

# **Local Government Relations Update**

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The Coastal Bend Home Builders Association had a highly productive month in March. Through constructive communication with Corpus Christi Water and Development Services, we were successful in securing a 30-day watering exemption for new homes. This exemption translates into saving valuable time, effort, and potential citations and fees when installing landscaping on new homes. We will be providing further detailed information on this matter soon.

Our Association also demonstrated a strong presence during Rally Day at the Capitol, and we extend our gratitude to our members who dedicated their time to represent us. During this event, we visited the Coastal Bend delegation in their offices and advocated for bills that support economic development and windstorm reform, among other TAB initiatives.

We remain diligent in monitoring City Council meetings for any proposals that may impact our industry. In addition, we actively participate in the Development Services Monthly Task Force Meeting. Our collaboration with President Bart Braselton, Past President Trey Summers, and Moses Mostaghani on the City's Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) enables us to stay informed on developments such as proposed city master plans and discussions about changes to impact fees.