

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 18876 Agenda Number 3.

Meeting Date: 12/13/2012 Department: Austin Water Utility

Subject

Approve a resolution repealing Resolution No. 011213-80 and approving a new Land Management Plan for the Water Quality Protection Lands located primarily in southwest Travis and northeast Hays Counties.

Amount and Source of Funding

There is no unanticipated funding.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

| Purchasing | |
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| Language: | |
| Prior Council | December 13, 2001 - Council approved the Land Management Plan for the Water Quality |
| Action: | Protection Lands. |
| For More | Willie Conrad, 972-1661; Kevin Thuesen, Ph.D., 972-1666; Denise Avery, 972-0104 |
| Information: | vviiiie Coffiau, 972-1001, Reviit Tituesett, Ftt.D., 972-1000, Defuse Avery, 972-0104 |
| Boards and | Recommended by the Environmental Board and to be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater |
| Commission | Commission on December 12, 2012. |
| Action: | Continussion on December 12, 2012. |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

The attached plan governs the operations of the Water Quality Protection Lands (WQPL). In 2001, the original land management plan for these operations was prepared by a consortium led by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Since the original plan was developed, the WQPL has grown from 15,000 acres in 2001 to 26,517 acres in 2012. This updated plan takes into account these new acquisitions, land management approaches that have been refined through 10 years of on the ground work and the ever-evolving scientific literature. This revised science based plan has been prepared by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and is intended to optimize the quantity and quality of water leaving the Water Quality Protections Lands and recharging the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.