



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date	November 18, 2025
Requested Action	APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R84; A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY'S ANNUAL COMMITMENT FOR WATER FROM THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY AS PART OF THE WESTERN CANYON REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT OF WATER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 TO 2,165 ACRE-FEET. (<i>Annual Commitment with GBRA</i>)
Contact Person	Michael Mann – Utilities Director
Background Information	Our agreement with GBRA requires that we declare our upcoming annual commitment for treated water prior to the end of each calendar year. This is the volume of water that we would actually receive out of our total reservation amount from the Western Canyon Regional Water Supply Project. We receive our water from GBRA on a constant flow basis throughout the year. Our annual commitment history: • 2006 – (initial availability) - 500 acre-feet (AF) of the 1,861 AF reserved. • 2007 – (additional supplies made available by GBRA) – 600 AF of 2,361 AF reserved. • 2008 – (took over Esperanza supplies) – 975 AF of 3,611 AF reserved. • 2018 – (increase) – 1,300 AF of 3,611 AF reserved. • 2021 – (increase) – 1,600 AF of 3,611 AF reserved. • 2023 – (increase) – 1,900 AF of 3,611 AF reserved. • 2024 – (increase) – 2,125 AF of 3,611 AF reserved. Historically, we have increased our annual commitment per GBRA policy when we took on new supplies and/or when anticipated annual consumption is required. Based on our consumption in 2025, we feel it is prudent to increase our GBRA water commitment for the upcoming calendar year by 40 AF, to 2,165 AF.

	This annual commitment equates to about 2.0 million gallons per day on a constant-flow basis, roughly equivalent to our current base consumption. Thus, our wholesale-purchased water from GBRA will supply most of our basic household and commercial uses, while our other available resources will meet peak demand. Staff recommends that the Council authorize increasing our annual potable water commitment from the GBRA Western Canyon Regional Water Supply Project to 2,165 AF for calendar year 2026.
Strategic Alignment	C1 – Offering Quality Customer Experiences B1 – Utilizing Data To Drive Smart Decision Making
Financial Considerations	Funding will be from the water utility operating fund, and customer rate collection will offset the expense.
Citizen Input/Board Review	N/A
Legal Review	N/A
Alternative Options	We could retain our current annual commitment at 2,125 AF per year, but that amount cannot be decreased due to contract constraints.
Supporting Documents	Resolution No. 2025-R84