Thursday, October 23, 2008

Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 2

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute, with Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 ("WCID No. 17"), an amendment to agreement with WCID No. 17, for the provision of wholesale wastewater service to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development area.

Amount and Source of Funding: WCID No. 17 will be responsible for the necessary infrastructure improvements. No City funding is required for this agreement.

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

Prior Council Action: October 30, 2003 (Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement); June 23, 2005 (First Amendment of Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement); June 22, 2006 (Second Amendment of Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement); April 10, 2008 (Third Amendment of Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement)

WCID No. 17 provides water and wastewater services within its boundaries in northwest Travis County along the RM 620 and Lake Travis. The City of Austin ("City") and WCID No. 17 previously entered into a wholesale wastewater agreement for a portion of WCID No. 17's service area on July 12, 2004. This service area is related to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development ("Comanche Canyon Area").

WCID No. 17 now desires to modify the wholesale wastewater service area. Currently, a 2.7-acre tract is located within the wholesale service area and has been allocated one living unit equivalent ("LUE") of wastewater service, but the tract is being sold to Travis County for the county's Balcones Canyonland Conservation Preserve. WCID No. 17 would like to transfer the one LUE of wastewater service to a 10.7-acre tract located across Comanche Trail from the 2.7-acre tract. The attached exhibit illustrates the transfer of service area for the Comanche Canyon Area. This transfer does not modify the maximum level of wastewater service from the City to WCID No. 17.

The City's Watershed Protection and Development Review Department has determined, based upon its research, that the City's provision of wholesale wastewater service for the transferred service area will not result in a greater density than allowed under current City ordinances. No other provisions of the current wholesale wastewater contract for the Comanche Canyon Area will be modified by this service area transfer.