



**AGENDA MEMO**  
4/15/2014 Agenda

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Gene R. Smallwood, P.E.; Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** 2014 Drought Contingency Plan

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires all municipal water suppliers to develop a Drought Contingency Plan and submit revisions to that Plan every five (5) years. Together with the Town of Highland Park (HP) and the Dallas County Park Cities Municipal Water District (MUD), the joint staffs solicited a proposal from Nathan D. Maier Consulting Engineers to review and update the current Plan, developed in 2009, for all three entities. Since no State laws, mandates, or requirements for drought contingency plans have been enacted during this revision year, NDMCE recommended that no changes, other than updates, be made to the current plan. The consultant has completed the Drought Contingency Plan for a public hearing prior to Council consideration.

The updated Drought Contingency Plan incorporates the same practices and procedures currently in place under the existing plan.

All approved Drought Contingency Plans must be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) by May 1, 2014. State statutes require municipalities to provide the public an opportunity to review the plan and provide feedback.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Follow receipt of comments from the required public hearing, staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance approving of the 2014 Drought Contingency Plan, and authorization for staff to submit the 2014 Plan to the appropriate State agencies.