

Legislation Text

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Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the EAA and Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District to conduct a Precipitation Enhancement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board adopt Resolution and Order No. 10-20-980 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the EAA and Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District to conduct precipitation enhancement activities, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, for the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, with options to renew for four additional one-year periods, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the contract.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider a Permits/Enforcement Committee recommendation to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract (Contract) with the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District (EUWCD) to conduct a Precipitation Enhancement Program (PEP) for the year 2021, with four additional one-year renewal options.

The EAA has funded the PEP since 1999 and has contracted with the EUWCD to conduct the PEP since 2006. EUWCD holds a weather modification permit to allow them to conduct PEP activities in Bandera, Bexar, Medina, and Uvalde counties.

Under the proposed Contract, the EAA would pay a fixed portion of EUWCD's contractual costs with the South Texas Weather Modification Association for PEP activities in Bandera, Bexar, Medina and Uvalde counties. The proposed 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.

EAA bylaws require a resolution and order for any contract that exceeds \$100,000. Attached to this summary is Contract No. 20-031-PPEA and Resolution and Order No. 10-20-980 that have been reviewed by legal counsel.

At the September 22 meeting, the Permits/Enforcement Committee voted to recommend the board adopt a resolution and order of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the EAA and Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District to conduct precipitation enhancement activities, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, for the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, with options to renew for four additional one-year periods, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the contract.

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 \$175,000 is proposed in the 2021 operating budget.