

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Mark Enders, Watershed Program Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution amending the City of New Braunfels Watershed Advisory Committee.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works, Engineering & Watershed Mgmt

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: All

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Resolution No. 2011-R14 was approved by City Council in February 2011. The resolution established the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) and includes provisions related to the composition of the committee.

Amendments to the resolution are being proposed and the amendments include: 1) allowing WAC applicants/members to be either from the City limits or the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ); 2) replacing the Agricultural landowner position with a second At-Large position; 3) including language to clarify that the committee will consist of nine (9) members and the Mayoral appointment for WAC chairperson will be selected from the nine person committee.

The WAC reviewed the proposed amendments to Resolution No. 2011-R14 at their April 22nd, 2021 meeting and made a recommendation that City Council approve the amendments.

A new resolution has been drafted that would supersede Resolution No. 2011-R14 pending Council approval of the revisions.

ISSUE:

The revisions to the Resolution are being proposed for several reasons. The City's Drainage Design Criteria, which are considered by the WAC, extend to new developments in the City's ETJ. As such, it is recommended that the committee allow for representation from persons residing in the ETJ. The City Secretary has had a lack of qualified applicants for to fill the Agriculture Landowner position, resulting in a prolonged vacancy on the WAC. Replacing the Agricultural Landowner position with a second At-Large position will allow for a larger pool of applicants from which City Council can consider serving on the committee. The WAC to date has had ten (10) members which is problematic for the purpose of voting from the committee. Ensuring an odd number of members will allow for a majority vote. It is recommended that the current WAC chairperson fill the second At-large position that this amendment would create.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of amendments to Resolution No. 2011-R14, which establishes the City of New Braunfels Watershed Advisory Committee