



## County of El Paso Agenda Item Details

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<b>Item Title:</b>	Planning & Development _ Amendment one to the DigDeep's MOU
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Michael McElroy, Director
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<b>Subject:</b>	Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DigDeep right of water, which grants an extension of time to complete the water and wastewater projects for the El Paso County Colonias. (Contract No. 2024-0609)
<b>Background:</b>	<p>As the County remains committed to investing in vital community infrastructure, staff has been in close collaboration with the human rights organization to identify and pursue future partnership opportunities. Recently, staff and DigDeep explored the potential for funding ARPA project activities to increase project capacity and expedite service delivery to more residents. On March 22, 2022, DigDeep's Board of Directors unanimously voted to partner with El Paso County, committing \$5 million over two years towards addressing water and wastewater needs in the County's colonias. This MOU clearly defines the responsibilities of each party and the Colonias to be served.</p> <p>Given the scale and complexity of these critical infrastructure projects, a two-year contract extension is recommended to ensure that the necessary time is available to fully implement the planned improvements and maximize the impact of the partnership.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Budget or Unbudgeted Match:</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DigDeep right of water, which grants an extension of time

to complete the water and wastewater projects for the El Paso County Colonias. (Contract 2024-0609)

**Prior Action:**

10/24/2022. Item 19. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DigDeep and El Paso County to accept a \$5,000,000 cash contribution to support water and wastewater projects to expand the number of colonias able to be connected with water and sewer lines in El Paso County. (Contract No. 2022-0906)

4/25/2022. Item 8 (ARP Project No. 1010) Receive a presentation from DigDeep regarding a potential collaboration and partnership to provide first-time water and wastewater service to underserved communities in El Paso County. Further, discuss and take appropriate action regarding formally evaluating and developing a partnership with DigDeep.

**Strategic Plan:**

Goal:

4. Upgrade Infrastructure

Objective:

4.1 Build infrastructure, including parks, to meet the needs of the community

**Strategic Plan Information:**

**Estimated Time Needed  
For This Item:**