



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council

City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	04/02/2024	Agenda Item	
Approved by City Manager		Presenter(s)	City Manager
Reviewed by City Attorney		Department	Administration
Subject	Discussion and possible action to proposed changes to Ordinance Chapter 52; Drought Contingency Plan		
Attachments	20191 Track Changes, 20191		
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:		
	Amount Budgeted:		
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
	Additional Account Number:		

Executive Summary

This update was presented at the last regular session, 03/19/2024. City Engineers will be in attendance to answer questions Council may have in order to amend the ordinance.

Update to the Drought Contingency Plan as required by TCEQ. City Engineers have reviewed and made recommended changes needed to suffice with TCEQ. The document labeled Track Changes shows changes made to the template by City Engineers. Where possible, they tried to follow the current Drought Contingency Plan.

The final document (20191) shows the changes made. There are a few highlighted areas that warrant discussion with Council.

- You will need to provide a public notice and a meeting to allow input from your citizens. This could be done at a Council meeting before you adopt it.
- Public notice and public education of the plan can be done by various methods. All the options TCEQ gives in their template and social media has additionally been added since we use Facebook to notify the public as well.
- The new template includes language for a fine for violating the plan. I don't believe the old DCP had this, but your ordinances may establish a fine system outside of this plan. You can either leave this part out or insert the fine that you wish to adopt.
 - Violation of City Ordinance violation
 - Currently states can issue a violation, discontinue water service, and/or injunctive relief in district court
- The service disconnect was included in the original DCP, but the cost for restoring a locked meter was not. You may already have this established in your ordinances and can just insert it here.

Essentially, the plan is very similar to the existing plan in place. The format and some of the languages have changed, for reference, the old plan referenced the TNRC. This was the previous name of the TCEQ, which changed back in the early 2000s. It will be good to have the most up to date language in the new plan.

Recommended Action

To allow staff to complete the updated changes to the Dought Contingency Plan Ordinance, Chapter 52, conforming with TCEQ compliance standards.