



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of December 18, 2012
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 8, 2013

DATE: November 28, 2012
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contract for Monitoring Services</u> Rincon Bayou Diversion Nueces Bay and River Salinity and Freshwater Inflow Monitoring 2012-2013</p>
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CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute Contract for Monitoring Services with Conrad Blucher Institute at Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi in an amount not to exceed \$93,062 for Salinity and Freshwater Inflow Monitoring 2012-2013 associated with the Rincon Bayou Diversion Project.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to execute the Contract for Monitoring Services with the Conrad Blucher Institute at Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi in an amount not to exceed \$93,062 for Salinity and Freshwater Inflow Monitoring 2012-2013 associated with the Rincon Bayou Diversion Project.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Contract for Monitoring Services provides resources necessary to perform monitoring and data collection required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as part of the amendment of the City's reservoir operating plan which allows reduced mandatory water releases. The salinity monitoring is an annual requirement of the amended operating plan which originated in 1991.

Elimination of the required monitoring requires reconsideration of the permit by TCEQ. TCEQ permit hearings are not limited to individual topics. A permit hearing could result in the imposition of requirements not desirable for optimal water conservation.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Execute the Contract for Monitoring Services as recommended.
2. Do not execute the Contract for Monitoring Services as recommended.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The contract and selection process complies with the Professional Procurement Act and City Policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Not applicable

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Department of Engineering Services
 Department of Water Services

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Operating Expense

Fiscal Year 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$544,541.39	\$0.00	\$544,541.39
Encumbered / Expended Amount		279,052.83		279,052.83
This item		93,062.00		93,062.00
BALANCE		\$172,426.56		\$172,426.56

Fund(s): Water Fund

Comments: Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends that the Contract for Monitoring Services be executed with Conrad Blucher Institute at Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi in an amount not to exceed \$93,062 for Salinity and Freshwater Inflow Monitoring 2012-2013 associated with the Rincon Bayou Diversion Project.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Contract Summary
 Location Map