



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 29, 2015

DATE: September 9, 2015

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Annual Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager or his designee to renew an annual Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), U.S. Department of the Interior, for automated river gauging stations to gather and maintain accurate records of all inflows and releases in the City's water reservoir, with the City's cost to be \$157,060.

PURPOSE:

To continue the use of automated river gauging stations to gather and maintain accurate records of all inflows and releases in the City's water reservoir system.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Texas Water Rights Permit No. 3358 requires specified releases from the reservoir be made to the bays and estuaries. The City utilizes the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to establish automated river gauging stations to gather and maintain accurate records of all inflows and releases in the water reservoir system. The contract period is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This agreement conforms to City Charter requirements

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Water Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☒ Operating

☐ Revenue

☐ Capital

☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$160,000		
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$157,060		
BALANCE		\$2,940		

Fund(s): Water

Comments: Total cost will be split between the organizations Wesley Seale Dam and Choke Canyon Dam respectively.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the continued annual joint funding agreement with the USGS.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Joint-funding agreement