



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Agenda Item for the City Council Meeting of July 08, 2014  
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 15, 2014

**DATE:** May 30, 2014  
**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager  
**THRU:** Gustavo Gonzalez, P.E., ACM for Public Works and Utilities  
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Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for joint development of water supply projects.

### **PURPOSE:**

To secure City Council authorization by Resolution, for the City Manager or designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA).

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City and GBRA (collectively, under the proposed MOU Resolution as "Project Partners") recognize that many areas of Texas, to include portions of their respective service areas are experiencing rapid growth in business and industrial economic expansion and resident population. Both water provider entities anticipate a significant increase in the need for water and wastewater services.

The persistent drought in Texas offers opportunities for creative planning, collaboration and implementation of creative solutions to meet future water and wastewater service demands. As such, the Project Partners recognize they can best serve their respective service areas by long-term planning and strategies, which will consider and address, where appropriate on service strategies that are regional or transcendent of current service area boundaries.

Provision of secure, long term, drought resistant water supply is the envisioned shared vision of the Project Partners for the contiguous Texas Coast line from Brazoria to Nueces County. Each service provider agrees as Project Partners to institute long-term regional and trans-boundary planning processes and initiatives to address the future water and wastewater needs in areas of mutual concern and interest through the MOU.

Specific objectives and actions include:

1. Work which may be best served by joint effort as regional or trans-boundary projects, including seawater desalination.
2. Identifying sources of water, funding and other resources that represent the most efficient use of collective resources.
3. Identify sources of water supply and water rights that could be integrated into a regional distribution system.
4. Develop Project Partner planning criteria for joint planning efforts.
5. Collect and share data and information appropriate for the advancement and maturation of MOU planning.
6. Within the limits of respective entity statutory authority, carry out the planning, financing, construction and operation of cooperative, regional or trans-boundary projects as authored by the MOU.
7. Cooperate in legislative and regulatory processes and procedures that successfully implement MOU sponsored projects.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the resolution as proposed which authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Guadalupe-River Blanco River Authority.
2. Modify the resolution as necessary.
3. Not approve the resolution (**NOT RECOMMENDED**).

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This resolution conforms to the City's Water Management 2015-2050.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Environmental & Strategic Initiatives Department

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

**Comments:** Future Water Supply Reserve Fund expenditures are anticipated to support MOU water source opportunities with the GBRA. Amendments to water supply utility rate and Water Supply CIP anticipated in future out-year implementation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Resolution as proposed.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution