



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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20WWO721A-Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)'s Annual Consolidated Water Quality (CWQ) fee for FY18

Agenda Item#: 2.

Background:

SUBJECT: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)'s Annual Consolidated Water Quality (CWQ) fee for FY18

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize payment of the TCEQ invoices totaling \$1,734,793.35 for the annual Consolidated Water Quality (CWQ) fee for the City's wastewater treatment plants.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

This is a request to authorize payment of invoices received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the annual Consolidated Water Quality (CWQ) fee that applies to the City of Houston's wastewater treatment plants.

The current invoice covers the period from *September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 corresponding to TCEQ's fiscal year 2018*. The annual assessment is based on the discharge permits for each wastewater treatment plant. The fee rate schedule is found in TCEQ's regulations, - Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 21: Water Quality Fees, Section 21.3 Fee Assessment. This became effective July 30, 2009 and is adjusted annually based on the consumer price index.

The revenue resulting from the Consolidated Water Quality Fee pays TCEQ's expenses to inspect wastewater treatment facilities and to enforce the provisions of the Texas Water Code. It also funds comprehensive monitoring of water quality for each river basin, conducted under the Texas Clean Rivers Program.

Recommend that Council approve the Department of Public Works and Engineering's request to pay TCEQ the invoiced amount of \$1,734,793.35.

ESTIMATED FISCAL OPERATING IMPACT:

Funding for this item is included in the FY2018 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policy Ord. 2017-1078.

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Prior Council Action:

November 16, 2016- Motion No. 2016-0546

Amount of Funding:

\$1,734,793.35 Water and Sewer System Operating Fund No.8300

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
TCEQ Invoices	Backup Material
previous RCA and Motion	Backup Material
Funding Documents	Financial Information
Finance Funding Approval	Financial Information