

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	33360	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	6/12/2014	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City, the City of Westlake Hills, and Travis County for the coordinated operation of wildfire detection systems. Related to Item # 43.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20140213-047; February 13, 2014: Council approved a resolution.
For More Information:	Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief; 512-974-0130 and Harry Evans, Chief of Staff; 512-974-0132
Boards and Commission Action:	April 7, 2014 – Unanimously approved by the Public Safety Commission on a 5-0 vote. Recommendation Number 20140407-003c
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This interlocal agreement between the City of Austin, the City of Westlake Hills, and Travis County establishes obligations in connection with a pilot project related to the purchase and implementation of an early warning wildfire detection system. The pilot project will test the effectiveness of an early warning detection system for wildfires using smoke sensors with the primary coverage being in the western portion of Travis County for a limited period of time (one year). After the pilot phase, the parties will develop recommendations for wildfire detection on a long term basis including the continuation of the use of smoke sensors, alterations to the methods used, and the expansion of the use and other factors that present themselves during the one year pilot project.