

# Council Agenda Summary

December 6, 2022

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## Title:

Consideration of a Resolution for Adoption of the 2022 Water Efficiency Plan

## Summary:

The Water Conservation Act of 2004 requires all Colorado water providers who supply more than 2,000 acre-feet of water to submit or update water efficiency plans conforming to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) standards every seven years. Water efficiency plans contain key information about historical and projected water demands, water supply reliability, future water supply needs, and proposed demand management activities and monitoring processes.

This is the City of Greeley's third update to the original 2008 Water Conservation Plan. The City's updated draft Water Efficiency Plan (WEP) provides a menu of water efficiency strategies and conservation programs to ensure water supplies remain ample for meeting growing demands. The WEP builds on the City's current efficient use programs and policies and includes existing codes, development policy, design criteria and strategic plans.

The main objectives of the WEP are to maximize widespread efficiency in all indoor water use, set goals for more resilient landscapes, and educate customers on efficient water use programs and goals. It will provide direction on how to create goals with clear measurements for success.

The Water and Sewer Department has worked diligently to coordinate with a 60-day public comment period from August 3, 2022, through October 3, 2022. These methods included online forms, social media campaigns, two online open houses (August 18<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>), Water and Sewer's monthly newsletter, press release on August 9<sup>th</sup>, presentation and information sharing to commission/advisory boards and targeted outreach for local businesses and organizations.

Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) also provides a review of the WEP to ensure compliance with the Water Conservation Act.

Full Conservation Plan document available on the water and Sewer website or click this link: [conservation plan](#)

## Fiscal Impact:

Does this item create a fiscal impact on the City of Greeley?	No
If yes, what is the initial, or, onetime impact?	NA
What is the annual impact?	None

What fund of the City will provide Funding?	N/A
What is the source of revenue within the fund?	N/A
Is there grant funding for this item?	No
If yes, does this grant require a match?	
Is this grant onetime or ongoing?	
Additional Comments:	

**Legal Issues:**

C.R.S. §37-60-126, the City is required to develop and implement a water efficiency plan, by which it shall encourage conservation of water resources by its public utility customers; a component of the Water and Sewer Board's long-term plans for the City water system; incorporated as a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the Resolution.

**Other Issues and Considerations:**

Adoption of a Water Efficiency Plan is necessary in order for the City of Greeley to qualify for certain grants and funding opportunities from the State of Colorado.

**Decision Options:**

- 1) Adopt the resolution as presented; or
- 2) Amend the resolution and adopt as amended; or
- 3) Deny the resolution; or
- 4) Continue consideration of the resolution to a date certain.

**Council's Recommended Action:**

A motion to adopt the Resolution.

**Attachments:**

Resolution

2022 Water Efficiency Plan ([draft 2022 efficiency plan](#))