CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI CORPUS CHRISTI WATER

TO:

Peter Zanoni, City Manager

FROM:

Nicholas Winkelmann, P.E., Interim Chief Operating Officer

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Mayor & City Council

DATE:

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SUBJECT:

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON EVANGELINE

GROUNDWATER PROJECT RECAP

The City of Corpus Christi (City) held a Public Information Session regarding the Evangeline Groundwater Project on November 24 at the San Patricio County Fairground in Sinton. A recap of this public information session on the Evangeline Groundwater Project is below.

Location: Sinton Civic Center at the San Patricio County Fairgrounds

Attendance: 80+ residents

City Representation:

Peter Zanoni, City Manager

Nick Winkelmann, P.E., Interim COO

Brett Van Hazel, P.E., Director of Water Supply Management

Ryan Skrobarczyk, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

William Creech, Water Plant Manager

Crystal Ybanez, Water Quality Manager

Jennifer Klidies, Water Plant Superintendent

Estaban Ramos, Water Resources Manager

Elisa Olsen, Director of Communications

Cecilia Orozco, Assistant Director of Communications

Ashley Marion, CCW Communications Manager

San Patricio County Representation:

Judge David Krebs

Commissioner William Ski Zagorski ,Sr., Precinct 1

Commissioner Thomas Yardley, Precinct 2

Commissioner Ruben Gonzales, Precinct 3

Commissioner Howard Gillespie, Precinct 4

Sheriff Oscar Rivera

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City of Sinton Representation:

Mayor Mary Speidel City Manager, John Hobson

Saint Paul Water Supply Corporation:

Board Member, Mark Janota

Evangeline Project Design Team Representation:

Chris Noe, P.E., Managing Vice President at Pape-Dawson John Michael, P.E., Sr. Vice President at Hanson Professional Services Inc.

Purpose of Meeting

The intent of the information session was to provide details and clarity regarding the Evangeline Groundwater Project, along with covering a variety of other water supply topics, including:

- The Evangeline Groundwater Project
- The Gulf Coast Aquifer
- Information regarding Groundwater Conservation District (GCD)
- Residential Well Water Quality Data and Water Levels
- Drought Information
- Water Supply Diversification

City Manager's Remarks

The City Manager highlighted the goal of water security for the seven-county region, the importance of transparency, and a shared commitment to listening and collaboration. He pointed out the increased communication efforts that have taken place and will continue throughout the Coastal Bend counties. The City Manager also stressed the need for the Coastal Bend region to work together toward solutions during this challenging period. Additionally, he reassured residents that key information, data, schedules, and other project updates will be provided and are available on the new website project pages at securingwater.corpuschrisititx.gov.

Resident Concerns & Themes

Attendees had the opportunity to speak during a formal question-and-answer session and an open forum. CCW staff and consulting engineers were available for one-on-one discussions with residents to provide more detailed information. Common topics raised by attendees included:

• Review of the Evangeline Groundwater Project, including the total amount of water to be produced from the well field

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- Concerns about the potential impact of the Evangeline well field on residential and livestock wells
- Focus on diversifying CCW's water supply sources
- Updates on various proposed Seawater Desalination Projects, including Inner Harbor, Harbor Island, and Barney Davis
- Explanation of the City's collaboration with the City of Sinton and the Saint Paul Water Supply Corporation

City Responses and Presented Information

CCW responded to questions and comments during the formal question period and during the information open session, providing detailed information on the following:

- Contract status for the Evangeline Groundwater Project
- Construction and phased implementation for the Evangeline Groundwater Project
- Previous work that has been conducted on the Evangeline Groundwater Project
- Permit status for the Evangeline Groundwater Project.
- Drought projections and review of the Water Supply Dashboard
- Voluntary Well-owner Monitoring Program
- Status updates of various Seawater Desalination Projects
- Reviewed the Securing Water Together website and water supply project webpages online at securingwater.corpuschrisititx.gov.