

**Posting Language**

Approve ratification of emergency expenditures for bottled water, water treatment plant repairs, and associated purchases, in the amount of \$1,641,512.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of various City departments.

**Purchasing Language:**

Ratification.

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

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**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:****Additional Backup Information:**

During the Central Texas Flooding events of Fall 2018 a historic amount of soil, silt, and debris washed into the Highland Lakes where Austin Water intakes water to supply to its customers. As a result, a boil water notice (Exhibit A) was issued by Austin Water on October 22, 2018 to all City of Austin residents and the Mayor declared a local state of disaster (Exhibit B) on October 25, 2018.

In order to provide potable water to Austin residents during this time, the City purchased and distributed various sizes of bottled water, at no cost, to all residents at five designated locations. Additionally, emergency repairs and supplies were purchased for the Davis Water Treatment Plant and Ulrich Water Treatment Plant because of raw water quality degradation from the floods.

The amount requested above represents bottled water purchases and water treatment plant repairs that were over the City Managers administrative authority. These were the only expenditures that exceeded the City Manager's authority during the emergency. The total dollar value for all expenditures performed in support of the emergency totaled \$1,784,717.50. This amount will be filed with the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement.