City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 | **11:30 AM** | **Council Chambers**

A. Mayor Paulette Guajardo to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Tal Gardenhire with Tuloso-Midway Baptist Church.

Pastor Tal Gardenhire with Tuloso-Midway Baptist Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Sarah Nguyen, senior at Veterans Memorial High School.

Sarah Nguyen, senior at Veterans Memorial High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Texas Flag.

D. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera,Council Member Carolyn Vaughn,Council Member Gilbert Hernandez,Council Member Sylvia Campos,Mayor Paulette Guajardo,Council Member Eric Cantu,Council Member Mark Scott,Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, and Council Member Everett Roy

E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 1)

1. 26-0214 Recommended FY 2027 Budget Calendar

City Manager Peter Zanoni provided an update regarding a grant that was awarded to the Parks and Recreation Department for North Beach improvements.

Director of Management and Budget Amy Cowley presented information on the following topics: FY 2027 budget development calendar; and budget development timeline.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Armon Alex,

Corpus Christi, TX, Bradley Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Merida Forrest, Corpus Christi, TX, Patricia Anderson, Corpus Christi, TX, Scott Lewis, Rockport, TX, John Hanzalik, Corpus Christi, TX, Wendy Herman, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Breland, Corpus Christi, TX, Ruth Camarillo-Smith, Aransas Pass, TX, Nelda Martinez, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Encarnacion Serna, Portland, TX, Ginny Cross, Nueces County, TX, Jeremy Rodgers, Corpus Christi, TX, Alejandro Chavera, Corpus Christi, TX, Joshua Crim, Corpus Christi, TX, Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Blanca Parkinson, Corpus Christi, TX, Fatimah Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Miriam Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Zachary Bornstein, Corpus Christi, TX, Carina Libretto, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Carrie Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, Beth Dattomo, Corpus Christi, TX, Chloe Torres, Corpus Christi, TX, Jake Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Laramie Fain, Corpus Christi, TX, Bruce Switalla, Corpus Christi, TX, Sarah Perez, Aransas Pass, TX, Elida Castillo, Taft, TX, Wilson Strain, Corpus Christi, TX, Sondra Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Alejandro Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, Beatriz Alvarado, Corpus Christi, TX, Matt Manning, Corpus Christi, TX, Ajit David, Corpus Christi, TX, Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX, Frank Ayala, Corpus Christi, TX, David Ainsworth Sr., Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Tommie Sue Arnold, Nueces County, TX, Joe Michael Perez, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, Larry White, Corpus Christi, TX, Jennifer Gracia, Corpus Christi, TX, Sean Merritt, Corpus Christi, TX, Suraida Nanez-James, Corpus Christi, TX, Karelly Leal, Corpus Christi, TX, James Perkins, Corpus Christi, TX, Matthew Rankin, Corpus Christi, TX, Andrea Puyol, Corpus Christi, TX, and Aline Trejo Chavez, Corpus Christi, TX.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: John Weber, Fair Oaks, CA, Merida Forrest, Corpus Christi, TX, Clara Varner, Pflugerville, TX, Erik Engen, Corpus Christi, TX,Carol Lowe, Corpus Christi, TX, Ashlynn Shipley, Dallas, TX, Linda Fielder, Carrolton, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Sara Dolson, Corpus Christi, TX, Janet Newcomb, Corpus Christi, TX, Sandra Love Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, Love Dominique, Corpus Christi, TX, and Dan McQueen, Corpus Christi, TX.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 2)

2. 26-0278 Reinvestment Zone No. 7 (London) Board

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Reinvestment Zone No. 7 (London) Board:

Appointed: Nicholas B. Rhodes (London Area Taxpayer/Property Owner), Rob Leon and Jaime Garcia (Nueces County), and Sylvia Campos and Everett Roy (City Council Members)

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 17)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 5, 12, 14 and 15 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Vaughn moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 5, 12, 14 and 15, seconded by Council Member Barrera. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

3. 26-0252 Approval of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

4. 26-0264 Ordinance authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the Master Services Agreement with Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas for construction management and inspection services in the amount of $13,065,100.00, for a total contract amount of $28,465,100.00; and Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Manager-At-Risk (CMAR) contract with Garney Companies, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri for construction services in the amount of $182,389,792.00, for a total contract amount of $185,389,792.00, for the Evangeline/San Patricio Co. Groundwater Program; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget, with FY 2026 funding available from Water Capital Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033876

5. 26-0196 Ordinance authorizing a contract with FCC Aqualia USA Corp. of Katy, Texas for design, procurement, assembly, commissioning and operation of a containerized brackish water desalination plant in the amount of $43,548,474.00 for the CCW Containerized Brackish Water Treatment Plant project; authorizing construction contracts for ancillary improvements required for the brackish treatment plant in an amount up to $11,451,526.00; authorizing emergency

construction contracts for the pump station and conveyance system from the Western Well Field to ON Stevens WTP in an amount up to $120,000,000.00; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget, with FY 2026 funding available from Water Capital Fund.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, David Loeb, Corpus Christi, TX, and Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Ordinance was passed on second reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033877

6. 26-0225 Ordinance authorizing execution of a Groundwater Rights Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nancy Fleming Shelton, Trustee of the Nancy Fleming Shelton Trust u/w/o Roger Fleming, Zorilla-Malone Properties, Ltd, Lynn O'Connor Carter, Nancy O'Connor and T. Michael, each Individually and as Co-Trustees of the Mary Madeline O'Connor Family Exempt Trust and the Mary Madeline O'Connor Family Non-Exempt Trust for purchase of Li Ranch as part of the Evangeline Groundwater Project in an amount up to $38,000,000.00; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget, with FY 2026 funding available from Water Capital Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033878

7. 25-1755 Ordinance authorizing execution of a five-year lease agreement, with two five-year options, with Big Johnson Fuel & Lubricants, LLC, of Corpus Christi, Texas, for a marine fuel station at the Coopers Alley L-Head, in consideration of monthly lease payments of $500 for the first year, $500 a month plus $0.05 per gallon of all fuel sold thereafter, with a 10% increase in base rent after the first lease term, and an increase of 3% annually thereafter.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033879

8. 25-1968 Ordinance amending Sections 19-1, 19-33, 19-49, and 38-9 of the Corpus Christi Code to amend fee schedules for food establishments and adopt a reinspection fee in compliance with Senate Bill 1008; providing for penalty; and providing for publication.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033880

9. 26-0172 Ordinance authorizing a five year lease with Sinister LLC with monthly rent of $300 for use of the city owned property located at 1401 Leopard Street for a parking lot, located in Council District 1.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033881

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

10. 26-0115 Motion authorizing renewal and execution of two three-year cooperative agreements with Great South Texas Corporation, dba Computer Solutions, of San Antonio, through the Texas Department of Information Resources, for the renewal of Cisco enterprise software licenses and support services totaling $3,371,775.33, with FY 2026 funding of $1,123,925.11 from the Information Technology Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-016

11. 26-0084 Motion authorizing execution of a one-year service agreement, with a one-year option, with Horacio Carrillo III dba Carrillo's Welding Services "CWS", of Corpus Christi, in an amount up to $180,000.00, with a potential up to $360,000.00 if the option is exercised, for as-needed welding services for the Asset Management Department's Fleet Division, with FY 2026 funding of $124,200.00 from the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-017

12. 25-1762 Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a two-year waste disposal agreement with BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba Republic Services of Corpus Christi, guaranteeing the delivery of specific tonnage of acceptable waste collected within the boundaries of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments region to the City’s Cefe Valenzuela Municipal Landfill, with a termination date of November 12, 2027.

Director of Solid Waste Operations Philip Aldridge responded to Council questions.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2026-018

Consent - Capital Projects

13. 26-0197 Motion awarding a construction contract to McDonald Municipal & Industrial, a division of C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc of Houston, Texas for the Police Training Academy Generator project for installation of a new 500-kilowatt natural gas generator in an amount up to $547,966.00, located in Council District 5 with FY 2026 funding available from Facility Maintenance CIP and Facility Management and Maintenance operational funds.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-019

14. 26-0203 Motion awarding a construction contract to McDonald Municipal & Industrial - A Division of C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc. of Houston, Texas for the Ben Garza Gymnasium Generator project for installation of a new 125-kilowatt natural gas generator in an amount of $205,069.00, located in Council District 1, with FY 2026 funding available from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Interim Assistant City Manager Michael Dice and Assistant Director of Project Management Ratna Pottumuthu responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez moved to postpone this item until March 17, 2026, seconded by Council Member Paxson. This Item was postponed with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Absent: 2 - Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

15. 26-0204 Motion awarding a construction contract to Barcom Construction, Inc. of Corpus

Christi for the Greenwood Sports Complex - Westside Pony/Universal League Youth/Sparkling City Youth project to upgrade the fields, building, lighting and several other minor improvements in an amount up to $7,097,714.86, located in Council District 3, with FY2026 funding available from Bond 2018, Bond 2020, Bond 2022, and Bond 2024.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Assistant Director of Project Management Ratna Pottumuthu responded to Council questions.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2026-020

General Consent Items

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

16. 25-2025 Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of two grant awards for a total amount of $5,000.00 from the ONEOK Emergency Responder Grant Program for funding toward the purchase of three new HAZMAT training suits, two new drone dropper systems, six new drone landing pads, two additional drone batteries for the Corpus Christi Fire Department and 131 additional emergency weather radios for the Local Emergency Planning Committee; and appropriating $5,000.00 into the Fire Grants Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the consent agenda.

17. 25-1771 Ordinance approving Amendment No. 1 to the Lease with Elizondo Tennis Foundation to allow assignment of the Lease to Elizondo Tennis, LLC; to allow the City Manager to adjust fees; and to increase court and league fees.

This Item was withdrawn.

J. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 18)

18. 26-0291 Resolution authorizing negotiation of a Design-Build Contract for the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant Project with Corpus Christi Desal Partners (CCDP), a joint venture of Acciona Agua Corporation and MasTec Industrial Corporation.

Vice President of Business Development at Acciona Efrain Rodriguez, Industrial Market Sector Leader at MasTec Clean Energy & Infrastructure Chris McGahee, Regional Director at Ardurra Dan Leyendecker, and Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi

Water Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: overview; Corpus Christi desal partners-Acciona, MasTec, and Ardurra; project status update-project overview; revised approach; modified approach; CCDP facility design-site view; post treatment and disinfection; project site flyover; current status and upcoming milestones; revised approach for GMP; project timeline; project cost breakdown; construction cost details; project cost and rate impact; upcoming steps and actions; and staff recommendation.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, COO Winkelmann, Assistant Director of CCW – Finance & Administration Kamil Taras, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Leyendecker responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, Dale Switalla, Corpus Christi, TX, Maria Teresa Cavazos Gutierrez Mercavech, Corpus Christi, TX, Callie Walker, Corpus Christi, TX, David Heasley, Corpus Christi, TX, Deanna King, Corpus Christi, TX, Monna Lytle, Corpus Christi, TX, Reagan Reeves, Corpus Christi, TX, Sarah Bernard, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, David Loeb, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Bob Paulison, Corpus Christi, TX, Arlen Nichols, Corpus Christi, TX, and Gilbert Aguirre, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye:	5 -	Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy
Nay:	3 -	Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos and Council Member Paxson
Abstained:	1 -	Council Member Cantu

Enactment No: 033882

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:49 p.m. Executive Session Item 23 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 19 - 20)

19. 26-0156 Ordinance annexing a 1.00-acre tract of land located along the southside of FM 43, east of CR 47 and west of SH 286 per petition by the landowner, BRBG Investments, LLC; approving the related service plan; adding the annexed area

to City Council District 3; seeking removal of annexed territory from Emergency Services District; rezoning the 1.00 acres from the “FR” Farm Rural District to the “CN-1” Neighborhood Commercial District; and providing for a penalty not to exceed $2,000 and publication.

Interim Assistant City Manager Michael Dice presented information on the following topics: vicinity map; location map; and development plan.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

20. 26-0143 Zoning Case No. ZN8771, Jason Luby (District 2). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 2409 Viola Avenue from the “RS-6” Single Family 6 District to the “CG-1” General Commercial District, providing for a penalty not to exceed $2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend denial).

Assistant Director of Development Services Andrew Dimas presented information on the following topics: zoning and land use; public notification; and analysis and recommendation.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Assistant Director Dimas responded to Council questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Roy opened the public hearing.

Applicant, Jason Luby, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Roy closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hernandez moved to postpone this item until March 17, 2026, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This Item was postponed with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Absent: 1 - Mayor Guajardo

Abstained: 0

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 21)

21. 26-0215 Water Supply Update

This Item was withdrawn.

N. MOTION TO RECONSIDER (ITEM 22)

22. 26-0310 Reconsideration of "Motion awarding a construction contract to South Texas Building Partners, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas for the construction of the Northside Aquatics Center in the Hillcrest area in an amount up to $8,709,077.22, located in Council District 1 with FY2026 funding available from Bond 2024 and Metropolitan Planning Organization reimbursement." (Approved on February 17, 2026,) **as submitted by Council Members Carolyn Vaughn and Eric Cantu.**

No action was taken on this Item.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 23)

23. 26-0224 **Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071** and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and/or contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including water rights in property accessing the Evangeline Aquifer in San Patricio County adjacent and/or near US Highway 181, US Highway 77, US Highway 77 Business, Highway 89, and/or the Aransas River, and other sources, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for professionals for services related to these property rights, interlocal agreements and other agreements with government entities near the aforementioned property(ies) and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein and/or modified groundwater rights purchase and sale agreement(s) with Evangeline Laguna, L.P. and related entities for groundwater rights in San Patricio County.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	John Weber
Address	10523 Fair Oaks Blvd Fair Oaks, CA, 95628
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Inner Harbor
Agenda Item Number	18

Comment

Please read the attached. Thank you.

Upload supporting images or documents.	2.24.26 written.pdf

I would like to start out with a very reasonable request. That is, that the far-field modeling be completed, validated and reviewed by the far-field committee before spending any more City resources on this project. Any reasonable person would do their due diligence before making a large purchase. You wouldn't buy an expensive house without an inspection first.

This reminds me of the movie, Groundhog Day. This is another design and build proposal. This seems like a repeat of the Kiewit contract. It will likely have the same results. The City spent $70 million or so getting to the point of a guaranteed price for Kiewit. It was too high. The new group, used their City paid information from Kiewit for their proposal. It seems the new group wants the City to spend another $78,610,000 and take over a year to bring to the Council a guaranteed price bid. Looking at what they removed from their budget, they will likely have to add some, if not all the things back in, to the guaranteed price. The budget will continue to grow after the far-field modeling and results.

The devil is always in the details. If the City ever gets to the point of writing a contract, it is important that it contains enforceable guarantees with restitution and penalties in writing. The City should require a large bond in case of default and non-operation or sub-par operation. What written guarantees will they give the City regarding cost, performance, and operation date? What financial restitution will the City receive if the plant has to shut down to meet the permit requirements? Will they have real time water quality monitoring in the Inner Harbor, Nueces Bay, and Corpus Christi Bay?

The new group is comprised of three companies. A quick search and you will find arrests of "two high-ranking executives" at Acciona and multiple lawsuits. Is the City prepared for the risks involved with dealing with these companies?

Acciona
Law suit-
https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/metro-vancouver-files-500-million-countersuit-over-north-shore-sewage-plant-debacle
Metro Vancouver is countersuing the contractor it fired from the overschedule and
over-budget North Shore sewage plant, arguing that the company's
breaches will cost the regional district $500 million, according to court documents filed
at B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver.
The contractor, Spanish infrastructure giant Acciona, sued Metro
Vancouver in April for $250 million, saying it was wrongfully terminated from
the nominally $621-million project in January. It blamed delays and cost
overruns on problems that included Metro picking an inadequate site for the
facility and the regional district's "wrongful conduct" during the design and
review process.
https://www.reuters.com/article/markets/fcc-acciona-executives-arrested-in-spanish-water-firm-investigation-idUSL8N1534H8/
FCC, Acciona
executives arrested in Spanish water firm investigation
By Reuters

January 19, 20161:05
PM CSTUpdated 9 years ago
MADRID, Jan 19 (Reuters) - Two high-ranking executives at
Spanish builders Acciona and FCC were arrested as part of an investigation into irregular concessions at state-run water contract company Acuamed, sources involved in the matter said.
The two were among 13 people arrested after Spanish police
raided Acuamed's offices in Madrid, Barcelona and other cities on Monday, in the latest corruption scandal over the way public contracts were handled during Spain's boom years before its 2008 property crash.
https://www.globalconstructionreview.com/six-spanish-contractors-fined-e200m-for-illegal-collaboration/
Spain's competition authority, the National Markets and
Competition Commission (CNMC) has fined six construction companies more than €200m in total after uncovering a 25-year history of collaboration.
The
companies hit are: Acciona Construction (€29.4m), Dragados (€57.1m), FCC Construction (€40.4m), Ferrovial Construction (€38.5m), Obrascón Huarte Lain (€21.5m) and Sacyr Construction (€16.7m).

Mastec
Law suit-
https://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/settlements/11416/mastec-natural-gas-pipeline-construction.html

LAWSUITS NEWS & LEGAL
INFORMATION
Pipeline Builder Damage
Coos county, OR:
(Apr-02-08) Coos County brought a lawsuit against Miami based MasTec, Inc., over the construction of a natural gas pipeline. The suit, filed in 2004, stated that there were several problems associated with the construction, including four lawsuits from private landowners against the County and MasTec accusing them of property damage, while constructing the 60-mile pipeline from Roseburg to Coquille.

Sources stated that the two parties have reached a resolution in the case and entered into a settlement agreement, in which MasTec will pay $8.7 million, as well drop its
claims against the county for more than $11 million dollars for unpaid work and $3.5 million dollars for alleged delay damages. The deal stipulated that the company pay $4.35 million on Jun. 2, 2008 and an additional 4.35 million, with interest, on Jun. 1, 2009. County officials announced that they have remedied most of the environmental damage caused by MasTec during construction. [KCBY NEWS: COOS COUNTY SETTLES LAWSUIT WITH MASTEC]
Ardurra
Data breach-
https://straussborrelli.com/2025/06/25/ardurra-data-breach-investigation/

WHAT HAPPENED?

On June 20, 2025, Ardurra reported to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that it had experienced a data breach in which the sensitive personal identifiable information in its care may have been compromised. In the sample breach notice, Ardurra does not elaborate on the nature of the security incident that impacted its systems. While the information impacted varies depending on the individual, the type of information potentially exposed includes:

Name

Social Security number

Monday, February 23, 2026

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Merida Forrest
Address	7114 Grape Arbor Dr. Corpus Christi, TX, 78414
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 5
Topic	Inner Harbor Desal - VOTE NO or TABLE on contract with CCDP till FFM is complete
Agenda Item Number	18

Comment

The IH Desal plant is experimental & poses serious risks. It places harms to the health of Hillcrest community - people have health issues like asthma & cancers at high rates. It threatens fishing industry, ecosystems & marine life. Ship channels are poor locations with long term brine dead zone impact. Offshore intake & discharge is essential.

$979M is too much, $13.80 avg monthly residential bill increase & $166 increase/year for this single desal plant is too much + when Harbor Island Desal comes = $19 more added to our water bill. Residents can't afford the cumulative price increases for something we don't need but industry wants. 30 MGD barely fits current needs - no room for expansion - it doesn't fit the City's long term needs. How much design elements were cut out of this proposal to keep the cost down?

Please VOTE NO or TABLE item #18 till the results of the far-field modeling for CC Bay, Nueces Bay & the ship channel is complete & has been reviewed by the FFM committee.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. aleli420@yahoo.com

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Clara Varner
Address	2413 GAVIN TRL PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS, 78660-6528
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Desalination
Agenda Item Number	#18 : 26-0291

Comment

While, I currently do not reside in Corpus Christi, my entire core family still resides there. This agenda topic is vitally important to my family, as well as to my tribe, the Karankawa Tribe of Texas, whose Hawk clan is based in Corpus Christi.

We consider water as a precious relative as opposed to it simply being a resource, which is readily wasted & exploited.

I am writing to remind you that desalination & related water contracts WILL damage our bay. As members of the Corpus Christi City Council, you should be focused on taking care of our water & not relying on unpredictable and dangerous water sources.

Please take a stand to protect what we have now and place restrictions on heavy water users like oil & gas corporations to balance out our current water supply challenges. The profit-over-people oil & gas corporations are guzzling & exploiting our relative... & you can put an end to that recklessness

As importantly, we wholeheartedly stand with Hillcrest and its residents.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. karankawacari@gmail.com

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Erik Engen
Address	215 BRIDGEPORT AVE UNIT 2 North Beach, Corpus Christi, TX, 78402
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 1
Topic	Inner Harbor Desal
Agenda Item Number	26-0196

Comment

To my mind, population is not the primary driver for increased water supply, rather it is the Port's tenants pursuing the cheapest (to them) water supply, irrespective of taxpayer interests or environmental (fishery and bay) concerns.

This has adverse tourism impacts, local shrimpers, fishing in Nueces Bay, Indian Point, to bathers on North Beach. I cannot believe Inner Harbor can be considered from an environmental, safety or ecological standpoint

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Carol Lowe
Address	827 Craig Street Corpus Christi, TX, 78404
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Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 1
Topic	Desalination
Agenda Item Number	26-0196

Comment

Please say NO to the desalination plant.
It will harm the Bay. It will cost a lot of money. Our water bill is too high already. The costs will soar.

Please do the right thing and vote NO on desalination.

Thank you,
Reverend Carol Lowe

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	carollowe552@gmail.com

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Name	Ashlynn Shipley
Address	12 Robins Nest Dr Lake Dallas, TX, 75065
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Desalination
Agenda Item Number	#18:26-0291

Comment

This should not be an option when we aren't even talking about or considering why we are pressing the issue.
Pulling out to see the big picture and how we as gulf coast inhabitants have allowed the chemical and oil industry to poison our waters and now our neighbors in Texas are selling more land and letting more water be used and polluted to cool ai mega data centers.
We have to shop the pollution where it started.
We need to get those very same industries and corporations to pay to clean up our water that we let them defile .
We cannot stand with you when it comes to this idea that more machines will help.
You know how the water got this way, you know why.
Go back and fix your mistakes when you let them get away with it before.
Please see that we don't need more machines in our beautiful gulf but instead more restrictions on what takes and goes out into it in the 1st place.
We have the most polluted waters in the country, that's embarrassing. Fix it for our children.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	ashennfire@gmail.com

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Name	Sara Dolson
Address	512 Ohio Ave. Corpus Christi, TX, 78404
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 2
Topic	Water
Agenda Item Number	NA

Comment

Hello, I'm a concerned citizen who was born & raised here & reside w/ my husband in district 2. We contribute to the community & love to see our city thrive. However, our definitions of thrive may differ. To me, a thriving community is one where the people are put first & the resources are reserved for the people who live within the community, not outsourced to the highest bidder. To me, a thriving community cares about the health of its people, children, bays, & the nature we live within. It wants the best for its people 1st & foremost.

I urge you to all to please consider the people of the community. The desalination plant is not for the us. That is quite clear. It seems to be for the industry so that they can continue business as usual. Yet we are going to be footing the bill, even though it will likely be destroying our home. Please protect us. It may not be right away but it will eventually. If you quiet your mind and listen to your heart I think you all know this to be true.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	saramdolson@gmail.com

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Merida Forrest
Address	7114 Grape Arbor Drive Corpus Christi, TX, 78414
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 5
Topic	Northside Aquatics Ctr
Agenda Item Number	22

Comment

Regarding the Northside Aquatics Ctr in Hillcrest - please don't reverse your vote.
Please don't put another obstacle in their community & add to their many struggles.

As a Dist 5 resident who lives near the new Bill Whitt Aquatics Ctr - Hillcest deserves to have their own Aquatic center.

This has been in discussion over 10 years & acted on just now. Please let them have their Aquatic Ctr now - don't penalize the Hillcrest community for the City's & prior council's mismanagement of our water.

Thank you.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	aleli420@yahoo.com

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Janet Newcomb
Address	1314 Meadowlane Dr. Corpus christi, TX, 78412
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 4
Topic	Inner Harbor Desalination
Agenda Item Number	18 & 21

Comment

Stage 3 restrictions have been going on for months—my yard is like a crunchy desert carpet that sounds like stepping on stale Doritos! I feel guilty thinking about washing my car or filling the kiddie pool. It's stressful and scary.

Our reservoirs are too low. Stage 3 drags on, and Level 1 cuts (25% mandatory) will hit soon. With the burn ban and high fire danger, low water could make fighting brush fires impossible—putting homes and families at risk. We've sacrificed a lot already.

I understand we need new water sources—desal could help us be drought-proof and safer from fires long-term. But the ~$979 million Inner Harbor plant has serious issues.

How can we move forward without independent studies that are public and include real resident input? Please choose safe, affordable, fair solutions that protect our environment and future. Thank you.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	tropwatch36@yahoo.com

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Love Dominique
Address	3310 Rodd Field Rd, apt 4305 Corpus Christi, TX, 78414
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Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 5
Topic	Desalination
Agenda Item Number	N/A

Comment

since I've lived in corpus we've always been in a constant drought with the big desalination going on here in the Port of Corpus Christi. I just want to know what the Mayor and city council plans to do when it comes to regulating the desalination here in Corpus Christi?

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Name	Dan McQueen
Address	1102 Leopard St CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, 78401
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Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 1
Topic	DESAL
Agenda Item Number	public comment

Comment

I am against Inner Harbor Desal. Protect the Hillcrest Neighborhood.

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Linda Fielder
Address	2234 Carmel Dr Carrollton, Texas, 75006
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Inner Harbor/Hillcrest Seawater Desalination Project
Agenda Item Number	Item 26-0328

Comment

The Inner Harbor/Hillcrest Desalination Project is excessively costly and will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding community as well as the waters of the Inner Harbor and its wildlife.
The harms to the Bay center on the discharge of the hypersaline brine into the shallow "poorly flushed" environment. Unlike open ocean plants, the Inner Harbor lacks the strong currents needed for rapid dilution.

The following 7 Key harms are discussed in the attached document.
1. "Dead Zones" brine sinks to the bottom.
2. Osmotic Stress: Marine life like fish, shrimp, and crab larvae are highly sensitive to salinity changes.
3. Harmful Algal Blooms
4. Benthic Ecosystem Degradation
5. Chemical Additives: The brine often contains residual chemicals from the desalination process
6. Entrainment and Impingement: The plant's intake system can trap and kill millions of tiny organisms
7. These Impacts could threaten the Kemp's ridley sea turtle and the local oyster industry

Upload supporting images or documents.

7 DEVASTATING ENVIRONMENTAL I... .docx

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	malankad@hotmail.com

7 DEVASTATING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT WILL RESULT FROM THE INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

1. "Dead Zones": Brine is significantly denser than bay water, causing it to sink to the bottom like a "salty blanket". This layer prevents oxygen from the surface from reaching the seafloor, leading to hypoxia (low oxygen) or anoxia (no oxygen), which can suffocate bottom-dwelling organisms.

2. Osmotic Stress: Marine life like fish, shrimp, and crab larvae are highly sensitive to salinity changes. Excessive salt forces their bodies to work harder to maintain internal balance, which can lead to stunted growth, reduced reproduction, or immediate mortality.

3. Harmful Algal Blooms: Shifting salinity levels can trigger **red tide and other toxic algal blooms**, which release toxins harmful to both fish and humans.

4. Benthic Ecosystem Degradation: While the Inner Harbor is already industrially disturbed, a full-scale plant could impair nutrient fluxes from the sediment, **effectively killing the "base" of the food chain that supports the wider Corpus Christi Bay**. (Benthos are organisms that inhabit the bottom of aquatic environments like oceans, lakes, and rivers. They range from shallow to deep areas and are crucial for nutrient cycling.

5. Chemical Additives: The brine often contains residual chemicals from the desalination process, such as **antiscalants** (to prevent pipe clogging) and chlorine, which are toxic to marine fauna.

6. Entrainment and Impingement: The plant's intake system can trap and kill millions of tiny organisms—including eggs and larvae of commercially important species like redfish and flounder—as they are sucked into the machinery.

7. These Impacts could specifically threaten the **Kemp's ridley sea turtle and the local oyster industry, which both rely on a delicate salinity balance to survive.**

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Date of Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Name	Jason Hale
Address	4421 Hamlin Dr CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, 78411-3059
Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 2
Topic	Inner Harbor seawater desalination project
Agenda Item Number	18

Comment

See attached

Upload supporting images or documents.	Comments Questions Slide for City Co....pdf
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	jasonhaletx@gmail.com

Public comment for City Council 02/24/2026

Hi Councilmembers,

I'm sure you've gotten a lot of comments on today's Inner Harbor vote so I'll try to keep mine brief.

I want the City to spend its resources on the best water projects. To me, that means cost effectiveness, manageable impacts, and reliability. However, I don't think that has been verified yet, in part because of the lack of far field modeling for the Inner Harbor.

The Inner Harbor is an 8 mile long, narrow, dead end channel that is 20 miles from the Gulf. It already has a desalination plant that will be operating in it soon (CC Polymer) and no one knows for sure whether or not both plants will be able to operate in the Inner Harbor without running into issues that affect cost effectiveness, impacts, or reliability.

I'm sure CCDP is capable of putting together a sound project, however I don't know if spending $78 million on further development of the Inner Harbor project is the best use of our resources when we still don't know the viability of having two desalination plants in the Inner Harbor. To me, that's like committing tons of money on building a new house when you still don't know if the foundation is in good condition.

Plus, y'all have done an amazing job securing new water supplies. You've spent hundreds of millions of dollars on over 100 MGD of new water. Half of that is from the Harbor Island project, which is a great seawater desalination project.

Our population is projected to grow less than 1% a year for the next 50 years, so how much new water do we actually need? And how will adding even more to that new supply affect rate payers? Just with the groundwater, reuse, and Harbor Island projects, CCW's budget will triple over the next ten years.

I do have one request. If you decide to move forward with CCDP's proposal, I think it would be great if they produced a report similar to the one I am linking below. It covers a lot of key design details and considerations. I think a report like this would be great for the City and would garner confidence from the public. Thank you for your consideration.

Review of Proposed Water Quality Requirements for the Huntington Beach Desalter

Respectfully,
Jason Hale

Questions for CCDP's Inner Harbor 02/24/26

Project Costs

1. **Cost Estimate**
    a. Does the cost estimate include expenses from previous design services like Kiewit and Freese and Nichols and has that been factored into the price calculations (cost of water, impact to residents, etc.)?
2. **Unit Cost of Water / Cost Levers**
    a. In the proposal, there are multiple cost levers that mention reducing the plant's online availability. Has this been factored into the unit cost of water and will CCDP be able to guarantee the online availability?
3. **Cost Levers**
    a. What are the cost levers that will save the city money in the long run but may cost more up front?

Project Reliability

4. **Online Time**
    a. Some of the cost levers mention adjusting the plant's annual availability. During droughts, the salinity gets high and there aren't many freshwater inflows. That's also the time we'll need desalination the most. Will the plant be able to operate reliably in a drought when salinity levels are much higher than average?
5. **Turbidity**
    a. Ship traffic can kick up a lot of sediment. I think the Brownsville pilot project had a lot of issues because of this. Exactly what conditions will affect the raw water envelope and how often are they likely to occur?

Process Design

6. **Product Storage Tank**
    a. The proposal mentions removing a storage tank. I'm concerned this will make it harder to detect product water that is out of spec and dump it before entering the City's water distribution system. How will the plant be able to dump out of spec water if the product storage tank is removed?

7. **Reducing Installed Capacity**

    a. The Texas Water Development Board has been pretty strict with the City when it comes to this project. Will they allow us to build a plant that is less than 30 MGD? It seems like the size of the plant was a big part of what got us more loans for the project. Would we run into legal issues with the TWDB if we built a 10 MGD plant instead of a 30 MGD plant?

Integration with City Distribution

8. **Corrosion and Disinfectant Byproducts**

    a. Residents are concerned about integrating the product water into the City's distribution system. It could cause pipe corrosion, red water, or harmful disinfectant byproducts. How will you make sure this won't happen?

        i. *Reference:* **Huntington Beach Study**: Water quality issues of concern regarding the introduction of desalinated seawater into the OCWD system, page 54

Jason's Napkin Math:
Projected CCW Budget Impacts for Currently Planned New Water Supplies

Table 1: CCW Budget Impacts

Project	Capacity (MGD)	Annual Cost (millions)	CCW Budget (milions)	% of Baseline
Baseline [1] *(no new projects)*	110*	$150.1	$150.1	100%
Brackish RO [2]	21.3	$30.6	$180.7	120%
Evangeline [3]	24	$57.9	$238.6	159%
Reuse [4]	13	-	-	-
Harbor Island [5]	50	$202.4	$441.0	294%
Total	**218.3**			

1. Baseline figure from NewGen Cost of Service Study 2024, Table 2-10 (Total Revenue Required), page 26, *Capacity could be higher, used total sold for 2024
2. Brackish RO figures from 02/17/2026 City Council meeting, File #: 26-0196
3. Evangeline figures from 02/17/2026 City Council meeting, File #: 26-0264
4. Reuse figures from 02/13/2026 Water Supply Update
5. Harbor Island figures from 2026 Region N Water Plan, Chapter 5 - Water Management Strategies, page 172

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Address	1947 Sean Drive Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412
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Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 5
Topic	Water
Agenda Item Number	0000

Comment

For the record, I want to state that Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend have formally submitted the following to the City of Corpus Christi:
A proposed Charter Amendment,
a draft Water Scarcity Ordinance,
a proposed Emergency Water Moratorium,
and a Notice of Non-Consent and Failure to Consult regarding desalination and related water infrastructure actions.
These submissions were made to document that viable policy options exist and that the City has not yet exercised its full authority to protect our current water supply.
This statement is made for the record.

Upload supporting images or documents.

Notice of Non Consent.pdf

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	indigenouspeoplecoastalbend@gmail.com

NOTICE OF NON-CONSENT AND FAILURE TO CONSULT

Entered Into the Public Record

(Issued Without Prejudice and Without Waiver of Rights)

Issued by: Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend (IPCB) and Karankawa Tribe of Texas

Date: February 23, 2026

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Notice is issued to formally document the lack of consultation, lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent, and the express non-consent of Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend and Karankawa Tribe of Texas, regarding desalination projects and related water infrastructure actions affecting coastal and bay waters within Karankawa ancestral territory.

This Notice is entered into the public and administrative record to establish notice, preserve historical and legal context, and document that these actions have proceeded without their (Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend and Karankawa Tribe of Texas) consultation or consent.

While this Notice is specific to desalination and water infrastructure actions, these projects exist within a broader pattern of industrial development affecting coastal waters and their cultural landscapes.

This Notice is separate from, and does not replace, any municipal, administrative, or judicial processes currently underway. It is issued to ensure that future actions cannot be taken with the claim that their opposition or lack of consultation was unknown.

II. FAILURE TO CONSULT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend and Karankawa Tribe of Texas were not consulted prior to:

- The advancement of desalination projects, including offshore, near-shore, inner harbor, or closed-bay proposals;
- The authorization of studies, modeling, preliminary approvals, contracts, or related actions intended to advance desalination or expanded industrial water use;
- Decisions affecting waters, submerged lands, cultural landscapes, burial areas, or subsistence systems within Karankawa ancestral territory.

No process consistent with Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) occurred.

Incremental actions framed as studies, feasibility analyses, or early steps do not satisfy consultation requirements where their lands, waters, and cultural survival are concerned.

III. INTERNATIONAL AND TREATY-LEVEL STANDARDS

(Cited for the Record)

Internationally recognized standards require consultation with Indigenous peoples prior to actions that affect their lands, waters, culture, or means of subsistence. These standards are cited here to document obligations and norms that were ignored, not to assert jurisdiction or enforcement authority.

A. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

(Treaty ratified by the United States)

The ICCPR protects the right of peoples to enjoy their culture and participate meaningfully in decisions affecting cultural life, including where culture is inseparable from land and water.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights

B. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

(Codification of customary international Indigenous law)

UNDRIP affirms internationally recognized Indigenous rights, including:

- Article 19 - Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Article 25 -Spiritual relationship with waters
- Article 26 - Rights to lands, territories, and resources
- Article 29 - Environmental protection
- Article 32 -Consent prior to development

https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html

These instruments reflect global consensus regarding Indigenous consultation and consent. The absence of consultation here is inconsistent with these standards.

IV. KARANKAWA TREATY-LEVEL STATUS AND CUSTOMARY LAW

Karankawa peoples entered into treaty agreements and recognized relations with colonial authorities prior to the formation of the United States. These agreements were never lawfully dissolved or extinguished through consent by the United States. The disregard

occurred through displacement and violence, not mutual termination or administratively correct processes.

The absence of the treaty level documents not being administratively processed or dissolved with the United States, reflects historic exclusion prior to U.S. treaty making processes, not the absence of Indigenous governance, law, or consent.

Under international law, the absence of lawful extinguishment supports the continued relevance of Karankawa customary law, original occupancy, and ancestral obligations to protect these waters. UNDRIP and related instruments exist precisely to recognize Indigenous peoples who were excluded from colonial treaty frameworks.

V. STATEMENT OF NON-CONSENT

Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend and Karankawa Tribe of Texas hereby state:

- We do not consent to desalination projects anywhere within these waters;
- We do not consent to offshore, near-shore, inner harbor, or closed-bay desalination;
- We do not consent to incremental actions framed as studies, models, or preliminary steps that place such projects into motion;
- We do not consent to the exploitation of water resources without Indigenous consultation and consent.

Our ancestors extended openness, trust, and coexistence in the past. That openness was met with dispossession, exploitation, and harm. We do not repeat that history.

This Notice reflects a modern boundary grounded in ancestral responsibility and survival.

VI. FORMAL STATEMENT OF OBJECTION

(Cease-and-Desist–Style Notice, For the Record Only)

Accordingly, Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend and Karankawa Tribe of Texas, formally object to and call for the cessation of actions advancing desalination or related water exploitation affecting these waters without Indigenous consultation and consent.

This section is issued for the record only and does not purport to invoke enforcement authority or jurisdiction.

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing in this Notice shall be construed as a waiver of any rights, remedies, or actions available now or in the future under municipal, state, federal, or international forums.

This Notice is issued without prejudice.

VIII. SIGNATURE

Issued on behalf of Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend and Karankawa Tribe of Texas:

Sandra Love Sanchez

Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend, Karankawa Tribe of Texas- Environmental Liaison

Date: February 23, 2026