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March 2025 Newsletter

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\$13.6 Million Bond for Water District to be on May Ballot

Travis County WCID – Point Venture Board of Directors voted to include a bond authorization of \$13,600,000 for voter approval on the May 2025 election ballot. If voters approve these Bonds, the district's capital improvement projects described in the Bond Authorization Report can be financed over 25-30 years. The District's Financial Advisor has determined that the District's current total tax rate provides more revenues than would be needed to cover these Bond payments, allowing for a property tax reduction in the future.

Trihydro, the District's engineers, presented the Board with a Bond Authorization Report at special meeting which stated:

"Due to the continued development and growth within the Village, The District's aging infrastructure, and existing system deficiencies, the District is proactively planning for the expected future costs of improving, rehabilitating, and maintaining its water, sewer, reclaimed water, and drainage systems and facilities to provide continued service to its customers. This Report includes the capital improvement projects which the District expects to complete during the next eight (8) years. The total bond authorization needs of the District for the next eight (8) years is estimated to be \$13,600,000."

The full report can be found under News & Notices, 2025 Bond Authorization report on the District's website and is available for inspection at the offices of the District by contacting the District office 512-267-1641. You may also click on the following link to read the report.

May 2025 Bond Authorization Report.pdf

Additional information, also on the District's website, is available in the Water Master Plan under Documents & Records.

The primary improvement is replacement of the 50-year-old standpipe (Augusta Standpipe) located near the District's main office at Venture Drive and Augusta Drive. The structure has had multiple repairs for leaks over the last several years and is well past its useful life expectancy. Additional improvements that the bond money would finance include rehabilitating a transfer pump station and elevated water storage tank, water and sewer line improvements, and reclaimed water and drainage improvements. The District must adhere to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements and address fire flow availability, operational deficiencies and aging infrastructure.





Please Call District for Water Turn Off/On

Customers who do not have their own isolation valve to turn their water on and off should contact the District if they wish to have their water service turned on or off from the District's side of the meter. The District rate order states, "If the District's facilities or equipment have been damaged due to negligence or unauthorized use of the District's equipment, right-of-way or meter shut-off valve, or due to other acts for which the District incurs loss or damages, the customer shall be liable for all labor and material charges incurred as a result of said acts or negligence." District value replacement can cost \$2,000 to \$3,000, so please don't damage them.

Customers who have in the past used the District's shut-off valve to isolate their service, should instead call the District to have their service turned off or on. A reconnect fee of \$100 is charged for services not turned off due to a customer leak. An additional \$50 is charged for same day reconnect. Weekends and holidays reconnection fee is \$350.

It is recommended customers have an isolation valve installed after the meter on the customer's side. This way, customers may turn services on and off without tampering with the District's meter shut-off valve.

WWTP Construction Progress

You ask, "What in the world is this picture?"

It is a geodesic dome sitting on top of an effluent storage tank at the District's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The dome was erected inside of the tank and then lifted into place in late February. It will serve as a cover for the tank for when the new WWTP begins producing Type I effluent. The dome, when finished, will keep out sunlight, keep contaminants from entering the tank and keep algae from growing.

It's not often you can stand in the bottom of a tank designed to hold millions of gallons of effluent water, see clean walls and a cool geometric design. But here you have it!

Progress on the WWTP remains on schedule and crews have begun the rebuilding of Whispering Hollow Lift Station.



Stage 2 - Moderate Water Shortage Conditions (Mandatory Measures)

EFFECTIVE MARCH 3, 2025 - Customers may irrigate outdoors using automatic or manual irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers <u>no more than ONCE per week</u> for up to 15 hours and only during scheduled day and times as indicated below:

Residential

Odd number addresses: Saturdays

Even number addresses: Sundays

Commercial (including large landscapes such as POA & Townhouse common areas) Fridays

Watering Hours Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight

PLEASE ADJUST YOUR AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS TO AVOID FINES.