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## **CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

### **CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

**April 6, 2023**

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AGENDA TOPIC: Proposed Amendments to Drought Contingency Plan  
DATE: April 6, 2023  
DEPARTMENT: Public Works  
PRESENTED BY: Kelsey Delgado, Environmental Program Manager

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#### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

In 2022, the City experienced a record-breaking drought. For the first time since the Drought Contingency Plan had been updated in 2013, our water utility initiated Drought Stage 2. This workshop presentation was developed in response to lessons learned from the ongoing drought and to gauge Council's interest in updating the Drought Contingency Plan's initiation triggers and restrictions. Doing so can improve our response to, and conservation during, future drought conditions.

Several possible updates to the Plan have been evaluated that could be incorporated to better protect our infrastructure and aid in water conservation to ensure all customers have potable water for essential uses. This workshop will provide a brief background on the city's water utility and drought history, review possible trigger and restriction updates, and discuss a possible drought surcharge appeal process to provide an avenue for relief from surcharges associated with extreme leaks.

Staff is seeking Council guidance regarding future Drought Contingency Plan updates, if any. No formal Council action is requested as part of this workshop.

#### **POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

- Better protect and preserve the city's water resources and infrastructure.
- Helps conserve water during times of extreme drought to ensure all utility customers have potable water for essential uses.
- Provides surcharge relief to Fair Oaks Ranch Utility customers who experience extreme water leaks during a drought stage.

#### **LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A

#### **LEGAL ANALYSIS:**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:**

N/A