



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting July 28, 2026

**DATE:** July 28, 2026

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### **Supply Agreement for 50% Liquid Caustic Soda for Corpus Christi Water (CCW)**

#### **CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement with one additional one-year option period with Brenntag Southwest Inc. of Lancaster, Texas for 50% liquid caustic soda, for Corpus Christi Water (CCW) in an amount not to exceed \$3,355,560.00 and a potential amount up to \$6,711,120.00 if all options are exercised, with FY 2026 funding of \$559,260.00 from the Water Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This is a supply agreement for 50% liquid caustic soda solution for the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Liquid Caustic Soda Solution is used at the O. N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant to adjust pH during water treatment. By raising the pH, a more stable environment is created for monochloramine residuals. Maintaining adequate pH ensures treated water meets state and federal drinking water standards. In addition, adjusting the pH helps protect and extend the life of distribution piping.

#### **PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

Finance & Procurement conducted a Request for Bid (RFB) process to obtain bids. The City

received four responsive, responsible bids. The City is recommending Brenntag Southwest, LLC as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Brenntag Southwest, LLC is the incumbent vendor. The price per wet ton decreased from \$390.00 to \$312.00, resulting in annual cost savings of \$838,500.00.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

An alternative to securing a long-term supply agreement is to purchase the liquid caustic soda solution through short-term supply agreements. This transaction method may delay the shipment of this critical chemical used to treat potable water.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact to the Corpus Christi Water Department in FY 2026 is an amount estimated at \$559,260.00.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fund:                  | 4010 Water                    |
| Organization/Activity: | 31010 Stevens Filter Plant    |
| Mission Element:       | 45 Water                      |
| Project # (CIP Only):  | N/A                           |
| Account:               | 520010 Purification Chemicals |
| Amount:                | \$559,260.00                  |

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing execution of the supply agreement with Brenntag Southwest Inc. as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Supply Agreement  
Bid Tabulation