

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Conversion of 200 Acre Feet of

Date: February 2, 2016

In an effort to obtain additional water rights for municipal use, staff is requesting authorization to convert the 200 acre feet of “run of the river” rights currently utilized for irrigational purposes at Starcke Golf Park Course to municipal/irrigational use. Presently, Starcke Golf Park Course is irrigated by utilizing “run of the river” rights, and a well adjacent to the irrigation pond. A secondary well is also available for irrigation purposes, however this well had not been utilized in several years and staff was unsure of its capacity.

After a lengthy analysis, staff has determined that the secondary well has enough capacity to offset the conversion of irrigation run of river rights to municipal use. Staff is recommending that these rights be converted to municipal use and leased to the City of Seguin Water Treatment Plant at the current GBRA rate of \$135 per acre feet. These funds will be utilized to augment the golf course facility improvement fund to allow for the construction of badly needed facilities in the future.

Please note that the conversion requires TCEQ approval and it is anticipated that this process will take approximately six months to complete. Staff recommends approval and will be available to answer any questions at your convenience.