

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: 004

## Austin Water

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a wholesale water contract with High Valley Water Supply Corporation located in southwest Travis County.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Austin Water
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	No financial impact.
<b>For More Information</b>	Bart Jennings, 512-972-0118; Denise Avery, 512-972-0104
<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	November 8, 2017- Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Maia abstaining and Commissioners Blanding and Turrieta absent.

## Additional Backup Information:

The High Valley Water Supply Corporation ("High Valley") is a member-owned water supply corporation that currently provides retail water service to approximately 80 single-family homes. Wastewater service is provided via individual on-site sewage facilities for each lot. The High Valley wholesale service area is located in southwest Travis County adjacent to F.M. 1826 within the City of Austin's ("City") extraterritorial jurisdiction, Austin Water's water service area, and the Drinking Water Protection Zone (see the attached map).

High Valley has been a wholesale water customer of the City since June 1992. The City has been

the sole water supplier for High Valley. The wholesale water contract has recently expired and High Valley desires to renew the contract. The City is continuing to provide water service on an interim basis under the terms of the recently expired contract. There are no financially viable water supply options for High Valley other than the City. The amount of water supply provided will not exceed an annual monthly average of 610,000 gallons per month, which is consistent with their historical water usage and their recently expired contract. The wholesale water service area is built-out.

Major provisions of the contract include:

- continued provision of wholesale water service under terms generally similar to Austin's other wholesale water customers,
- continued compliance with Austin Water's water conservation programs, rules and regulations,
- continued compliance with backflow prevention measures at the master water meter,
- payment of capital recovery fees for any redevelopment,
- payment of monthly charges and fees based on metered usage similar to those of Austin's other wholesale water customers,
- the ability for Austin Water to require that High Valley obtain their own separate raw water contract with the Lower Colorado River Authority so that High Valley's water consumption is not counted against Austin's raw water contract,
- the option, at the sole discretion of Austin Water, for High Valley to convey its water system to Austin Water at no cost to the City at the end of the term of the contract, and
- the term of the contract is 30 years.

The High Valley wholesale water service area is located adjacent to District 8.