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AGENDA



Thursday, April 27, 2006

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**Austin Water Utility
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
ACTION**

ITEM NO: 2

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute amendments to agreements with Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 (WCID No. 17) for the provision of wholesale wastewater service to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development, and with WCID No. 17, Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch Ltd., and Steiner Utility Company, Inc., for the provision of wholesale wastewater service to the Steiner Ranch area.

Amount and Source of Funding: WCID No. 17 will be responsible for the necessary infrastructure improvements. No City funding is required for this agreement.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required

Additional Backup Material

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Map

Map

Board and Commission report

For More Information:

Prior Council Action: August 24, 2000 (Steiner Ranch Wholesale Agreement); October 30, 2003 (Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement); June 23, 2005 (First amendment of Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement)

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission.

WCID No. 17 provides water and wastewater services within its boundaries in northwest Travis County along the RM 620 and Lake Travis. The City of Austin ("City") and WCID No. 17 previously entered into a wholesale wastewater agreement for a portion of WCID No. 17's service area on June 17, 2002. This service area is related to a Development Agreement between the City and T.H.L. Ranch, Ltd, Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd., 239 Rio Vista, Ltd., and Gerald Kucera ("Steiner Ranch Area"). Additionally, the City and WCID No. 17 previously entered into a wholesale wastewater agreement for another portion of WCID No. 17's service area on July 12, 2004. This service area is related to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development ("Comanche Canyon Area").

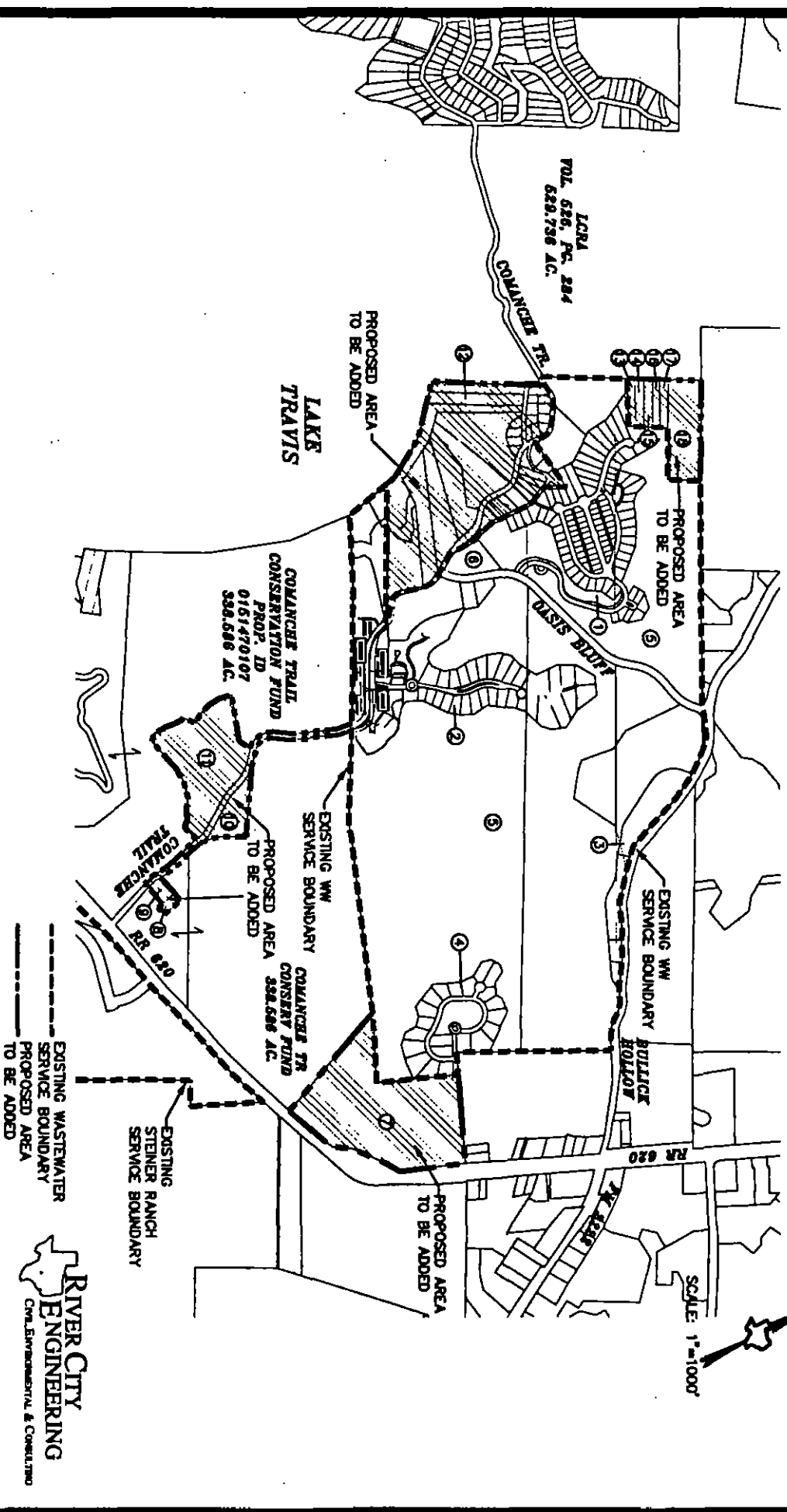
WCID No. 17 now desires wholesale wastewater service for additional areas adjacent to the Steiner Ranch and Comanche Canyon Areas. The attached exhibits illustrate the additional service area for the Steiner Ranch and Comanche Canyon Areas. Within these requested areas for those lots with existing septic tanks, the existing development's wastewater service will be converted to wholesale wastewater service with no further

expansion of service level without the City's approval. For those tracts that do not currently possess City approved platted lot status, the tracts will only be provided one Living Unit Equivalent of wastewater service. Upon City approval of a final plat, the City, to each platted lot, will provide the appropriate level of wholesale wastewater service that matches the wastewater service requirements of the final plat. The estimated initial level of wholesale wastewater service for the requested additional areas is 340,000 gallons per day.

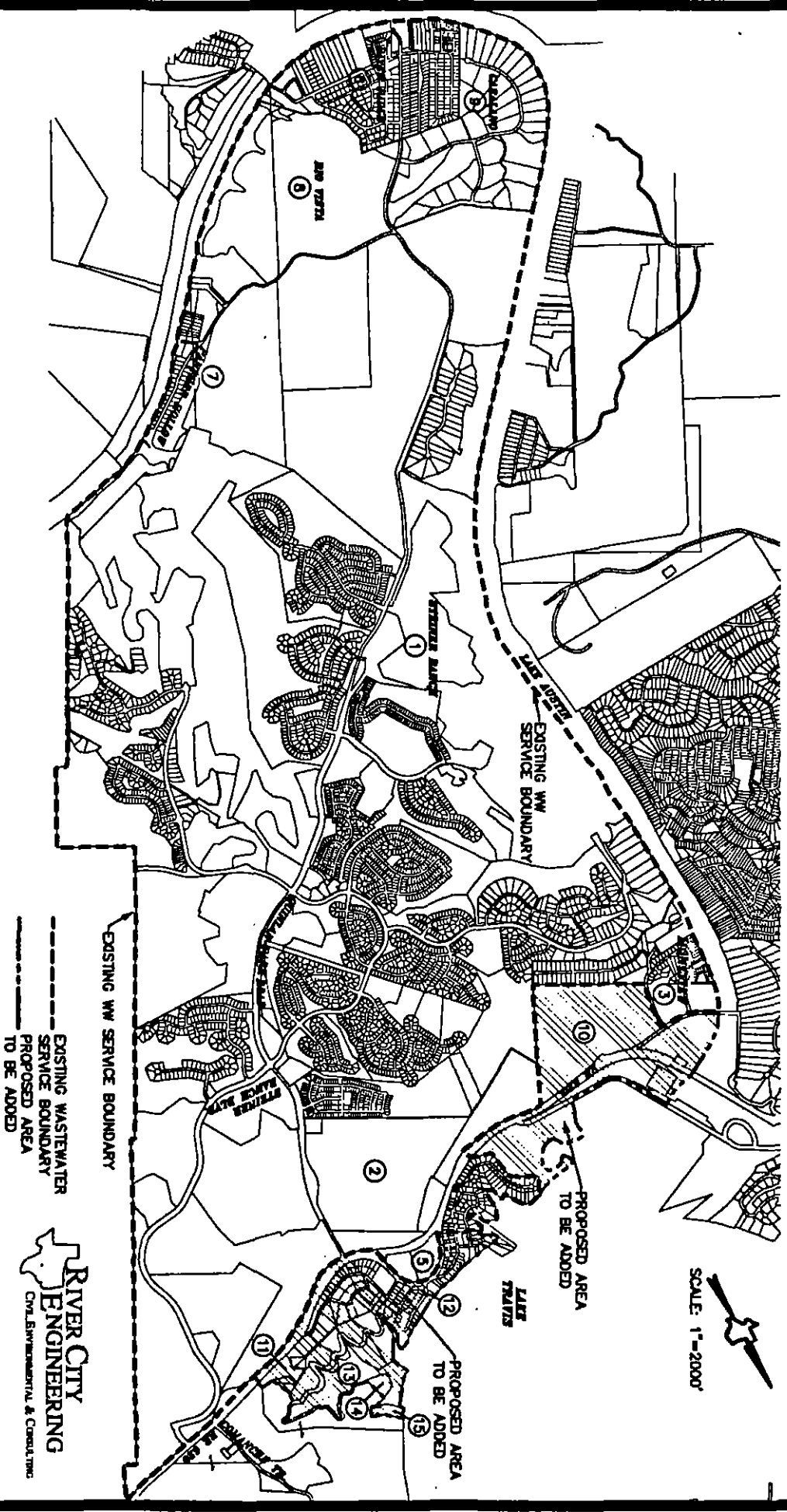
The City's Watershed Protection and Development Review Department recommends the City's provision of wholesale wastewater service for the additional requested service areas. The wholesale agreements between the City and WCID No. 17 contain terms and conditions such as:

- the payment of the City's wastewater capital recovery fees for new connections to the City's system,
- the requirement of providing treated wastewater effluent to the City,
- the requirement of meeting specific wastewater quality parameters and undertaking corrective actions, if needed, and
- the provision of surcharges for exceeding wastewater flows and liquidated damages for not complying with other contractual limitations.

TRAVIS COUNTY WC&ID NO. 17 COMANCHE CANYON WHOLESAL WASTEWATER SERVICE BOUNDARY



TRAVIS COUNTY WC&ID NO. 17 STEINER RANCH WHOLESALE WASTEWATER SERVICE BOUNDARY



EXISTING NW SERVICE BOUNDARY

 EXISTING WASTEWATER SERVICE BOUNDARY

 PROPOSED AREA TO BE ADDED
 [Shaded Area]

No. 040506-G

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE
AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17 (WCID NO. 17) FOR THE PROVISION OF
WHOLESALE WASTEWATER SERVICE TO THE COMANCHE CANYON PLANNED
UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE STEINER RANCH AREA.**

April 5, 2006

REGULAR MEETING

VOTE: 8-0-0-1

Motion made by: Warner

Commissioners Consenting: Coleman, Lee, Gonzalez, Raun, Chan, Friesse,
Scott-Ryan

Commissioners Dissenting:

Commissioners Abstaining:

Commissioners Absent: Pool

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommend authorization to negotiate and execute amendments to agreements with Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 (WCID No. 17) for the provision of wholesale wastewater services to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development and to the Steiner Ranch area.



Michael Warner, Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission



Date