



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. 09-17-882 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, 2017 through September 30, 2018, 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 renew and extend an Interlocal Cooperation Contract (Contract) with the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District (EUWCD) to conduct a Precipitation Enhancement Program (PEP) for the year 2018. The original Contract was approved by the board in December 2015, and renewed in September 2016. The current Contract expires September 30, 2017. If approved, this would be the second of four renewal options.

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 Resolution and Order No. 09-17-882. Legal counsel has reviewed each of these documents.

At the August 22 meeting, representatives of STWMA provided a report regarding recent PEP activities and their associated impacts. EAA staff will be available at the September 12 meeting to answer questions related to the Contract, the proposed renewal, or PEP activities.

At the August 22 meeting, the Aquifer Management Planning Committee voted to recommend the

board 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.

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 2018 operating budget.