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### **El Paso Water Utilities extends contract with firm**

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EL PASO -- El Paso Water Utilities renewed its contract with its Austin lobbying firm and will extend the arrangement for two more years through 2011.

The water utility will continue to use HillCo Partners to look after its interests in the state capital.

"Even though the Legislature is not in session, there's a lot going on in the interim," water utility President and Chief Executive Officer Ed Archuleta said. "This will shape what happens in 2011" during the next legislative session.

The Public Service Board voted 4-0 Wednesday to renew the contract. The utility will pay the lobbying firm \$120,000 a year.