

Posting Language

Recommend approval of a resolution adopting the Water Conservation Plan, as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and repealing Resolution No. 20190411-002.

Lead Department

Austin Water.

Client Department

Austin Water Assistant Director of Environmental, Planning and Development Services, Kevin Critendon

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

May 5, 2016 – Council approved Resolution 20160505-0004, adopting a new Drought Contingency Plan and applicable revisions to the City Code, Chapter 6-4 (Water Conservation).

November 29, 2018- Council approved adoption of Water Forward, Austin's Integrated Water Resource Plan.

April 11, 2019 – Council approved Resolution No. 20190411-002, repealing Resolution No. 20140417-004 and adopting the Utility Profile & Water Conservation Plan for Municipal and Wholesale Water Use as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 16, 2024 – To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission

April 17, 2024 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to file a Drought Contingency Plan and a Water Conservation Plan under 30 Texas administrative Code (TAC) 288. A Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) establishes a series of drought stages and the measures to curtail water use during specific times of drought. A Water Conservation Plan (WCP) describes a utility's water use profile and describes water conservation goals and programs to reduce water use and otherwise increase water use efficiency. These plans are required to be updated on a five-year basis and submitted to TCEQ.

Recommended Changes from the 2019 Utility Profile & Water Conservation Plan:

- Update data on drinking water and reclaimed water treatment capacity, service area population, and municipal and wholesale water usage to reflect current conditions.
- Update information regarding water conservation program activities
 - Public education and information
 - Residential customer programs

- Commercial/multi-family customer programs
- Regulatory programs
- Water loss mitigation
- Reclaimed water and onsite water reuse.