

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR A WATER USE PERMIT

APPLICATION NO. 13675

City of Corpus Christi (Applicant) seeks a water use permit to authorize the diversion and use of not to exceed 186,295 acre-feet of water per year, at a maximum diversion rate of 257 cfs (115,349.31 gpm), from a diversion reach on La Quinta Channel (Corpus Christi Bay), San Antonio-Nueces Coastal Basin, for municipal and industrial purposes in San Patricio, Nueces and Aransas counties. Applicant also seeks an exempt interbasin transfer to the portion of San Patricio County in the Nueces River Basin and the portion of Nueces County in the Nueces-Rio Grande Coastal Basin within the City's wholesale water service area. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

APPLICATION. City of Corpus Christi (Applicant), P.O. Box 9277, Corpus Christi, Texas 78469, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Water Use Permit pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 11.121 and 11.085 and TCEQ Rule Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 295.151, et seq. Notice of the application was previously published and mailed to the water rights holders of record in the San Antonio-Nueces Coastal Basin pursuant to Title 30 TAC § 295.151.

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Applicant also seeks an exempt interbasin transfer of up to 186,295 acre-feet of water per year to the portion of San Patricio County in the Nueces River Basin and the portion of Nueces County in the Nueces-Rio Grande Coastal Basin within the City's wholesale water service area.

The proposed diversion reach is located along La Quinta Channel (Corpus Christi Bay), San Antonio-Nueces Coastal Basin, in San Patricio County in ZIP Code 78374.

The upper limit of the diversion reach is located at Latitude 27.877731° N, Longitude 97.256667° W, and the lower limit of the diversion reach is located at Latitude 27.876264° N, Longitude 97.251111° W.

The application and fees were received on January 22, 2020. Additional information was received on March 16, 2020. The application was declared administratively complete and accepted for filing with the Office of the Chief Clerk on May 5, 2020.

The Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if granted, would include special conditions including, but not limited to, installation of measuring devices. The application, technical memoranda, and Executive Director's draft permit are available for viewing on the TCEQ web page at: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wr-permitting/view-wr-pend-apps .

Alternatively, you may request a copy of the documents by contacting the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 or by mail at TCEQ OCC, Notice Team (MC-105), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public is encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application and the Executive Director's recommendations, but the comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered by the Commissioners and no formal response will be made. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Comment Period, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. The Executive Director will subsequently summarize the formal comments and prepare a written response which will be considered by the Commissioners before they reach a decision on the application. The Executive Director's written response will be available to the public online or upon request. The public comment period on this application concludes at the close of the public meeting.

The Public Meeting is to be held:

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Members of the public who would like to ask questions or provide comments during the meeting may access the meeting via webcast by following this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar> and entering Webinar ID 930-500-283. It is recommended that you join the webinar and register for the public meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins. You will be given the option to use your computer audio or to use your phone for participating in the webinar.

Those without internet access must call (512) 239-1201 **at least one day prior** to the meeting to register for the meeting and to obtain information for participating telephonically. Members of the public who wish to **only listen** to the meeting may call, toll free, (415) 655-0060 and enter access code 744-190-799.

Las personas que deseen escuchar o participar en la reunión en español pueden llamar al 844-368-7161 e ingresar el código de acceso 904535#. Para obtener más información o asistencia, comuníquese con Jaime Fernández al (512) 239-2566.

Additional information will be available on the agency calendar of events at the following link: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/hearings/calendar.html>.

INFORMATION. Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the public meeting. Citizens may mail their comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or submit them electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> by entering ADJ 2026 in the search field before the public comment period closes. If you need more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information can be found at our Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov. *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040 o por el internet al <http://www.tceq.texas.gov>.*

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the public meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least five business days prior to the meeting.

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