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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9691	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Austin Water Utility
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Brazos River Authority for the operation and maintenance of the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System.

Amount and Source of Funding

There is not unanticipated fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Bart Jennings, 972-0118, Denise Avery, 972-0104
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System ("Brushy Creek System") is a wastewater system located in southern Williamson County. The cities of Austin, Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Leander (the "Cities") own the Brushy Creek System facilities. The Brazos River Authority ("Brazos") operates and maintains the Brushy Creek System. The Brushy Creek System uses two wastewater treatment plants (combined capacity of 24.8 MGD) to treat wastewater within a defined area consisting mostly of the Brushy Creek watershed. Austin has approximately 3,200 connections out of a total of 63,500 connections to the Brushy Creek System (mostly comprising the Avery Ranch subdivision).

The current agreement between Brazos and the Cities will expire on September 30, 2011. Brazos has agreed to continue to provide operation and maintenance services for a ten year period. Austin's proportional share of the cost of the Brushy Creek System is based upon Austin's reserved capacity in the wastewater treatment plants and wastewater interceptors. The cost of minor capital repairs is generally managed through or provided by Brazos. Austin's current monthly share of the operation and maintenance costs is approximately \$14,000.