



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 24, 2026

DATE: March 24, 2026

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Motion to Authorize City Staff to Negotiate with Aquatech to Develop a Water Sale Agreement to Purchase Water Produced at the CC Polymers Plant

CAPTION:

Motion to Authorize City Staff to negotiate with Aquatech to Develop a Water Sale Agreement to purchase water produced and treated by Aquatech at the CC Polymers Plant.

SUMMARY:

This proposed motion will authorize and endorse City Staff to collaborate and negotiate with Aquatech to develop a Water Sale Agreement for the City to purchase water produced and treated at the existing CC Polymer Seawater Desalination Plant.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The CC Polymers facility has intake and discharge permits for seawater desalination issued by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Aquatech worked with the owners to complete the treatment plant, operate the treatment facility, and provide treated potable water.

The CC Polymers Plant has been considered previously to be a potential location for the desalination of seawater as a way to provide potable water to the City of Corpus Christi. Correspondence and proposed contract conditions for a long-term water sale agreement were submitted to staff on February 16, 2026, by Aquatech. The presented information was for a long-term purchase agreement of potable water from the CC Polymers Plant to the City of Corpus Christi. This motion would authorize staff to negotiate with Aquatech to develop a take or pay water supply agreement to present to Council for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

Proposals of new water supply projects are very complex and have varying levels of cost, delivery time frames, and challenges associated with them. This process will allow staff to properly evaluate a potential project plan and negotiate a contract.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time, collaboration will have a negligible cost impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion to negotiate a water sale agreement with Aquatech to present to Council for consideration.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: