



Recommendation for the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force

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| Task Force Meeting Date: | April 12, 2016 |
| Council Meeting Date: | May 5, 2016 |
| Department: | Austin Water |
| SUBJECT | |
| Approve a resolution repealing Resolution No. 20120816-004 and adopting the Revised 2016 Drought Contingency Plan for Retail & Wholesale Public Water Suppliers. This plan is a requirement of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). | |
| AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING | |
| There is no unanticipated financial impact. | |
| Purchasing Language: | N/A |
| Prior Council Action: | <p>August 26, 1999– Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 4-2, Article II of the City Code to provide new requirements for the Emergency and Peak Day Water Use Management.</p> <p>April 26, 2001– Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 4-2, Article II of the City Code Emergency and Peak Day Water Use Management.</p> <p>October 23, 2003- Council approved an ordinance repealing and replacing Title 4 of the city code relating to Environmental Control and Conservation.</p> <p>December 11, 2003- Council approved an ordinance readopting offenses and providing penalties.</p> <p>August 9, 2007- Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 6-4 of the City Code relating to Water Use Management.</p> <p>September 27, 2007- Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 6-4 of the City Code and parts of Ordinance No. 20070809-002.</p> <p>August 16, 2012- Council approved an ordinance repealing and replacing City Code Chapter 6-4 relating to Water Conservation.</p> |
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| Boards and Commission Action: | <p>April 12, 2016-To be reviewed by Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force.</p> <p>April 13, 2016-To be reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission.</p> <p>April 19, 2016- To be reviewed by Resource Management Commission.</p> |
| MBE/WBE: | |

Austin is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to file a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) every five years. Austin is also required by its 2007 agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority's (LCRA) to develop a DCP that reflects consideration of the targets and goals of LCRA's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP).

Austin is not currently due to update its DCP, but the changes outlined here are being made at this time to reflect the changes being proposed to the Water Conservation Code which are coming forward in a companion, but separate item.

These proposed revisions to the DCP update the previously adopted 2012 DCP and fulfills TCEQ requirements under 30 TAC § 288.20 and § 288.22.

The proposed Austin DCP specifies the triggers used to initiate implementation of specific water use reduction measures contained in the Water Conservation Code (§ 6-4 Austin City Code). These triggers are demand based (how much water is consumed), supply based (how much water is available) and emergency based (man-made or natural disaster).

Changes from the 2012 Drought Contingency Plan

- Replaces the Water Conservation Code (§ 6-4 Austin City Code) in Appendix A with an amended version
- Updated Table 1, City of Austin Treatment Plants and Capacity to include Water Treatment Plant 4
- Updates number of customers
- Eliminates language that refers specifically to the 2012 DCP update
- Updates Austin's water usage numbers.