

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 1, 2018

Item Number: 003

Austin Water

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas at Austin for consulting services regarding the beneficial use of lime residuals generated at the City's water treatment plants, in the amount of \$98,500 plus a \$4,925 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$103,425.

District(s) Affected: District 2

Lead Department	Austin Water
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Water.
Prior Council Action	June 23, 2016- Council approved an interlocal agreement 20160623-005, with the University of Texas for consulting services regarding the beneficial use of lime residuals generated at the City's water treatment plants.
For More Information	Olivia Beck, 512-972-1839; Bill Stauber, 512-972-0290; Denise Avery, 512-972-0104
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	October 10, 2018 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Castleberry, Turrieta, Lee, Bell, and Schmitt absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin uses lime softening at its water treatment plants to remove hardness from the drinking water. This process produces calcium carbonate residuals that must be dewatered and removed from the water treatment facilities. Through subsequent processing, residuals are created that contain about 55-60% solids, composed mostly of lime, with the remainder being water. These residuals are hauled from the water treatment plants and are currently disposed at the City's Shaw Lane Lime Residuals Disposal Facility (former quarry). Due to the volume of residuals being produced and the limited storage capacity at the Shaw Lane site, Austin Water would like to explore alternative options for disposing and reusing of lime residuals.

The scope of work for this interlocal agreement is a full-scale study aimed at evaluating the feasibility of using the lime residuals generated in the water treatment process for cement manufacturing. The previous interlocal agreement, completed in 2017, proved through bench-scale testing and a market evaluation that cement manufacturing is a viable solution to beneficially reuse Austin's lime residuals; however, a full-scale trial is necessary to prove the operational feasibility of using the lime residuals in cement manufacturing. These results would assist Austin Water in establishing a long-term plan for the disposal and potential reuse of lime residuals, while promoting the City of Austin's values of Innovation and sustainability.

This interlocal agreement allows Austin Water to obtain consulting services from the University of Texas at Austin to confirm the feasibility of beneficially using the lime residuals generated at the City's water treatment plants through full-scale trials for a total of \$98,500. A contingency of \$4,925 in funding is also requested to cover possible changes to the scope that may become necessary during the study.

This project is located within District 2 and is managed by Austin Water.