



Meeting Date: June 25, 2026 **Agenda Type:** Consent Item for Action

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a First Interlocal Agreement Extension Among New Braunfels Utilities, City of New Braunfels, and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for the One Water Program

BACKGROUND

In August 2019, New Braunfels Utilities (NBU), the City of New Braunfels, and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (“GBRA”) formed the One Water Working Group (“OWWG”) to develop a collaborative approach to protecting local and regional water resources for future generations. Guided by the Water Research Foundation’s One Water framework—an integrated approach to managing water resources for long-term resilience and reliability—the OWWG established the following vision: To ensure water remains a celebrated and protected feature of the New Braunfels community by collaboratively managing water resources to safeguard watersheds, waterways, and groundwater.

The OWWG developed the New Braunfels One Water Roadmap (the “Roadmap”) and accompanying One Water Report, which outlined recommendations for implementing the vision. The initiative was presented to the NBU Board of Trustees in June 2021, followed by input from the New Braunfels City Council and the GBRA Board of Directors. In 2023, the three agencies executed a three-year Interlocal Agreement to formalize their partnership and support implementation of the One Water Program.

Under the strategic guidance of the One Water Advisory Council and oversight of the Governance Committee, the OWWG has made substantial progress toward implementing the Roadmap. Annual progress reports are presented each October to the governing bodies of NBU, the City of New Braunfels, and GBRA.

Members of the OWWG request that the Board of Trustees approve the First Interlocal Agreement Extension between NBU, the City of New Braunfels, and GBRA for the One Water Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total financial impact of the Interlocal Agreement is \$50,000.00, to be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the agreement for year one (1) and within thirty (30) days of the anniversary of the effective date in the two (2) subsequent years.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Customers and Community

Stewardship

EXHIBITS

1. Interlocal Agreement between New Braunfels Utilities, City of New Braunfels, and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for One Water Program, executed August 22, 2023
2. First Interlocal Agreement Extension between New Braunfels Utilities, City of New Braunfels, and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for One Water Program