

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 22, 2018

Item Number: 005

Austin Water

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 4 ('TCMUD #4') for the City's provision of emergency back-up water service to a portion of TCMUD #4's service area.

Lead Department	Austin Water
Fiscal Note	Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 4 will be responsible for the necessary infrastructure improvements for emergency back-up service. This item has no fiscal impact.
Prior Council Action	November 8, 2007 - Council approved an emergency water agreement with Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 4.
For More Information	Bart Jennings, 512-972-0118; Denise Avery, 512-972-0104
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	March 7, 2018- Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Lee absent.

Additional Backup Information:

Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 4 ("TCMUD #4") is the master district for Travis County Municipal Utility Districts No. 3-9 which are located within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and in the City's designated Drinking Water Protection Zone. TCMUD #4 is generally

located west of Capital of Texas Highway, south of FM 2244, and north and east of Southwest Parkway in western Travis County. The MUDs were created by the Texas Legislature in 1995. The MUDs do not have a consent agreement with the City. TCMUD #4 owns and operates its own water and wastewater treatment plants. The City does not provide any wholesale water or wastewater service to TCMUD #4.

City Council had previously authorized an emergency water contract between the City and TCMUD #4 on November 8, 2007 which expired by its own terms on November 26, 2017. During the ten-year period, TCMUD #4 used the emergency connection on two occasions as a result of problems with their water treatment plant.

TCMUD #4 has requested a renewal of the contract for the City provide emergency water service near the intersection of Mirador Drive and Southwest Parkway to a portion of its service area. The proposed service area is the same service area previously covered by the emergency contract.

Currently, the area contains 103 single-family lots, which are located within the Mirador and Escala subdivisions, with a projected build-out of 457 connections within the next ten years.

Major requirements of the emergency water service contract include:

- Emergency water service is provided only for specifically defined events such as Acts of God or similar unpreventable catastrophic conditions;
- Emergency water service is provided only for a specified duration (generally a two-week period);
- The Austin Water's provision of service is subject to the availability of water, and the needs of City customers take precedence;
- The term of the contract is for a ten-year period;
- TCMUD #4 will pay a monthly customer account fee and pay for any volumetric use of water at the City's average wholesale water rate; and
- TCMUD #4 will pay an actual use fee of \$2,670 per day, which also may increase consistent with City water rates.

TCMUD #4 is located adjacent to District 8.