

Resolution of commitment to the Coastal Bend Water Alliance declaring unified commitment to the development of regional water supplies

WHEREAS, the Coastal Bend region is experiencing severe drought conditions, with water levels critically low and future water supply projects still years from completion; and

WHEREAS, access to reliable water supplies is essential for the economic stability, industrial growth, public health, and overall prosperity of the Coastal Bend region; and

WHEREAS, cities, counties, industries, and economic leaders throughout the Coastal Bend have historically pursued individual water solutions, which has resulted in fragmentation and a failure to secure the level of state and federal funding necessary to meet the region's growing water needs; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) have made substantial funding available for large-scale water infrastructure projects, including desalination, groundwater development, aquifer storage and recovery, and inter-basin transfers, but have prioritized regions that demonstrate strong intergovernmental collaboration and regional planning; and

WHEREAS, other regions of Texas, including Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, and El Paso, have successfully united to secure billions in state funding for long-term water supply projects, while the Coastal Bend has yet to receive an equivalent level of investment due to a lack of regional coordination; and

WHEREAS, failure to act decisively and collectively will result in the Coastal Bend being bypassed for critical water infrastructure funding, jeopardizing economic development, industrial investment, and the ability to meet future water demands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

1. City of Corpus Christi formally joins the Coastal Bend Water Alliance and commits to full participation in regional efforts to develop and secure water supplies for the region.
2. City of Corpus Christi publicly supports a unified strategy to identify, advocate for, and implement long-term water supply solutions, including desalination, groundwater development, aquifer development, inter-basin water transfers, and infrastructure investment.
3. City of Corpus Christi commits to adopting policies and initiatives that encourage regional cooperation, support funding applications, and promote legislative advocacy to secure state and federal investment in Coastal Bend water infrastructure.
4. City of Corpus Christi calls upon the Texas Legislature, Texas Water Development Board, and relevant state and federal agencies to recognize the Coastal Bend as a high-priority region for water infrastructure investment and to provide low interest rate loans and grant funding necessary to implement large scale water supply strategies, including desalination solutions.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary