



Fulton County

Legislation Text

File #: 22-0683, Version: 1

Department

Public Works

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of an Agreement for River/Lake information Management Services among the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta-Fulton County Water Resources Commission (AFCWRC), Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and DeKalb County in the amount of \$110,450.00; authorize the County Attorney to approve the Agreement as to form and make modifications thereof prior to execution. Effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, pending AFCWRC budget approval. **(APPROVED)**

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

Section 3.1.6.11 of Amended Atlanta-Fulton County Water Resources Commission Joint Venture Agreement requires that purchases, services, and expenditures that exceed \$50,000 must be approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and the Atlanta City Council.

Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Health and Human Services

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts ☐
- District 1 ☒
- District 2 ☒
- District 3 ☐
- District 4 ☐
- District 5 ☐
- District 6 ☐

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

Scope of Work:

The Fulton County Government is a co-owner of the Tom Lowe Atlanta-Fulton County Water Treatment Facility with the City of Atlanta. This agreement provides ARC the authority to act as the agent for the participants, including interacting with the United States Government and the Georgia

Power Company, and negotiating, executing and implementing a statement of policy regarding the management of water resources from Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River and the release of water from Morgan Falls Dam. The AFCWRC has utilized this agreement with ARC to provide these services since 2017.

Per the agreement, each participant, including the AFCWRC (of which Fulton County is a 50% member), agrees to pay the ARC the sum of:

- \$27,900 for calendar year 2023
- \$29,000 for calendar year 2024
- \$30,150 for calendar year 2025

In addition, as part of the River/Lake Management System, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) operates and maintains gauges in Suwanee Creek near Suwanee, Georgia and in Sope Creek near Marietta, Georgia. The participants agree to pay for necessary field and office work by USGS, directly related to such gauge operation and maintenance. For this work to be performed by USGS, each participant agrees to pay to ARC the sum of:

- \$7,700 for calendar year 2023
- \$7,850 for calendar year 2022
- \$7,850 for calendar year 2025

The AFCWRC is a participant to this agreement and Fulton County is only obligated for 50% of the above payment because of the joint venture with the City of Atlanta. The City of Atlanta will be responsible for the other 50% of the agreement cost. Therefore, the total financial responsibility of Fulton County will be \$55,225 over a three-year period beginning January 1, 2023.

This Agreement will also be approved by the AFCWRC Board of Directors at their next regularly scheduled meeting and the funding will be provided in the 2023 AFCWRC operations budget.

Community Impact:

Failure to enter into this agreement may impact the ability of the AFCWRC from withdrawing from the Chattahoochee River for our portable water needs.

Department Recommendation:

The Department of Public Works recommends approval of the agreement.

Project Implications:

Failure to enter into this agreement may impact the ability of the AFCWRC from withdrawing from the Chattahoochee River for our portable water needs.

Community Issues/Concerns:

No issues/concerns have been raised by the community during the implementation of the past agreements.

Department Issues/Concerns:

No issues/concerns have been raised by the department