

AGENDA



Thursday, April 29, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize execution of change order #2 to the construction contract with BENITEZ CONSTRUCTION INC., Manor, TX (MBE/MH - 60.34 %), for the West Campus Water Line Improvements Areas 1-4 project in the amount of \$279,950 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,209,301.76.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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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) with 68.43% MBE prime and subcontractor participation and 3.76% WBE subcontractor participation to date.

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

Prior Council Action: July 23, 2009 – Council awarded the construction contract to Benitez Construction Inc.

This project includes the upsizing of existing water lines in the west campus area to 6-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch waterlines. This change order is required due to previously undiscovered subsurface conditions and utility conflicts in the right of way. Record drawings for existing utilities in the area were found to be incomplete in some cases. Major items to be included in this change order include ductile iron fittings, valves, pressure taps, services, concrete caps and an additional flexible base.

Change Order No. 1 for \$104,531 was executed February 26, 2010, and was covered by contingency and administrative authority. This work included valves, pressure taps, services and work to address ground water intrusion into the trench.