



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4419, **Agenda Item #:** 5.

5/2/2024

Posting Language

Approve a resolution adopting the Water Conservation Plan, as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and repealing Resolution No. 20190411-002, which adopted the Utility Profile & Water Conservation Plan for Municipal and Wholesale Water Use. Related to Item #6.

Lead Department

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

May 5, 2016 - Council approved Resolution No. 20160505-0004 adopting a new Drought Contingency Plan and applicable revisions to 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 (TCEQ).

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to Blanca Madriz, Austin Water Program Coordinator, at 512-972-0115 or blanca.madriz@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 16, 2024 - Recommended by the Resource Management Commission on an 8-0-1 vote with Commissioner Gary abstaining, Commissioner Scaffidi absent, and one vacancy.

April 17, 2024 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-1 vote with Commissioner Moriarty voting against and Commissioners Reichert, Musgrove and Turrieta absent.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin is required by the TCEQ to file a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and a Water Conservation Plan (WCP) under 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 288. A DCP establishes a series of drought stages and the measures to curtail water use during specific times of drought. A 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. Austin's last DCP was approved by Council in 2016. The TCEQ accepted resubmission of the 2016 DCP to fulfill the required update in 2019.

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

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- 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.