



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: August 5, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution Expressing Support for Hays County's Infrastructure Planning Efforts, including the West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Temporary Interconnection Project, and Affirming the City's Commitment to Regional Collaboration to Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of Residents.**

Agenda Item Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Summary/Background: The West Travis County Public Utility Agency (WTCPUA) has sought support for its efforts to secure a temporary Wholesale Contract Agreement with the City of Austin (Austin Water), requesting 1.25 mgd average supply during the months of July, August and September on an as-needed basis for the next 2-3 years.

The interconnect would serve as a temporary and essential safeguard while WTCPUA continues to advance several Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) intended to expand system capacity to 33 mgd which it is currently committed to serve.

The WTCPUA Board of Directors has approved a policy of not approving any new commitments for new service. The current CIP projects have experienced delays due to factors including right-of-way acquisition, permitting challenges, and supply chain disruptions. WTCPUA anticipates that these projects will be completed within two to three years.

Temporary water supply from the City of Austin would help WTCPUA maintain adequate reservoir storage and meet peak demands to ensure that it is prepared to meet the health, safety and welfare of its customers should we be faced with a natural disaster, such as the Los Angeles fires, or any other unforeseen emergency event.

WTCPUA is currently under Stage 2 Watering Restrictions, and it is actively monitoring water use through its newly implemented AMI smart meter technology (on the Highway 71 system) and through employee patrols (on the Highway 290 system).

Given these circumstances, WTCPUA has requested local governments to support its request to Austin Water by adopting and signing a resolution of support for the temporary agreement and endorsement to demonstrate the regional importance of water system reliability and reinforce the urgency of its request.

The Hays County Commissioners Court approved a resolution of support on July 8, 2025.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

N/A

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Approve resolution of support.

Attachments:

Draft resolution.