



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DEPT./DIVISION SUBMISSION & REVIEW:

Stacey Hawkins, Director of Strategy & Innovation

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider adopting a resolution expressing support for Senate Bill 2885 relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 2885, filed during the 89th Texas Legislature, clarifies that highly treated reclaimed water – already safe enough to return to rivers and streams – can also be used to recharge aquifers through Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) projects. The City of Temple is currently developing an ASR project to increase the long-term reliability of its water supply. Under current rules, it is not permitted to directly inject treated reclaimed water into an ASR facility. Senate Bill 2885 resolves this issue and supports the City's efforts to implement innovative water management strategies.

ALIGNMENT WITH ADOPTED PLANS:

Plan	Comments
Strategic Plan	This item supports the Strategic Plan goal of "Infrastructure, facilities, and systems that support exceptional services and safe, smart growth," and the Strategic Plan commitments to "Plan for, design, construct, and maintain high quality water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructure, systems, and services that meet the needs of the community now and in the future," and to "Ensure sustainable water resource management to meet the needs of the community now and into the future."

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of the resolution supporting Senate Bill 2885.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION: This item was not reviewed by any of the official boards and commissions.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution