

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Rene Leon, Legislative Liaison, (915) 594-5613

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL: Goal 7.1: Provide reliable and sustainable water supply and distribution systems and stormwater management

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to authorize the Mayor on behalf of the City of El Paso to sign a resolution as part of the city council-approved application to the Office of the Governor Texas Military Preparedness Commission for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) for construction of the McGregor Range Waterline Booster Station Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

McGregor Range is the premier desert and arid mountain training range of the U.S. Army, and is a vital training resource for the 1st Armored Division, the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center, and Army Reserve and National Guard units from across the nation. The original McGregor Range Booster Station was built in 1958 to provide water to McGregor Range. The station has surpassed its design life and is in need of replacement. This booster station is part of a system that serves as the sole water supply for McGregor Range.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Council previously approved the McGregor Ranger Booster DEAAG application on Oct. 24, 2023.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The DEAAG application requests \$4,500,000 in funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission. El Paso Water will pay the balance of the project cost.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: El Paso Water
SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Veteran & Military Affairs

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Interim City Manager or designee is authorized to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Texas Military Preparedness Commission, for the Fiscal Year 2023 Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (“DEAAG”) to fund the McGregor Range Booster Station Project (the “Project”). The Project is the construction of a new water booster station that is required to pump water from the EPWater system through a dedicated water line running through Fort Bliss to reach McGregor Range (North of Fort Bliss), with a total project cost of \$9,000,000. Through the DEAAG application, the City is requesting funding in the amount of \$4,500,000 (50% of the project cost), with the El Paso Water Utilities providing a local match of \$4,500,000.

Further, that the Interim City Manager, or designee, be authorized to explore funding sources and partnerships and to execute any documents and agreements in relations to the grant, funding sources, and/or partnership agreements, after consultation with the City Attorney’s Office. In addition, the Interim City Manager or designee is authorized to sign any related documents, including but not limited to budget transfer authorizations, revisions to the operation plan, grant amendments, and/or corrections or extensions of the grant that increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2023.

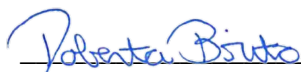
CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

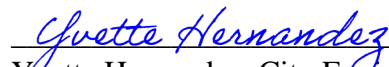
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