



## Legislation Text

**File #:** 16-0975, **Version:** 1

Consider and take action on a resolution approving an interlocal agreement between the City of League City and the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District for the “Learning to be Water Wise” Project (Assistant City Manager)

Council postponed to April 26 Council Meeting 8-0-0 on April 12, 2016.

Approval of this item will authorize the interlocal agreement that provides for the City’s continued participation in the “Learning to be Water Wise” program. Since its inception in 1994, the City of League City has participated annually in sponsoring local Clear Creek ISD schools in the Water Wise Program. This program is part of the City’s water conservation outreach. It is primarily managed by The Harris-Galveston County Subsidence District. The Water Wise program curriculum benefits approximately 65,000 school children each year. The cost of the program is based upon a per student charge of \$35.40 which covers all student materials going into local 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms as well as administrative fees associated with the program. With the main ingredient of the curriculum is “learning by doing”, the materials include a water conservation kit that goes home with the student, printed student material, and teacher curriculum. Our contribution provides kits to approximately 225 students each year. The Subsidence District works with all school districts in Harris, Galveston and Fort Bend counties. The decision to which schools participate is up to the Subsidence District and the school district. The Subsidence District has only had one formal complaint. The Subsidence District is the government entity that regulates groundwater pumpage in Harris and Galveston counties. League City’s current groundwater allocation is 10% of the annual demand and any volume that exceeds the allocated percentage is subject to disincentive fees in the amount of \$7.00/1000 gallons. When needed, the Groundwater Credits are redeemed to increase the groundwater allocation by the amount of the water conservation credit, but not to exceed 30% of the City’s total water demand for the annual permit term. Historically, the City has never exceeded the 10% groundwater allocation. The benefit of acquiring and banking groundwater credits is their availability for use during extreme drought or emergency demand events.

In exchange for participation in this program, the City receives Series B Groundwater Credits issued by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District for every student sponsored in the amount of 84,000 gallons per student sponsored.

The Utility Billing department has budgeted \$8,000 for this program in FY 16. This year GoForth Elementary will receive 113 Water Wise Kits (\$4,000.20) and Hall Elementary will receive 112 Water Wise Kits (\$3,964.80), for a total cost of \$7,965.00.

### Attachments:

1. Data Sheet
2. Resolution
3. Interlocal agreement

### FUNDING

{ } NOT APPLICABLE

{ X } Funds are available from Account #020-3021-692-54-18 Utility Billing Operating Budget - Public Awareness

{ } Requires Budget Amendment to transfer from Account # \_\_\_\_\_ to Account # \_\_\_\_\_

