

AGENDA



Thursday, March 27, 2008

**Austin Water Utility
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 6

Subject: Approve Service Extension Request No. 2696 for wastewater service not to exceed a peak wet weather flow of 147 gallons per minute (gpm) for multi-family development located within the Drinking Water Protection Zone in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction at 9101 Circle Drive.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission. Not Recommended by the Environmental Board (see footnote).

Pedernales Electric Cooperative, the owner of the platted commercial lots has submitted Service Extension Request No. 2696 requesting that the City provide wastewater utility service for a proposed multi-family development. The subject tract consists of approximately 44.79 acres of land located outside the full-purpose city limits at 9101 Circle Drive. This tract is located within the Council approved Impact Fee Boundary, Utility Service Area, and also within the Drinking Water Protection Zone and Slaughter Creek Watershed in the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. The two lots are part of the Pedernales Electric Cooperative-Circle Drive Austin Subdivision and development is subject to the SOS ordinance.

The request for service does not include City cost participation or reimbursement and based on the Utility's capacity analysis, adequate system capacity exists to meet the projected demands of the property to be served. The estimated peak wet weather flow is projected at 147 gallons per minute (gpm). This request is being brought to the City Council because City Code Section 25-9-34 requires City Council approval for all Service Extension Requests in the Drinking Water Protection Zone and not within the full purpose corporate limits. Applicant will construct approximately 3,100 feet of 8-inch gravity wastewater main from the existing 8-inch gravity wastewater main (Project 2004-0632) in Towana Trail, west along Towana Trail to Mowinkle Drive and south along Mowinkle Drive to Circle Drive and continue west along Circle Drive with approximately 1,450 feet of 8-inch gravity wastewater main to the subject tract.

The proposed wastewater improvements will conform to all City of Austin Code requirements. Construction of Service Extension Requests is subject to all environmental and planning ordinances. The applicant will construct all required improvements at their cost and after final acceptance of construction, the applicant will dedicate the facilities to the City for ownership, operation and maintenance. The applicant has submitted a written request to be annexed by the City. The City of Austin will provide water.

The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, Law Department, and Neighborhood Zoning and Planning (Annexation) Department have reviewed and approved of the subject Service Extension Request.

Footnote - The Environmental Board did not recommend approval of this SER based on the initial analysis of WPDR staff. Between the time the Environmental Board's review and the request for Council action, WPDR staff has completed further analysis and now recommends approval