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CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 10, 2026

DATE: February 10, 2026

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Briefing on Evangeline Groundwater Project

STAFF PRESENTER(S):

Name	Title/Position	Department
1. Nicholas J. Winkelmann, P.E.	Interim Chief Operating Officer	Corpus Christi Water

CAPTION:

Evangeline Groundwater Project briefing to update the Council on the status of this project.

SUMMARY:

Corpus Christi Water (CCW) continues to advance multiple water projects to add new sources and diversify the water supply portfolio. CCW will provide Council an update on the Evangeline Groundwater Project.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Evangeline Groundwater Project is for the City of Corpus Christi to acquire groundwater rights with existing production permits for 24 MGD near Sinton, Texas.

The San Patricio Groundwater Conservation District (SPGCD) has determined that the submitted drilling and transport permits by Evangeline Laguna LP are administratively complete. The district will hold a public hearing and board meeting to approve these permits on February 6, 2026. The production permit for 24 MGD was issued by the SPGCD on May 16, 2019, and renewed on January 21, 2025.

To meet the construction schedule to deliver water by November 2026, the City's contractors must start construction activities, including well drilling, as soon as possible. It is critical that SPGCD issues the permits by February 6, 2026, to ensure the City's construction schedule can proceed.

Pape Dawson Engineers and Garney Construction continue to advance with design and pre-construction services. Contract amendments for construction services and equipment purchase are expected to be presented to the Council for consideration on February 10. The design work and pre-construction services and input from Garney have shown that partial delivery can be achieved in November 2026 if the permits are approved by Feb 6, 2026.

Water Supply Updates: <https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/corpus-christi-water/water-supply-updates/>

Project Updates: <https://securingwater.corpuschristitx.gov/>

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Presentation – Evangeline Groundwater Project Update