



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 25-R-24 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Subagreement with the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission for Reallocated Water Storage Space in Stockton Lake.

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Issue Statement

The City is requesting approval authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a Pass-Through Agreement with Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission (JMUC) for the reallocation of water storage space in Stockton Lake

Discussion and/or Analysis

Over the course of the last ten years, the City of Republic has been working with Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission (JMUC) for the reallocation of water storage space in Stockton Lake, to secure a future auxiliary water source for the City. The organization was started in 2003, as a regional collaboration to ensure adequate, affordable, and long-term water supply for Southwest Missouri. Today, the organization consists of eleven member municipalities Nixa, Branson, Carthage, CU, Joplin, Monett, Mt. Vernon, Ozark, Republic, Willard, and Pierce City working towards this shared goal.

JMUC has worked closely with the Corps of Engineers (COE) to identify future water demands, supply, and regional water sources, resulting in the approval of a reallocation of approximately 38 MGD (million gallons a day) of water storage capacity at Stockton Lake for members of JMUC.

The Water Demand Studies identified a future gap of approximately 2.5 MGD for the City of Republic for a total of 5,973 acre-feet of Stockton Lake storage space, equating to a yield of 2.5 million gallons per day for the City in the future. The execution of the subject Pass-Through Agreement by each member municipality allows JMUC to move forward with final contract authorization with the Corp. Member organizations will begin paying a fixed proportional share of the \$27M Corp Contract, amortized over the next thirty years (approximately \$2M/year), equating to an annual payment of approximately \$133,192 for the City of Republic.



Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.