

RESOLUTION NO. 20140807-091

WHEREAS, the City Council approved resolution 20140327-03 directing the City Manager to analyze and report to Council the costs and timelines for a variety of short- and long-term water related capital projects, including conservation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved resolution 20140410-33 creating an Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force to evaluate the City's water needs, to examine and make recommendations regarding future water planning, and to evaluate potential water resource management scenarios for Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force Recommendations Revised Report, from July 10, 2014, states as the first key recommendation the need to develop a realistic Integrated Water Resource Plan similar to the LCRA Water Management Plan and Austin Energy Integrated Resource Plan, and the cost for developing this plan should be included in the FY2015 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Water Resource Task Force names a series of goals for this plan, including but not limited to identifying and facilitating opportunities for regional partnerships, technology cost sharing, balanced regional water reliability, and improved drought preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Austin Water Utility staff have reviewed a new Integrated Water Resource Plan project and included an additional \$500,000 in its proposed Water Capital Improvement Project Spending Plan for FY2015 to fund a substantial portion of the project, though the project may require funding into future budget years; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to prepare an impact analysis on rates and finances that would result once the utility implements the priority water conservation measures recommended by the Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force in their July 10, 2014 memo, and further to ensure that when an Integrated Water Resource Plan is developed, that it include cost comparison and rate impacts of all water sources, integration of all water sources, including storm water and other auxiliary sources, and extensive public input similar to the process used for the development of the watershed protection ordinance.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk