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AGENDA

Thursday, November 16, 2006

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**Watershed Protection and Development Review
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 37**

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to study Hydrologic Delineation of Habitat Management Zones for the Jollyville Plateau salamander in the Austin, TX area in an amount not to exceed \$33,350.36 (\$24,763 federal grant; \$8,595.36 City match).

Amount and Source of Funding: Total Project cost: \$33,358.36. Grant funding of up to \$24,763 (74.23%) is available in USFWS Section 6 program funds administered by the TPWD. Local matching funds of \$8,595.36 (25.77%) are required for the grant. Up to \$8,600 in local matching funds are available in the 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material
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No Attachments Available

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This USFWS grant will support a one-year pilot project on the Hydrologic Delineation of Habitat and Management Zones for the Jollyville Plateau salamander in the Austin, Texas area. The study will lay the groundwork and begin delineating groundwater flow paths and drainage basins for springs in the northern segment of the Edwards Aquifer, with an emphasis on identifying management and conservation needs for the species. The study will be conducted in north central Travis and south central Williamson counties. It will focus on delineating drainage basins for springs and caves in either the Bull Creek or Long Hollow watersheds. This work will support the development of management plans for the salamander.

The grant period is from the date of last signature by both parties through January 31, 2008. The total estimated project cost is \$33,358.36. USFWS funds administered by TPWD will provide up to \$24,763 and the City of Austin will provide the required matching funds of \$8,595.36. The grant funds were appropriated in the 2006-2007 Operating Budget.