



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Shay Ralls Roalson, P.E., Director, Austin Water

Date: November 19, 2025

Subject: **November 20, 2025 Council Meeting - Item 54 Withdrawal**

Austin Water is withdrawing Item 54. The item is a collaboration agreement with Bastrop County entities to advance field testing of water and soil samples in a laboratory for a possible future Aquifer Storage and Recovery project, also known as ASR.

While Austin put our best foot forward to achieve the collaboration and partnership that would be needed to complete testing and eventually build such a regional project, we didn't reach the level of partnership that is needed. As a result, Austin Water is not pursuing field testing in Bastrop County. Austin Water will continue to advance water supply strategies from the Council-adopted Water Forward Plan.

CC: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Mike Rogers, Assistant City Manager