



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting December 12, 2023

DATE: December 12, 2023
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Agreement with the Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership for an Air Quality Programs Agreement

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with two additional one-year options with Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership for an Air Quality Programs Agreement to address issues related to air quality in an amount of \$25,000 annually with funding for FY2024 from the General Fund Budget.

SUMMARY:

The Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership, a Texas nonprofit corporation, (formerly the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group) will work closely with the City Manager and designees as well as area stakeholders in addressing issues related to air quality to promote local actions to reduce ozone precursors in the community and continue to maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. This Agreement is for one year commencing on January 1, 2024, and shall continue until December 31, 2024

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since 1995, the stakeholders within the Corpus Christi Urban Airshed, comprised of both Nueces and San Patricio Counties, have collaborated diligently to maintain the attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone. The current standard is 70 ppb and the airshed's three-year running average is below 50 ppb. The proposed participants in the Corpus Christi Air Quality Partnership (CBAQP) include local and county government, business and industry, local universities, public agencies, the regional planning organization, the military, and news media representatives.

This Agreement formalizes the parties' joint mission to lead efforts to achieve and maintain a healthier environment for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to the City. The Agreement provides for an annual payment of \$25,000 to CBAQP for services provided. The two additional one-year options will be dependent on funding availability each year. CBAQP agrees to provide the City of Corpus Christi with the following deliverables:

1. Work in conjunction with the Corpus Christi – Nueces County Public Health District to conduct an annual Air Quality and Public Health awareness campaign in association with Air Quality Awareness Week. Coordinate with the City of Corpus Christi Communications Department on the promotion of Air Quality Awareness Week activities, including press releases and information for social media promotions to advance regional dialogues about the effects of air quality on health, environment, economy, and overall quality of life.
2. Promote voluntary air quality improvement measures and emission reducing activities and include at a minimum, three press releases per quarter to the media and the CBAQP social media.
3. Propose, promote, and implement programs for monitoring air quality in Corpus Christi and provide City Mayor and Council a mid-annual and annual brief on the status of Coastal Bend air quality and the status of EPA's review of non-attainment standards.
4. Recognize City as a supporter of the Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership and work closely with City and area stakeholders in addressing issues related to air quality to promote local actions to reduce ozone precursors in the community and continue to maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.
5. The CBAQP will continue the outreach efforts and develop and disseminate the "End of Season" and Annual Reports as part of the community awareness process.
6. CBAQP meetings will be held a minimum of 4 times a year with additional meetings held as needed. Typical scheduling of meetings will be April (the beginning of ozone season), July (mid ozone season), October (end of ozone season) and December (end of year).
7. A report re-capping information presented, and issues stated at each meeting along with a copy of the attendee sheet will be provided to the CC-NCPHD and City IGR Department within 14 days of the meeting.
8. Ozone season and ozone standard briefings will be made to elected officials, community, and business groups as needed and coordinate with partner entities to issue public alerts on ozone alert days.
9. An "end-of-ozone season" report, including ozone trending for the year and impact in the following year, will be submitted to the City of Corpus Christi's CC-NCPHD and IGR Departments by December 15th each year.
10. An Ozone Advance Annual Report will be submitted to the U.S. EPA that includes Corpus Christi initiatives to reduce ozone forming emissions will be coordinated by the Chair, with approval and coordination of the Group, and submitted to the U.S. EPA by December 31st of each year.
11. CBAQP will provide oversight and reporting of Ozone Advance activities for each year thereafter.
12. The CBAQP shall provide quarterly executive summary reports to the City's CC-NCPHD and IGR Department directors as well as the City's designated Assistant City Manager. The reports should summarize the activities included in the terms of the contract and the progress made. Any deviations from the scope of work must be included. The quarterly reports should

include copies of all monthly financial statements. The reports are due April 14, July 14, October 14, and January 14. The final report must summarize activities carried out per the contract, all accomplishments, and any deviations.

13. Serve as a consultant for media events for the Public Health District.
14. Provide daily reports on Air Quality to the CC-NCPHD director and designated Assistant City Manager and serve as an Air Quality subject matter expert during prescribed burns, prescribed fires, or natural wildfires when they occur within Nueces or San Patricio County.
15. Upon the City's request, the CBAQP agrees to make any and all financial records available for review.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not approve the agreement which would result in forfeiture of the City of Corpus Christi Mayor's voting seat on the Board of Directors and policymaking influence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding source for the agreement and accompanying deliverables will be through General Fund 1020 for FY 24 in the amount of \$25,000.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1020
Organization/Activity: 44
Mission Element: 12641
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530000
Amount: \$25,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the agreement.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership Agreement Contract
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Presentation