

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Contract and Land Management  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 25**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with AARON CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, L.P. (MBE/MH 71.89 %), Austin, TX, for La Crosse Reservoir Access Road Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$143,182.08.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Alison von Stein 974-7217; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of nine (9) bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 9.72% MBE and 10.51% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

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The La Crosse Reservoir is a City-owned water supply. It serves the Southwest B pressure zone, including Lewis Mt. Rance and surrounding areas along FM 1826 through the Camp Ben Pump Station.

The current access road to the La Crosse Reservoir is unpaved, and has no gate or directional signage at the entrance on FM 1826, making it difficult to provide safe and secure access for emergency and utility vehicles to the site. The existing chain link fence is located between the road and the reservoir, and does not encompass the access road.

This project will provide hot mix asphaltic pavement for the road, removal of the existing fence and installation of new chain link fence along the property boundary, as well as a new gate entrance on FM 1826. Having an entrance gate visible from the road will allow emergency and utility vehicles to easily locate the site. Directional signage will be installed at the gate to indicate "Right Turn Only," and "No Left Turn," as a traffic safety measure.

The contract allows for 45 working days for completion of this project.