Edwards Aquifer Authority



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Consider EAA staff recommendation to approve an interlocal cooperation contract with Texas A&M-San Antonio, for strategic planning services associated with Edwards Aquifer Conservancy, in an amount not to exceed \$100,710.43.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 08-18-904 approving Interlocal Communication Contract No. 18-899-EX between the EAA and Texas A&M University-San Antonio for strategic planning services associated with the Edwards Aquifer Conservancy, in an amount not to exceed \$100,710.43, for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the contract.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider a staff recommendation to approve an interlocal communication contract between the EAA and Texas A&M University-San Antonio (TAMU-SA) for strategic planning services for the Edwards Aquifer Conservancy (EAC). Dr. Rudy Rosen, Director of the Institute for Water Resources Science and Technology at TAMU-SA, has years of experience in conservation organization management, leadership, fundraising, and advocacy, and is therefore well-qualified to lead the EAC's strategic planning effort.

The contract is related to the Memorandum of Agreement with TAMU-SA pertaining to water resources science and technology, education, research, and outreach relating to the Edwards Aquifer system, which the board approved May 8. This contract, which is entered into under the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (Chapter 791, Government Code), as well as the resolution and order have been reviewed by legal counsel.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:

This agenda item supports multiple EAA policy directions as set forth in the EAA 2016-20 Strategic Plan:

Goal G. Build Shared Value in the EAA Mission

Goal H. Sustain Fiscal Stability

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding in the estimated amount of \$34,000 is available in the 2018 operating budget. Funding for the remaining portion of this contract will be included in the 2019 proposed budget.