of Southwest Parkway in western Travis County. TCMUD #4 owns and operates its own water and wastewater treatment plants. The City does not provide any wholesale water or wastewater service to TCMUD #4.

TCMUD #4 has requested the City provide emergency water service near the intersection of Mirador Drive and Southwest Parkway to a portion of its service area. Currently, the area contains 88 single-family lots (the Mirador and Escala subdivisions) with a projected build-out of 500 connections within the next ten years.

Major requirements of the emergency water contract include:

- Emergency water service is provided only for specifically defined events such as Acts of God or similar unpreventable catastrophic conditions;
- Emergency water service is provided only for a specified duration (generally a two-week period);
- The Austin Water Utility's provision of service is subject to the availability of water. The needs of City customers take precedence;
- The term of the contract is for a ten-year period;
- TCMUD #4 will pay a monthly customer account fee and for any volumetric use of water at the City's average wholesale water rate; and
- TCMUD #4 will pay an actual use fee of \$1,500 per day, which also may annually increase concurrent with City water rates.