



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 23-R-68 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission Regarding Reallocation of Stockton Lake Surface Water for Use as Public Water Supply.

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Issue Statement

Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of beginning contract negotiations and participation in the reallocation of surface water from Stockton Lake for use as public water supply.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The City has been a member of the Southwest Missouri Water coalition for about 7 years. This coalition consists of 16 entities representing roughly 850,000 people. As part of the City's master planning effort for the Water utility this has been identified as a potential supplement to the City's groundwater wells. Raw water would be received via a pipeline from Stockton Lake and delivered to communities from Stockton all the way to Joplin. Although this project is already 20 years in the making and likely many years from construction participants must be in from the point of allocation of water which may be years in advance of receiving the water. If the City was to opt out once the allocations are set, there is no possibility of receiving the water after the fact. Regardless of the Republic's participation the pipeline will be coming through the community to serve the other communities in the coalition. The City has tentatively. The City consumes approximately 500 million gallons per year with an average day demand of approximately 1.5 million gallons. For the purposes of this project the City has asked tentatively asked future allocation of 2.5 million gallons.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.