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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 12
AGENDA DATE: Thu 04/28/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution repealing Resolution No. 990826-66 and adopting the City of Austin Drought Contingency Plan. This plan is a requirement of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Austin Water Utility
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Chris Lippe

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Gregg, Manager, Water Conservation, 974-3557.;
Laura Wiley, 972-0104

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Update of Drought Contingency Plan adopted by Council on August 26, 1999 (Resolution No. 990826-66).

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission and by Resource Management Commission April 19, 2005.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This is an update of the Drought Contingency Plan adopted in 1999 and is required by the TCEQ in fulfillment of requirements under 30 TAC § 288.20. This action will repeal the previously adopted Drought Contingency Plan and adopt the updated plan. The Drought Contingency Plan covers: drought response stages, as per the Emergency and Peak Day Water Use Management portion of the City Code; demand reduction goals of 15 percent below the Stage II trigger under Stage II restrictions, and below the Stage II trigger or more under Stage III restrictions; demand management measures to be implemented under each stage of water restrictions; public notification procedures; procedures for granting variances; and specification of penalties for violations of restrictions. Of these items, only the demand reduction goals are new to the Drought Contingency Plan.

No.040605-B
WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 990826-66 AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUSTIN
DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN. THIS PLAN IS A REQUIREMENT
OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ)
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
April 6, 2005
REGULAR MEETING
VOTE: 7-0-0-1

Motion made by: Raun
Commissioners Consenting: Coleman, Friese, Warner, Chen, Pool, Gonzalez
Commissioners Dissenting:
Commissioners Abstaining:
Commissioners Absent: Lee

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommends the Council authorize negotiation and execution of a resolution repealing Resolution No. 990826-66 and adopting the City of Austin Drought Contingency Plan. This plan is a requirement of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of the State of Texas


Michael Warner Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission

4/5/05
Date

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 990826-66 the City Council adopted a Drought Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City's Drought Contingency Plan has been updated;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council repeals Resolution No. 990826-66 and adopts the attached Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Austin.

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk




Resource Management Commission
Resolution
Austin Water Utility – Drought Contingency Plan
April 19, 2005
Vote: 6-0-1-0-1

Motion by: A. Martinez
Second by: G. Hsieh
For: K. Strnad, J. Beckage, R. Amato, C. Barron
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: A. Donoho
Vacant: M. Kuhn
Motion: Passed

The Resource Management Commission supports the City of Austin's Water Conservation Programs, and recommends that the City Council adopt the 2005 Drought Contingency Plan. This plan is designed to meet Section 11.1272 of the Texas Water Code and chapter 288 of the Texas Administrative Code. These regulations require all Texas public water supply systems providing service to 3,300 or more connections to prepare a drought contingency plan. The plan is required to be officially adopted through resolution or ordinance before being submitted to the TCEQ for final approval on May 1, 2005.

The 2005 Drought Contingency Plan adheres to the requirements of the Texas Administrative Code by including the specific criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages, as well as the measures to be implemented during these stages in order to achieve reductions in water use. In addition, the 2005 Plan includes specific, quantified target amounts for water use reductions to be achieved during periods of drought and water shortage. The Plan also specifies how the City will respond to and manage the water system during a repetition of the critical drought of record. Both water supply and system capacity management actions are codified in the City of Austin's Municipal Code, Title IV Environmental Control/Conservation, Chapter 4-2 Water Conservation, Article II Emergency and Peak Day Water Use Management, and are therefore included in the Plan.



Approved, Adan Martinez, Chair

April 19, 2005