



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendation from the Aquifer Management Planning Committee to renew and extend an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District to conduct a Precipitation Enhancement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$163,000.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 09-16-850 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving a one-year renewal and extension of Interlocal Cooperation Contract No. 15-775-ERA between the EAA and Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District to conduct precipitation enhancement activities, in an amount not to exceed \$163,000, for the period October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, and authorize the General Manager to execute the renewal.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider an Aquifer Management Planning Committee recommendation to consider renewal of an Interlocal Cooperation Contract (Contract) with the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District (EUWCD) to conduct a Precipitation Enhancement Program (PEP) for the year 2017. The original Contract approved by the board in December 2015, expires September 30, 2016. If approved, this would be the first of four renewal options to begin October 1, 2016.

The EAA has funded the PEP since 1999, and has contracted with the EUWCD and the Wintergreen Groundwater Conservation District (WGCD) to conduct the PEP since 2006. EUWCD holds a weather modification permit to allow them to conduct PEP activities in Bandera, Bexar, Medina, and now Uvalde counties.

Under the Contract, the EAA pays a fixed portion of EUWCD's contractual costs with the South Texas Weather Modification Association (STWMA) for PEP activities in Bandera, Bexar, Medina and Uvalde counties. The Contract includes a provision whereby costs related directly to flights and seeding activities that directly impact the EAA's target area would be reimbursed by the EAA.

Attached to this agenda item are the draft Contract renewal letter and associated resolution and order. Legal counsel has reviewed each of these documents.

At the August 23 meeting, the Aquifer Management Planning Committee voted to recommend the board adopt a resolution and order of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving a one-year renewal and extension of Interlocal Cooperation Contract No. 15-775-ERA between the EAA and Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District to conduct precipitation enhancement activities, in an amount not to exceed \$163,000, for the period October 1, 2016, through September

30, 2017, and authorize the General Manager to execute the renewal.

M/WBE PARTICIPATION:

EUWCD is a groundwater conservation district and is therefore not a minority or woman-owned business enterprise.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:

This agenda item does not relate to a specific goal or action step within the Strategic Plan, but supports the general EAA mission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$163,000 is included in the proposed 2017 operating budget.