

Bull Creek Resolution
Agenda Item 3
8-24-06

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, owns a fully permitted and designated site for Water Treatment Plant # 4 (**WTP#4**) consisting of approximately 102 acres out of a 240 acre site purchased in 1984 at the headwaters of Bull Creek for WTP #4 (called "Original Site"); and

WHEREAS, at the request of its citizens-including members of advisory boards and commissions, the City has reviewed alternative sites for construction of WTP#4; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin desires an alternative site for WTP#4; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin owns approximately 1700 acres (known as "Cortaña") of Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (**BCP**) property in the same general vicinity of northwest Austin, approximately ¼ mile from the intersection of 620 and 2222, which meets the minimum site criteria needed to construct a water treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, Cortaña contains Black-capped Vireo habitat that is less sensitive and more easily duplicated preserve habitat than the old growth Golden Cheeked Warbler habitat and pristine stream conditions of an undisturbed Bull Creek as they currently exist at the Original Site; and

of WTP#4 at the alternative Cortaño Site from Travis County by September 27, 2006.

2. Council adopts the recommendations of the BCCP Coordinating Committee of August 21, 2006 to request a minor amendment to Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit PRT – 788841 transferring the Special Use Tract designation in the permit from the 102 acre site to the new 45 acre alternate Site that will be withdrawn from BCP contingent upon authorization by Travis County of the request for the minor amendment by September 27, 2006.
3. Council authorizes the construction of WTP#4 at the alternative Cortaño Site contingent upon the receipt of all appropriate approvals from Travis County to construct WTP#4 at the Cortaño site by September 27, 2006.
4. Council dedicates the original site, excluding the existing Fire and EMS station to BCP contingent upon the receipt of all necessary approvals from Travis County to construct WTP#4 at the Cortaño site by September 27, 2006.
5. Council dedicates the Water Quality Protection Lands (WQPL) Little Barton Creek tract to BCP under dual management as both WQPL and BCP, with public access authorization under WQPL grandfathered, and forgives the \$2,500,000 debt owed for purchase of certain other WQPL due to the dual dedication of Little Barton Creek tract to both WQPL and BCP contingent upon the receipt of all

circumstances surrounding the use of the Cortaña Site; and out of an abundance of caution that a Chapter 26 public hearing is appropriate.

ADOPTED: _____, 2006

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk