



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 14, 2021

DATE: July 26, 2021

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Agreement with the Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership for Ozone Program

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing a three-year agreement with Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership for Ozone Program to address issues related to air quality in an amount of \$25,000 annually.

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.

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 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 City will work closely with CBAQP 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. The Agreement provides for annual payment of \$25,000 to CBAQP for services provided including the following deliverables:

- A minimum of 4 meetings will be held 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).

- 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 City of Corpus Christi within 30 days of the meeting.
- Ozone season and ozone standard briefings will be made to elected officials, community, and business groups as needed.
- 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 by December 1st each year.
- An Ozone Advance Annual Report 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 Partnership and submitted to the U.S. EPA by December 31st of each year. A sample report is attached as an exhibit.
- Oversight and reporting of Ozone Advance activities will be provided by Consultant for each year thereafter.
- Quarterly executive summary reports summarizing the activities included in the terms of the contract and the progress made.
- Continued outreach efforts and develop the End of Season and Annual Reports as part of the community awareness program.

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:

Funding source for the agreement and accompanying statement of work will be through Environmental and Strategic Initiatives, Org. Number 30030 with FY 2021 funding of \$25,000.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 4010
Organization/Activity: 30030
Mission Element: 074
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530000
Amount: \$25,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the agreement.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Memorandum of Agreement with Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership
Sample Ozone Advance Annual Report
Presentation