

# Planning Commission Agenda Summary

December 13, 2022

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## Title:

Consideration of the City of Greeley 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 for approval by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) every seven years. The plans contain key information about historical and projected water demands, water supply reliability, future needs, proposed demand management activities, and monitoring processes.

This is the third update to the original 2008 Water Conservation Plan. The City of Greeley's new draft Water Efficiency Plan (WEP) is a roadmap of strategic objectives and water conservation programs to ensure future water supplies. The WEP builds on the City's current properties and includes existing codes, criteria, and strategic plans with a lens on water conservation.

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 water use goals. It will provide direction on how to advance water conservation efforts and build citywide capacity to:

- Create efficiencies and consistencies among policies, plans, projects, and programs
- Maximize cost-saving opportunities
- 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.

Following public engagement, key stakeholder engagement, and a review with Planning Commission, the Water and Sewer Board approved and recommended the

Water Efficiency Plan to Council at their October 10, 2022, Board meeting and City Council approval on consent at the December 6, 2022 meeting.

**Recommended Action:**

Endorse adoption of the 2022 Water Efficiency Plan by reference to the City's 2018 Comprehensive Plan.

**Attachments:**

2022 Water Efficiency Plan