

AGENDA



Thursday, September 30, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Ft. Branch WMA 6 & 7 – Truelight Area and Eleanor Drive Project to acquire a 1,590 square foot drainage easement, out of and part of Lot 18, Block 1, Lincoln Gardens Section One, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$2,619. The owners of the needed property interest are CARLOS and KELLY GONZALES. The property is located at 1224 Fort Branch Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The purpose of the Ft. Branch WMA 6 & 7 - Truelight Area and Eleanor Drive Project is to construct structural improvements to stabilize the Fort Branch creek bank from erosion and increase the size of the creek channel to reduce the potential frequency and depth of flooding in this neighborhood. Completion of this project requires the acquisition of a drainage easement on the property located at 1224 Fort Branch Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the drainage easement. The parties have been unable to agree on the value of the necessary acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.