

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: October 23, 2014**

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager

FROM: Tommy O'Brien, Director of Water Utilities

**SUBJECT: Oral Resolution for Approval for Use of Construction Manager at Risk Procurement
Process for second stage short-term drought strategies**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Texas Local Government Code allows the use of alternative procurement methods found in Chapter 2267 of the Texas Government Code as an alternative to competitive bidding. One such method is the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process. Per the Texas Government Code, before using an alternative procurement method the governing body must determine that the chosen method provides the best value for the municipality.

Staff believes that the use of the CMAR process for the water treatment plant needed to provide preliminary treatment of raw water from Possum Kingdom Lake associated with the second stage short-term drought strategies will provide the best value and most efficient method of procurement for the City of Abilene. The water treatment plant will include construction of a 4 to 14 million gallons per day (MGD) advanced treatment plant near the City of Breckenridge. In addition, use of the CMAR process for construction of raw water pipelines associated with the second stage short-term drought strategies will also provide the best value and most efficient method of procurement for the City of Abilene. The pipelines will vary in size up to 36-inch, and will transport raw water from Possum Kingdom Lake to the new treatment facility and from the new treatment facility to the existing West Central Texas Municipal Water District transmission lines for delivery into Abilene.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

While there is no fiscal impact from the recommendation of this action today, the Water Department will be bringing back to the City Council contracts with the selected water treatment plant CMAR and the selected pipeline CMAR in the near future. Funding/Fiscal Impact will be addressed when the CMAR contracts are presented to the City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of an oral resolution finding that the use of the alternative procurement process method utilizing a Construction Manager at Risk is the best value for the City of Abilene for procurement of construction services for the a new water treatment plant and for the raw water transmission pipelines associated with implementing Possum Kingdom Lake as a raw water supply under the City's second stage short-term drought strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Prepared by: Name <u>Tommy O'Brien</u> Title <u>Director of Water Utilities</u>	Item No. <u>6.1</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ City Secretary
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