

# Water & Sewer Agenda Summary

Date: October 19, 2022

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**Title:** 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 City wide 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.

**Recommended Action:** Approve and Recommend to City Council the 2022 Water Efficiency Plan

## **Recommended Action:**

"I move that the Board approve the 2022 Water Efficiency Plan as part of the City's long term water plans, delegate authority to the Director of Water and Sewer or his designee to make minor changes to the WEP consistent with any subsequent recommendations from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and recommend same for adoption by the City Council, and incorporation within the City's Comprehensive Plan."

**Attachments:** 2022 Water Efficiency Plan and cover letter