



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Janet A. Martin, Interim Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Council District 5

### **SUBJECT:**

Interlocal Agreement with the San Antonio Water System

### **SUMMARY:**

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$869,089.60 with the San Antonio Water System utilizing 2010 Proposition 2 Sales Tax Venue funds for hike and bike trail improvements along Apache Creek associated with the Westside Creek Restoration Project, located in Council District 5.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 2010, voters passed the Expansion Venue Proposition 2 Sales Tax Initiative which included funding for development of Linear Creekway Parks. Subsequently in 2012, the City authorized an Interlocal Agreement with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) which established SARA as project manager for the Park and Stormwater Improvements to Elmendorf Lake Park and to coordinate the design and construction of linear hike and bike trails to compliment the overall Westside Creeks Restoration Project for environmental restoration and public enhancement of Alazan, Apache, Martinez and San Pedro Creeks.

Within the project limits of the Apache Creek trail development, the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) will perform a Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project which will affect a portion of the existing surface trails at Apache Creek with the installation of a new sanitary sewer line. Through discussions between SARA and SAWS, the potential for cost savings was recognized which would result from the integration of planned improvements for trails along Apache Creek with the utility work scheduled by SAWS. SAWS included in their sewer project, the design specifications for trail improvement of a one (1) mile ten (10) feet wide hike and bike

trail at Apache Creek which is consistent with the rest of the Westside Creeks Restoration Project.

The City will fund 35% of the cost of trail demolition and 65% of the cost of new trail installation. Conversely, SAWS will fund 65% of the trail demolition costs and 35% of new trail installation. Additionally, the City is responsible for all costs associated with any change orders to the hike and bike trail. The Interlocal Agreement will commence immediately upon execution by the parties and will terminate upon completion of the project.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$869,089.60 with the San Antonio Water System for hike and bike trail improvements associated with the Westside Creek Restoration Project, located in City Council District 5 along Apache Creek utilizing 2010 Proposition 2 Sales Tax Venue funds for utility projects.

This action is consistent with the City policy to maximize the use of public funds and the adopted Westside Creek Restoration Project Conceptual Plan.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could elect not to approve this action, and SARA could proceed with construction of the trail where sewer line replacement will occur. However, this action would forego the opportunity to leverage public funds and establish project efficiencies.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance will authorize payment to San Antonio Water System for hike and bike trail improvements associated with the Westside Creek Restoration Project, located in City Council District 5 along Apache Creek for a total contract cost not to exceed \$869,089.60. Funds are available from the 2010 Sales Tax Venue Fund approved in the FY 2016 capital budget.

2010 Sales Tax Venue funds totaling \$869,089.60 were approved in the FY 2016-2022 Capital Budget to be expended for design and construction of the Apache Creek hike and bike trails.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the San Antonio Water System in the amount of \$869,089.60 for the improvement of a one (1) mile ten (10) feet wide hike and bike trail along Apache Creek.