



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Aaron Reed, Public Works Director

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**Council Meeting Date:** 08/23/2022

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Approval of a Raw Water Contract with the Lower Colorado River Authority.** *Sponsor: Mayor Foulds, Jr.*

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Mayor Bill Foulds Jr.

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**Summary/Background:** The City of Dripping Springs has a wholesale wastewater contract with the West Travis County Public Utility Agency (which was assigned from the LCRA to the WTCPUA). The City also has an agreement with the Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation that divides the area into retail water service areas as between DSWSC and the City.

The City already provides retail water service to Blue Blazes and Driftwood pursuant to specific amendments to that wholesale contract.

The City has agreed to provide retail water service to the Anarene, Cynosure, and Cannon developments. Although the existing Wholesale Agreement with the WTCPUA provides for the use of facilities and service areas, it does not directly address raw water. The WTCPUA has required the City obtain a raw water contract with the LCRA to assure the availability of raw water. The City, therefore, applied for a 40-year raw water contract with the LCRA for 2,425 acre-feet per annum of raw or untreated water to serve Anarene, Cynosure, and Cannon developments.

The LCRA Raw Water Contract incorporates LCRA's standard terms and conditions for raw water contracts. The contract is authorized for municipal use.

The City has retail water contracts with the developers of the Anarene, Cynosure, and Cannon developments such that all fees charges by the LCRA for this raw water will be passed along to those developers. Once houses are constructed, the LCRA fees will be built into the retail water rate.

**Commission  
Recommendations:**

**Recommended  
Council Actions:**                      City Staff Recommends

**Attachments:**

**Next Steps/Schedule:**