

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$476,901.00 WITH THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE EDWARDS AQUIFER PROTECTION PROGRAM'S \$10 MILLION EARMARKED FOR RECHARGE AND WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES IN BEXAR COUNTY.**

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**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP) is to protect the quality and quantity of water recharging into the aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2015 Proposition 1 was placed on the election ballot in which voters approved the 1/8-cent venue sales tax generating \$100 million for continued expansion of the EAPP; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 1 included \$10 million for incorporation of new recharge and water quality protection projects within urbanized areas of Bexar County; and

**WHEREAS**, the balance of \$90 million will continue the program's efforts to obtain real estate interests by fee-simple purchase, conservation easements or donations of land over the sensitive zones of the Edwards Aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) to perform project development and management as well as program evaluation services over the life of the 2015 venue sales tax election which is estimated at five years; and

**WHEREAS**, as the City of San Antonio's project manager, SARA will collaborate with consultants and existing aquifer stakeholders to develop the methodology and strategy to identify and/or develop projects for implementation with the earmarked funds; and

**WHEREAS**, as individual projects are identified and come forward for recommendation through this toolkit approach, City Council would have final approval authority for project implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ILA was presented to the Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Committee on March 9, which endorsed moving the item forward to the full Council for consideration; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager, or her designee, or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$476,901.00 with the San Antonio River Authority for project management and evaluation of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program's \$10 million earmarked for recharge and water quality initiatives in Bexar County. A copy of the interlocal agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** Payment not to exceed the amount of \$476,901.00 in SAP Fund 40005000, Park Improvements, SAP Project Definition 40-00271, Edward's Aquifer Land Acquisitions, is authorized to be encumbered and made payable to the San Antonio River Authority (SARA), for project management and evaluation of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program's \$10 million earmarked for recharge and water quality initiatives in Bexar County.

**SECTION 3.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

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Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney