



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 27, 2018  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Karolyn Kent, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Jake West, Water Resources Department Director  
**Subject:** Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant Intergovernmental Agreement

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

Council is requested to approve and authorize the City manager to enter the First Amendment of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant (GWRP) by and between the City of Mesa, as well as the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek as joint owners of the GWRP, primarily regarding use of the property surrounding the GWRP owned by the partnership, commonly referred to as the "Buffer Area". Concurrently, Council is requested to approve a lease of certain portions of the Buffer Area to the Town of Gilbert for recreational uses.

## **Background/Discussion**

On May 7, 2018, the Council authorized the City Manager to execute the GWRP IGA. The proposed Amendment to the IGA provides further details regarding the understanding of the parties as to uses for areas within the Buffer Lands surrounding the GWRP facilities. In addition, the parties have negotiated a new Lease Agreement between the City of Mesa and Town of Gilbert for portions of the Buffer Area. The term of the lease is for thirty years, with two areas of the property subject to early termination of the lease after five years. The Town currently subleases portions of the buffer area for recreational uses (Soccer League), and the sublessee desires to make additional improvements to the land to expand the recreational soccer uses. Such use is not inconsistent with the current needs and reasonable stewardship of the GWRP.

## **Alternatives**

Council may choose not to approve the Amendment and Lease. In this case, the existing Lease Agreement for portions of the Buffer Area expires at the end of this year. In such event, it is likely that Gilbert would make additional efforts to secure a right to continue and expand the recreational uses of the property.

**Fiscal Impact**

The City of Mesa would not incur additional fiscal impacts from this Amendment to the GWRP IGA or the Lease Agreement.

**Coordinated With**

Development of the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Construction and Operation of the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant and the Lease was coordinated between various representatives of the City of Mesa and the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek, including significant discussions with technical and legal staff from all three partners.