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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	56219	Agenda Number	3.
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Meeting Date:	4/21/2016	Department:	Austin Resource Recovery
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Resource Recovery Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to transfer out \$1,200,000 and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Resource Recovery Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$1,200,000 from the Austin Resource Recovery Operating Budget for FM 812 Landfill repairs.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Resource Recovery Fund Operating Budget. Austin Resource Recovery anticipates reimbursement for eligible expenses at rates/percentages established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to offset some of these expenses.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached detailing the fiscal impact to the Austin Resource Recovery Operating and Capital Budgets.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Tom Fulmer, ARR Financial Manager, 512.974.1065
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	April 13, 2016 – Unanimously recommended by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission, Commissioner Valera absent.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This item appropriates \$1,200,000 in funding for necessary landfill repairs. Austin Resource Recovery expects partial reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This is a landfill that has stopped receiving waste and one in which final cover and drainage structures have been constructed. The drainage structures include berms, letdown channels (letdowns) and drainage ditches (channels) to control and convey storm water. The letdowns are predominately designed to convey storm water runoff from the top slope to the toe of the side slope, or from a collection channel to a lower elevation. The toe is where the slope of the slide meets the ground. It should be the lowest part of the slope. Water flows down the letdown structure (which is a slope) and flows off of the letdown structure at the point where the structure meets the ground (the toe). The water then would continue on the ground to its final destination.

Heavy rainfall events in May and October of 2015 caused some degree of failure in the letdowns, necessitating repairs. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, through rules and statutes, requires the City to maintain compliant drainage structures. An engineering design and analysis was completed of the drainage failure, resulting in specifications for repairs.