



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 14, 2013
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 28, 2013

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Amending City Code of Ordinances, Revising the City's Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan

CAPTION:

Ordinance adopting the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan; Amending City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, Article XII Water Conservation, regarding water resource management including drought restrictions and surcharges, providing an effective date of June 3, 2013; and providing for penalties.

PURPOSE:

This amendment revises and improves the City's Water Conservation Ordinance and 2009 Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. It is also a requirement of the TCEQ and TWDB to submit a revision every five years.

On May 14, 2013 staff presented the first reading of the ordinance adopting the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan. Members of the council asked for several clarifications to the proposed language. The following changes were made to the documents based on Council Direction.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Based on City Council recommendations, below are changes made by staff prior to the second reading.

- During Stages 3-5, a trigger point of 3,000 gallons per month is established for residential customers before a drought surcharge is added.

- Residential customer’s bill will remain the same up to and including 3,000 gallons. Consumption above 3,000 gallons per month will result in a drought surcharge up to and including 100% of the total monthly water bill over 3,000 gallons.
- The drought surcharge for residential customers during Stages 3-5 may be implemented with City Council approval.
- During Stage 3, the discontinuing of fire hydrants for construction purposes may be implemented with City Council approval.
- During Stage 4, the suspension of new, additional, or increased-in-size water service connections may be implemented with City Council approval.
- The Water Allocation and Review Committee responsibilities will be completed by City staff.
- New industrial customer allocations will be based on 90% of their maximum monthly contracted usage until 12 months of billing history is available.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

These Plans, once approved by City Council, will be submitted to TCEQ and TWDB for review and approval.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Not application

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency, two readings.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal; Water Resource Advisory Committee; Regional Water Customers

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Although the Water Department cannot project any firm figures at this time, the main financial impact will be on Revenue: Conservation efforts will result in lower revenues; however conservation helps to reduce future demand as the region grows.

- Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				

This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments: Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Staff recommends approval of the Water Resource Management Ordinance and its supporting documents.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

**Water Resource Management Ordinance
Water Conservation Plan 2013
Drought Conservation Plan 2013**