



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Res. 2015-84R, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider approval of Resolution 2015-84R approving an Interlocal Agreement with Texas State University that provides for the extension of a reclaimed waterline and provision of reclaimed water service to Texas State University in exchange for the transfer by Texas State University of certain rights to withdraw water from the San Marcos River to the City in furtherance of the Habitat Conservation Plan; authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the City; and declaring an effective date.

**Meeting date:** July 21, 2015

**Department:** Public Services - Tom Taggart

**Funds Required:** N/A

**Account Number:**

**Funds Available:**

**Account Name:**

**CITY COUNCIL GOAL:** Economic Vitality and Responsible Finances

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENT(s):** *[add the Plan elements and Goal # and Objective(s)]*

Environment and Resource Protection

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of San Marcos and Texas State University have been jointly participating in the cost of design and construction of reuse water piping to serve primarily cooling purposes on campus and irrigation in the City Park facilities. This Interlocal Agreement will provide for exchange of surface water rights for reuse water (by long term lease of a portion of Texas State University's San Marcos River surface water withdrawal rights by the City). These rights are among the most senior on the river and the water is currently withdrawn from and above the endangered species habitat area by the university for cooling purposes. The City would exchange reuse water for surface water at a defined valuation up to a maximum amount. With changes to the TCEQ permitted withdrawal point and usage class, the surface water could augment the reuse supply, be stored for future use or treated for potable use in the City system. The new withdrawal point would be downstream of all the endangered species habitat areas and therefore would continually augment stream flows through these environmentally sensitive areas. This agreement creates a sustainable benefit to the HCP and helps preserve our river environment. The agreement also sets a rate for reuse water in excess of lease amounts or in the event TCEQ declines permit changes.