



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

SUBJECT

County Regional Water and Wastewater Service Plan Update Participation Cost Increase

BACKGROUND

On February 10, 2016, the Public Service Board (PSB) authorized the President/CEO to sign Modification Number 1 of the Technical Assistance Agreement with the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC) for the County Regional Water and Wastewater Service Plan Update (Plan) and participate in the cost in an amount not to exceed \$86,631. However, stated amount was incorrect and the update cost included in Modification Number 1 was actually \$94,529. The current Plan was prepared in 2003 as a joint effort between the BECC, County of El Paso, El Paso Water (EPWater), and other outside-city Utility Districts as an effort to identify and quantify existing conditions of water and/or wastewater services within the El Paso County. Since 2003, significant changes in development patterns and implementation of projects have led to the need of an update. In September 2015, the PSB approved the Technical Assistance Agreement with the BECC. EPWater is the sponsor under this agreement.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The Technical Assistance Agreement requires EPWater to provide assistance in funding for updating the Plan in an amount not to exceed \$94,529. The funding was used by BECC to contract with Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper (PSC) to update the Plan. Under the agreement, EPWater worked with BECC staff and PSC to provide information which assisted BECC and PSC to update the Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in account number 1215-070, and the funding source is the Improvement Fund.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the President/CEO to approve increase in participation cost with the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission for the County Regional Water and Wastewater Service Plan Update in an amount of \$7,898 for a total participation amount of \$94,529.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

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