



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Presentation for the City Council Meeting May 19, 2026

DATE: May 19, 2026
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Resolution to adopt the 2025 Water Conservation Plan

CAPTION:

Resolution to adopt the 2025 Water Conservation Plan.

SUMMARY:

Resolution to adopt the 2025 Water Conservation Plan. The City is required to maintain and update its Water Conservation Plan in accordance with rules established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under 30 TAC Chapter 288. The Water Conservation Advisory Committee, composed of City Council representatives and members representing residential, commercial, industrial, landscaping, municipal, and regional water stakeholder groups, held four meetings to review, revise, and approve the proposed Plan. Approval of the updated Plan ensures continued regulatory compliance, supports eligibility for state funding opportunities, and demonstrates the City's commitment to responsible water stewardship. The City last updated the WCP in 2020.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

Corpus Christi was the first City in Texas to develop a Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan as a combined policy in 1986. In the summer of 2013, Council separated the manual into two distinct plans, the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and the Water Conservation Plan (WCP).

The City is required to maintain and periodically update its WCP in accordance with rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), specifically under 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 288. These regulations apply to all municipalities that provide public water service and hold water rights, the plans establish minimum standards for water conservation planning and reporting.

The updated Water Conservation Plan serves as a strategic framework to promote the efficient use of water resources and to ensure long-term supply reliability. The Plan establishes measurable conservation goals and outlines best management practices to reduce water loss, improve system efficiency, and encourage responsible water use among residential, commercial, and industrial

customers. Required components include updated utility profile data, water use data, water audits, leak detection and repair programs, public education initiatives, and coordination with drought contingency planning.

In preparation for this update, the Water Conservation Advisory Committee was created, and convened five (5) meetings to review existing strategies, evaluate system data, propose revisions, and ultimately approve the proposed Plan for recommendation to Council. The committee was composed of representatives from various stakeholder groups, including City Council representatives and community members representing residential, commercial, industrial, landscaping, municipal, and regional water interests. This diverse representation ensured that the Plan reflects a balanced and comprehensive approach to water conservation across the communities served.

The Water Conservation Advisory Committee was represented by the stakeholders below:

City Council Selections	Water Conservation Advisory
Mayor	Jace Tunnel
Vaughn	Andy Taubman
Scott	John Hanzalik
Barrera	Moses Mostaghasi
Campos	Jake Hernandez
Cantu	George Finley
Paxson	Gail Anderson
Roy	Laura Commons

Stakeholder Selections	Water Conservation Advisory
Botanic Garden	Michael Womack
Landscape and Nursery	Jesse Jenkins
Portland Community	Randy Wright
Alice Community	Michael Esparza
Mathis Community	Cedric Davis
Beeville Community	Andy Joslin
Business Commercial	Michael Miller
Coastal Bend Industrial Association	Bob Paulison
San Patricio Municipal Water District	Mallory Lightsey

Periodic updates to the Plan are necessary to reflect changes in population, infrastructure, system demand, regulatory requirements, and industry best practices. Maintaining a current, TCEQ-compliant plan preserves the City’s eligibility for state funding opportunities, supports regional water planning efforts, and demonstrates the City’s commitment to responsible water stewardship.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approval of the updated Water Conservation Plan to maintain regulatory compliance and support the continued efficient management of the City’s water resources.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: