



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of March 18, 2014

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of March 25, 2014

DATE: February 26, 2014

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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LNRA West Delivery System Upgrade Contract

CAPTION:

Motion to authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a contract with Lavaca-Navidad River Authority (LNRA) for use of the West Delivery system for delivery of Colorado River water to the City of Corpus Christi.

PURPOSE:

The City intends to construct the Mary Rhodes Phase II Pipeline and desires to enter into an agreement with LNRA to accommodate the wheeling of Colorado River Water to the Mary Rhodes Pipeline.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 1998, the city finalized its purchase of 35,000 acre-feet/year from Garwood Irrigation Company by obtaining a water right authorizing the City to divert the water from the Colorado River ("Colorado River Water"). The water right restricts the transport of water to an enclosed pipeline which would preclude the Colorado River Water from entering Lake Texana, and requires moving water from a diversion site on the Colorado River via a pipeline ("Mary Rhodes Phase II Pipeline") to the West Delivery System for conveyance ("wheeling") to the Mary Rhodes Pipeline.

The Mary Rhodes Phase I Pipeline was designed for the transport of additional water.

The City intends to construct the Mary Rhodes Phase II Pipeline and desires to enter into this agreement with LNRA to address the construction of facilities on LNRA property and the necessary improvements to the West Delivery System to accommodate the wheeling of Colorado River Water to the Mary Rhodes Pipeline.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This agreement conforms to City Charter requirements.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non- Emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Water Dept.

Legal Dept.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating

Revenue

Capital

Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2014-15	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			\$70,000	\$70,000
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s): Utilities - Water

Comments:

An annual volume charge of \$2.00 per acre-ft up to a maximum of \$70,000 per year for management fees related to the transport of Garwood rights through the west delivery system.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving LNRA West Delivery System Upgrade Contract changes.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Contract