



PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

BOARD DATE: April 10, 2025

Team Manager: Nancy Richards

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Hamilton (Hamilton County) for \$2,532,337 in financial assistance consisting of \$255,000 in financing and \$2,277,337 in grant funding from the Rural Water Assistance Fund for planning, design, and construction of water system improvements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

☒ Approve ☐ No Action

BACKGROUND

The City of Hamilton (City) is located 70 miles west of Waco. The City provides water and wastewater services to a population of approximately 3,200 residents and approximately 1,531 water and 1,394 wastewater residential connections.

PROJECT NEED AND DESCRIPTION

The City's water distribution system has frequent water leaks and water loss due to aging and deteriorating infrastructure. In 2022, the City received a notice of violation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for failure to maintain water pressure. The City proposes to replace approximately 22,000 feet of 2-inch and 6-inch water lines, 201 gate valves, and 68 fire hydrants.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	Schedule Date
Closing	August 1, 2025
Engineering Feasibility Report Completion (End of Planning Phase)	December 31, 2025
Design Phase	February 28, 2026
Start of Construction	March 31, 2026
Construction Completion	October 31, 2028

KEY ISSUES

The City qualifies for \$2,277,337 in grant funding as an applicant with a population between 1,001 and 10,000 for a water loss mitigation project.

COMMITMENT PERIOD: SIX (6) MONTHS TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2025

The credit analysis includes \$2,125,000 in proposed additional financing from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund that is anticipated to be presented for Board consideration at a future meeting.

The City is above its real loss threshold. This project includes the replacement of 22,000 feet of water lines that are experiencing frequent breaks and leaks throughout the City, causing system wide pressure drops and significant water loss. This project is expected to help mitigate the City's real water loss.

The City has not completed its fiscal year 2024 financial audit. The commitment will be conditioned on the City submitting its financial audit prior to closing on funds.

LEGAL/SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Adopt water conservation plan
- Executed grant agreement
- Audited 2024 financial statements approved prior to closing

Attachments:

1. Financial Review
2. Project Budget
3. Resolution (25-)
4. Water Conservation Review
5. Location Map

Financial Review City of Hamilton

Attachment 1

Risk Score: 2A

Audit Reviewed: FY 2023

Key Indicators

Indicator	Result	Benchmark
Population Growth, Average Annual 2010-2020	City: -0.67%	State: 1.49%
Top 10 Customers % of Total Revenue	9%	10-15%
Median Household Income as % of State	63%	100%
Days of Cash on Hand (3-year Average)	255 days	30-149 days
Net Fixed Assets/ Annual Depreciation	12 years	12-24 years
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.66x	1.0x
Debt-to-Operating Revenues	1.27	4.00-5.99x
Unemployment Rate (December 2024)	Hamilton County: 3.30%	State: 3.70%
Working Capital Ratio	4.4	> 1.0

Key Risk Score Strengths

- The City receives sufficient revenues from taxes and the utility system to cover the existing and proposed obligations.
- A high working capital ratio provides the City with ample resources to cover short-term liabilities and shows a strong liquidity position.
- The City has an average of 255 days of cash on hand, indicating it is in a favorable position to deal with financial emergencies.

Key Risk Score Concerns

- The City's population has declined slightly in the last ten years and population projections in the draft 2026 Brazos G Regional Water Plan show a 0.3 percent decline over the next 30 years. However, connections have remained stable in the last five years.
- The City's household cost factor is high; however, system revenues have remained stable.

PLEDGE

Legal Pledge Name	Ad Valorem Tax and Utility System Revenues
Type of Pledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax & Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Revenue Pledge Level	<input type="checkbox"/> First <input type="checkbox"/> Second <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

RATES AND CHARGES

Average Residential Use	Gallons/Month	Current Rates	Projected Rates (2026)	Current Household Cost Factor	Projected Household Cost Factor
Water	6,044	\$80.19	\$80.19	3.73	3.73
Wastewater	4,000	\$41.79	\$41.79		

TAXES

	2025 Tax Year Rate	Max Projected Tax Rate (Year 2025)	Maximum Allowable Rate	3-Year Avg Current Tax Collections	Assessed Valuation
Maintenance & Operation	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$1.50	97%	\$223,974,631
Interest & Sinking	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Tax Rate	\$0.56	\$0.56			

Cost Savings

Based on a 30-year maturity schedule and current interest rates, the City could save approximately \$82,053 over the life of the financing. The City is also saving \$2,277,337 in grant funding.

Project Data Summary

Responsible Authority	City of Hamilton
Program	RWAF
Commitment Number	G1002094, L1002093
Project Number	21858
List Year	2024
Type of Pledge	Combo Tax and Revenue
Pledge Level (if applicable)	Third Lien
Legal Description	\$ 2,277,337 Grant Agreement, \$255,000 City of Hamilton Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2025A
Tax-exempt or Taxable	Tax-Exempt
Refinance	No
Outlay Requirement	Yes
Disbursement Method	Escrow
Outlay Type	Outlay = Escrow Release
Qualifies as Disadvantaged	Yes
Financial Managerial & Technical Complete	N/A
Phases Funded	Planning, Acquisition, Design, and Construction
Pre-Design	Yes
Project Consistent with State Water Plan	Yes
Water Conservation Plan	Approvable
Overall Risk Score	2A

PROJECT TEAM

Team Manager	Financial Analyst	Engineering Reviewer	Environmental Reviewer	Attorney
Nancy Richards	Jacob Berdoll	Shubham Aggarwal	Carol Crapanzano	Michael Perez

ISSUE BEING EVALUATED
FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY
City of Hamilton

\$255,000 City of Hamilton Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2025A

Dated Date:	8/1/2025	Source:	RWAF
Delivery Date:	8/1/2025	IUP Year:	2024
First Interest:	2/15/2026	Case:	Revenue
First Principal:	8/15/2026	Admin.Fee:	\$0
Last Principal:	8/15/2055	Admin. Fee Payment Date:	8/1/2025
Fiscal Year End:	09/30	Required Coverage:	1.1

\$2,125,000 City of Hamilton Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2025B

Dated Date:	10/1/2025	Source:	DWSRF-EQUIVALENCY
Delivery Date:	10/1/2025	IUP Year:	2025
First Interest:	2/15/2026	Case:	Revenue
First Principal:	8/15/2026	Admin.Fee:	\$41,667
Last Principal:	8/15/2055	Admin. Fee Payment Date:	10/1/2025
Fiscal Year End:	09/30	Required Coverage:	1.1

\$255,000 ISSUE													
FISCAL YEAR	PROJECTED NET SYSTEM REVENUES	CURRENT DEBT SERVICE	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST PAYMENT	TOTAL PAYMENT	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST PAYMENT	TOTAL PAYMENT	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	ACTUAL COVERAGE	
2026	\$666,811	\$278,453	\$5,000	1.97%	\$7,367	\$12,367	\$50,000	1.97%	\$60,404	\$110,404	\$401,223	1.66	
2027	666,811	276,554	5,000	1.96%	6,993	11,993	50,000	1.96%	57,158	107,158	395,704	1.69	
2028	666,811	274,598	5,000	2.00%	6,895	11,895	50,000	2.00%	56,178	106,178	392,671	1.70	
2029	666,811	273,575	5,000	2.06%	6,795	11,795	50,000	2.06%	55,178	105,178	390,548	1.71	
2030	666,811	275,447	5,000	2.11%	6,692	11,692	55,000	2.11%	54,148	109,148	396,287	1.68	
2031	666,811	242,475	5,000	2.19%	6,587	11,587	55,000	2.19%	52,987	107,987	362,049	1.84	
2032	666,811	240,650	5,000	2.23%	6,477	11,477	55,000	2.23%	51,783	106,783	358,910	1.86	
2033	666,811	243,600	5,000	2.28%	6,366	11,366	55,000	2.28%	50,556	105,556	360,522	1.85	
2034	666,811	-	5,000	2.33%	6,252	11,252	60,000	2.33%	49,302	109,302	120,554	5.53	
2035	666,811	-	5,000	2.44%	6,135	11,135	60,000	2.44%	47,904	107,904	119,039	5.60	
2036	666,811	-	5,000	2.52%	6,013	11,013	60,000	2.52%	46,440	106,440	117,453	5.68	
2037	666,811	-	5,000	2.58%	5,887	10,887	60,000	2.58%	44,928	104,928	115,815	5.76	
2038	666,811	-	10,000	2.63%	5,758	15,758	65,000	2.63%	43,380	108,380	124,138	5.37	
2039	666,811	-	10,000	2.68%	5,495	15,495	65,000	2.68%	41,671	106,671	122,166	5.46	
2040	666,811	-	10,000	2.74%	5,227	15,227	65,000	2.74%	39,929	104,929	120,156	5.55	
2041	666,811	-	10,000	2.80%	4,953	14,953	70,000	2.80%	38,148	108,148	123,101	5.42	
2042	666,811	-	10,000	2.85%	4,673	14,673	70,000	2.85%	36,188	106,188	120,861	5.52	
2043	666,811	-	10,000	2.88%	4,388	14,388	75,000	2.88%	34,193	109,193	123,581	5.40	
2044	666,811	-	10,000	2.93%	4,100	14,100	75,000	2.93%	32,033	107,033	121,133	5.50	
2045	666,811	-	10,000	2.96%	3,807	13,807	75,000	2.96%	29,835	104,835	118,642	5.62	
2046	666,811	-	10,000	2.99%	3,511	13,511	80,000	2.99%	27,615	107,615	121,126	5.51	
2047	666,811	-	10,000	3.01%	3,212	13,212	80,000	3.01%	25,223	105,223	118,435	5.63	
2048	666,811	-	10,000	3.03%	2,911	12,911	85,000	3.03%	22,815	107,815	120,726	5.52	
2049	666,811	-	10,000	3.04%	2,608	12,608	85,000	3.04%	20,240	105,240	117,848	5.66	
2050	666,811	-	10,000	3.05%	2,304	12,304	90,000	3.05%	17,656	107,656	119,960	5.56	
2051	666,811	-	10,000	3.06%	1,999	11,999	90,000	3.06%	14,911	104,911	116,910	5.70	
2052	666,811	-	10,000	3.07%	1,693	11,693	95,000	3.07%	12,157	107,157	118,850	5.61	
2053	666,811	-	10,000	3.08%	1,386	11,386	100,000	3.08%	9,240	109,240	120,626	5.53	
2054	666,811	-	10,000	3.08%	1,078	11,078	100,000	3.08%	6,160	106,160	117,238	5.69	
2055	666,811	-	25,000	3.08%	770	25,770	100,000	3.08%	3,080	103,080	128,850	5.18	
		\$ 2,105,352	\$255,000			\$138,331	\$393,331	\$2,125,000		\$1,081,432	\$3,206,432	\$5,705,115	

* Assumes commitment of SFY2025 DWSRF funding request

\$255,000 ISSUANCE	
AVERAGE (MATURITY) LIFE	18.51 YEARS
NET INTEREST RATE	2.931%
COST SAVINGS	\$82,053
AVERAGE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT	\$13,111

\$2,125,000 ISSUANCE	
AVERAGE (MATURITY) LIFE	17.48 YEARS
NET INTEREST RATE	2.912%
COST SAVINGS	\$641,006
AVERAGE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT	\$106,881

TOTAL AVERAGE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS
\$190,170

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Project Budget Summary

City of Hamilton

21858 - Water Distribution System Improvements

Budget Items	TWDB Funds	Total
Construction		
Construction	\$1,841,238.00	\$1,841,238.00
Subtotal for Construction	\$1,841,238.00	\$1,841,238.00
Basic Engineering Services		
Construction Engineering	\$61,470.00	\$61,470.00
Design	\$209,084.00	\$209,084.00
Planning	\$15,098.00	\$15,098.00
Subtotal for Basic Engineering Services	\$285,652.00	\$285,652.00
Special Services		
Application	\$8,267.00	\$8,267.00
Environmental	\$5,511.00	\$5,511.00
Permits	\$8,267.00	\$8,267.00
Project Management (by engineer)	\$16,775.00	\$16,775.00
Surveying	\$39,696.00	\$39,696.00
Subtotal for Special Services	\$78,516.00	\$78,516.00
Fiscal Services		
Bond Counsel	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00
Financial Advisor	\$45,190.00	\$45,190.00
Fiscal/Legal	\$551.00	\$551.00
Issuance Costs	\$750.00	\$750.00
Subtotal for Fiscal Services	\$73,991.00	\$73,991.00
Other		
Land/Easements Acquisition	\$6,172.00	\$6,172.00
Subtotal for Other	\$6,172.00	\$6,172.00
Contingency		
Contingency	\$246,768.00	\$246,768.00
Subtotal for Contingency	\$246,768.00	\$246,768.00
Total	\$2,532,337.00	\$2,532,337.00

A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
THE CITY OF HAMILTON
FROM THE RURAL WATER ASSISTANCE FUND
IN AN AMOUNT OF \$2,532,337 THROUGH THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF \$255,000
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, PROPOSED SERIES 2025 AND EXECUTION OF A
GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,277,337

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Recitals:

The City of Hamilton (City), located in Hamilton County, filed an application for financial assistance in the amount of \$2,532,337, to finance certain water system improvements, identified as Project No. 21858.

The City seeks financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in the amount of \$2,532,337 through the TWDB's purchase of \$255,000 City of Hamilton, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2025 (Obligations) and execution of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,277,337, all as is more specifically set forth in the application and in recommendations of the TWDB's staff.

The City has offered a pledge of ad valorem taxes and surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system as sufficient security for the repayment of the Obligations.

The commitment is approved for funding under the TWDB's pre-design funding option, and initial and future releases of funds are subject to 31 TAC §§ 363.16, 363.43 and 365.23.

The Board hereby authorizes the transfer of \$2,532,337 from the Texas Water Fund to the Rural Water Assistance Fund, as authorized by Texas Water Code § 15.504(a), to finance the Project.

In accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.995, the TWDB has considered all matters required by law and in particular the following:

1. The needs of the area to be served by the project, the benefit of the project to the area, the relationship of the project to the overall statewide water needs, and the relationship of the project to the approved regional and state water plans.
2. The availability of revenue to the City from all sources for the ultimate repayment of the cost of the project, including all interest.

Findings:

1. The public interest is served by state assistance for the project, in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.995(d).

2. The revenue or taxes pledged by the City will be sufficient to meet all the Obligations assumed by the City during the succeeding period of not more than 50 years in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.995(d).
3. The City has submitted a proposed program of water conservation for the more efficient use of water that will meet reasonably anticipated local needs and conditions and that incorporates practices, techniques or technology prescribed by the Texas Water Code and TWDB's rules.
4. The TWDB has approved a regional water plan for the region of the state that includes the area benefiting from the project and the needs to be addressed by the project will be addressed in a manner that is consistent with the approved regional and state water plans, as required by Texas Water Code § 16.053(j).
5. A current water audit required by Texas Water Code § 16.0121 and 31 TAC § 358.6 has been completed by the City and filed with the TWDB in accordance with Texas Water Code § 16.053(j).

NOW, THEREFORE, based on these findings, the TWDB resolves as follows:

A commitment is made by the TWDB to the City of Hamilton for financial assistance in the amount of \$2,532,337 from the Rural Water Assistance Fund through a transfer from the Texas Water Fund to be evidenced by the TWDB's purchase of \$255,000 City of Hamilton, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2025 and the execution of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,277,337. This commitment will expire October 31, 2025.

The commitment is conditioned as follows:

Standard Conditions:

1. The commitment is contingent on a future sale of bonds by the TWDB or on the availability of funds on hand.
2. The commitment is contingent upon the City's continued compliance with all applicable laws, rules, policies, and guidance (as these may be amended from time to time to adapt to a change in law, in circumstances, or any other legal requirement), including but not limited to 31 TAC Chapters 363 and 365.
3. The Obligations and Grant Agreement must contain a provision that the TWDB may exercise all remedies available to it in law or equity, and any provision of the Obligations and Grant Agreement that restricts or limits the TWDB's full exercise of these remedies shall be of no force and effect.
4. Loan proceeds and Grant funds are public funds and, as such, the Grant Agreement and Obligations must include a provision requiring that these proceeds shall be held

at a designated state depository institution or other properly chartered and authorized institution in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, Government Code, Chapter 2256, and the Public Funds Collateral Act, Government Code, Chapter 2257.

5. Loan proceeds and Grant funds shall not be used by the City when sampling, testing, removing or disposing of contaminated soils and/or media at the project site. The Obligations and Grant Agreement shall include an environmental indemnification provision wherein the City agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and protect the TWDB from any and all claims, causes of action or damages to the person or property of third parties arising from the sampling, analysis, transport, storage, treatment and disposition of any contaminated sewage sludge, contaminated sediments and/or contaminated media that may be generated by the City, its contractors, consultants, agents, officials and employees as a result of activities relating to the project to the extent permitted by law.
6. Before closing, and if not previously provided with the application, the City shall submit executed contracts for engineering, and, if applicable, financial advisor, and bond counsel contracts for the project that are satisfactory to the Executive Administrator. Fees to be reimbursed under the contracts must be reasonable in relation to the services performed under the contract and acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
7. Before closing, when any portion of the financial assistance is to be held in escrow or in trust, the City shall execute an escrow agreement or trust agreement, approved as to form and substance by the Executive Administrator, and shall submit that executed agreement to the TWDB.
8. The Executive Administrator may require that the City execute a separate financing agreement in form and substance acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
9. This commitment is contingent upon the issuance of a written approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas stating that all of the requirements of the laws under which said Obligations were issued have been complied with; that said Obligations were issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; and that said Obligations are valid and binding obligations of the City.
10. The Obligations must provide that the Obligations can be called for early redemption only in inverse order of maturity, and on any date beginning on or after the first interest payment date which is 10 years from the dated date of the Obligations, at a redemption price of par, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.
11. The City, or an obligated person for whom financial or operating data is presented to the TWDB in the application for financial assistance either individually or in combination with other issuers of the City's Obligations or obligated persons, will, at a minimum, regardless of the amount of the Obligations, covenant to comply with requirements for continuing disclosure on an ongoing basis substantially in the manner required by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in 17 CFR

§ 240.15c2-12 (Rule 15c2-12) and determined as if the TWDB were a Participating Underwriter within the meaning of such rule, such continuing disclosure undertaking being for the benefit of the TWDB and the beneficial owners of the City's Obligations, if the TWDB sells or otherwise transfers such Obligations, and the beneficial owners of the TWDB's bonds if the City is an obligated person with respect to such bonds under SEC Rule 15c2-12.

12. The Obligations must contain a provision requiring the City to levy a tax or maintain and collect sufficient rates and charges to produce system revenues in an amount necessary to meet the debt service requirements of all outstanding obligations and to maintain the funds established and required by the Obligations.
13. The Obligations must include a provision requiring the City to use any loan proceeds from the Obligations that are determined to be surplus proceeds remaining after completion of the project and after completion of a final accounting in a manner approved by the Executive Administrator.
14. Before closing, the City shall submit documentation evidencing the adoption and implementation of sufficient system rates and charges or, if applicable, the levy of an interest and sinking tax rate sufficient for the repayment of all system debt service requirements.
15. The City must immediately notify TWDB, in writing, of any suit against it by the Attorney General of Texas under Texas Penal Code § 1.10(f) (related to federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition).
16. The Obligations must provide that the City will comply with all applicable TWDB laws and rules related to the use of the financial assistance.
17. The Obligations must provide that the City must comply with all conditions as specified in the final environmental finding of the Executive Administrator when issued, including the standard emergency discovery conditions for threatened and endangered species and cultural resources.
18. The Obligations must contain a provision requiring the City to maintain insurance coverage sufficient to protect the TWDB's interest in the project.
19. The Obligations must provide that the City will submit annually an audit prepared by a certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.
20. The Obligations must contain a covenant that the City will abide by all applicable construction contract requirements related to the use of iron and steel products and manufactured goods produced in the United States, as required by Texas Water Code § 17.183.

Conditions Related To Tax-Exempt Status:

21. The City's bond counsel must prepare a written opinion that states that the interest on the Obligations is excludable from gross income or is exempt from federal income taxation. Bond counsel may rely on covenants and representations of the City when rendering this opinion.
22. The City's bond counsel opinion must also state that the Obligations are not "private activity bonds." Bond counsel may rely on covenants and representations of the City when rendering this opinion.
23. The Obligations must include a provision prohibiting the City from using the proceeds of this loan in a manner that would cause the Obligations to become "private activity bonds" within the meaning of § 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code), and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (Regulations).
24. The Obligations must provide that no portion of the proceeds of the loan will be used, directly or indirectly, in a manner that would cause the Obligations to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of § 148(a) of the Code and Regulations, including to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire Nonpurpose Investments (as defined in the Code and Regulations) which produce a yield materially higher than the yield on the TWDB's bonds that are issued to provide financing for the loan (Source Series Bonds), other than Nonpurpose Investments acquired with:
 - a. proceeds of the TWDB's Source Series Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of up to three (3) years after the issue date of the Source Series Bonds until such proceeds are needed for the facilities to be financed;
 - b. amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of § 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations; and
 - c. amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed the least of maximum annual debt service on the Obligations, 125% of average annual debt service on the Obligations, or 10 percent of the stated principal amount (or, in the case of a discount, the issue price) of the Obligations.
25. The Obligations must include a provision requiring the City take all necessary steps to comply with the requirement that certain amounts earned on the investment of gross proceeds of the Obligations be rebated to the federal government in order to satisfy the requirements of § 148 of the Code. The Obligations must provide that the City will:
 - a. account for all Gross Proceeds as defined in the Code and Regulations, (including all receipts, expenditures, and investments thereof) on its books of account separately and apart from all other funds (and receipts, expenditures, and investments thereof) and retain all records of such accounting for at least six years after the final Computation Date. The City may, however, to the extent permitted by law, commingle Gross Proceeds of its loan with other

money of the City, provided that the City separately accounts for each receipt and expenditure of such Gross Proceeds and the obligations acquired therewith;

- b. calculate the Rebate Amount, as defined in the Code and Regulations, with respect to its loan, not less frequently than each Computation Date, in accordance with rules set forth in § 148(f) of the Code, § 1.148-3 of the Regulations, and the rulings thereunder. The City shall maintain a copy of such calculations for at least six years after the final Computation Date;
 - c. as additional consideration for the making of the loan, and in order to induce the making of the loan by measures designed to ensure the excludability of the interest on the TWDB's Source Series Bonds from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, pay to the United States the amount described in paragraph (b) above within 30 days after each Computation Date; and
 - d. exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations required by paragraph (b) and, if such error is made, to discover and promptly to correct such error within a reasonable amount of time, thereafter, including payment to the United States of any interest and any penalty required by the Regulations.
26. The Obligations must include a provision prohibiting the City from taking any action that would cause the interest on the Obligations to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.
27. The Obligations must provide that the City will not cause or permit the Obligations to be treated as "federally guaranteed" obligations within the meaning of § 149(b) of the Code.
28. The transcript must include a No Arbitrage Certificate or similar Federal Tax Certificate setting forth the City's reasonable expectations regarding the use, expenditure and investment of the proceeds of the Obligations.
29. The transcript must include evidence that the information reporting requirements of § 149(e) of the Code will be satisfied. This requirement may be satisfied by filing an IRS Form 8038 with the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, the applicable completed IRS Form 8038 or other evidence that the information reporting requirements of § 149(e) have been satisfied must be provided to the Executive Administrator within fourteen (14) days of closing. The Executive Administrator may withhold the release of funds for failure to comply.
30. The Obligations must provide that neither the City nor a related party thereto will acquire any of the TWDB's Source Series Bonds in an amount related to the amount of the Obligations to be acquired from the City by the TWDB.

31. Before closing, the City shall provide certification that the average weighted maturity of the Obligations purchased by the TWDB does not exceed 120% of the average reasonably expected economic life of the Project.

The Following Conditions Must Be Included in the Grant Agreement:

32. The Grant Agreement must provide that the City must comply with all conditions as specified in the final environmental finding of the Executive Administrator when issued, including the standard emergency discovery conditions for threatened and endangered species and cultural resources.
33. The Grant Agreement must provide that the City will not begin construction for a portion of the Project until the environmental finding has been issued for that portion of the Project.
34. The Grant Agreement must contain a provision requiring the City to maintain insurance coverage sufficient to protect the TWDB's interest in the project.
35. The Grant Agreement must include a provision requiring a final accounting to be made of the total sources and authorized use of Project funds within 60 days of the completion of the Project.
36. The Grant Agreement must include a provision stating that the City shall return any grant funds that are determined to be surplus funds remaining after completion of the Project and completion of a final accounting, including any interest earned on the grant funds in a manner approved by the executive administrator.
37. The Grant Agreement must contain a provision stating that the City shall abide by all applicable construction contract requirements related to the use of iron and steel products produced in the United States, as required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Subchapter G.
38. Before release of funds for the relevant services, and if required under the TWDB's financial assistance program and if not previously provided with the application, the City shall submit executed contracts for engineering and, if applicable, financial advisor and legal services, for the Project that are satisfactory to the Executive Administrator. Fees to be reimbursed under the contracts must be reasonable in relation to the services performed, reflected in the contract, and acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
39. Before closing, when any portion of financial assistance is to be held in escrow or in trust, the City shall execute an escrow agreement or trust agreement, approved as to form and substance by the Executive Administrator, and shall submit that executed agreement to the TWDB.
40. Before release of funds for construction, the City must provide the TWDB with evidence that the necessary acquisitions of land, leases, easements and rights-of-way have been completed or, with prior approval by the executive administrator if all

acquisitions have not been completed, evidence that the applicant has the legal City necessary to complete the acquisitions.

Pledge Conditions for the Loan:

41. The Obligations must contain a provision that provides as follows:

- a. if system revenues are actually on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund in advance of the time when ad valorem taxes are scheduled to be levied for any year, then the amount of taxes which otherwise would have been required to be levied and collected may be reduced to the extent and by the amount of revenues then on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund; or
- b. if surplus revenues are based upon budgeted amounts:
 - i. The Obligations must include a requirement that the City transfer and deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund each month an amount of not less than 1/12th of the annual debt service on the Obligations until the amount on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund equals the amount required for annual debt service on the Obligations; further, that the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Obligations must include a requirement that the City shall not transfer any funds from the City's pledged system revenues to any fund other than the Interest and Sinking Fund until such time as an amount equal to the annual debt service on the Obligations for the then-current fiscal year has been deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund.
 - ii. The Obligations must include a requirement that for each year the Obligations are outstanding, and Before the time taxes are to be levied for such year, the City shall establish, adopt, and maintain an annual budget that provides for either the monthly deposit of sufficient surplus pledged revenues and/or tax revenues, the monthly deposit of any other legally available funds on hand at the time of the adoption of the annual budget, or a combination thereof, into the Interest and Sinking Fund for the repayment of the Obligations. and
 - iii. The Obligations must include a requirement that the City shall at all times maintain and collect sufficient rates and charges in conjunction with any other legally available funds so that after payment of the costs of operating and maintaining the system, it produces revenues in an amount not less than 1.10 times debt service requirements of all outstanding Obligations of the City and other obligations of the City which are secured in whole or in part by the pledged revenues, for which the City is budgeting the repayment of such Obligations, or the City shall provide documentation which evidences the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax rate dedicated to the Interest and Sinking Fund, in conjunction with any other legally available funds, sufficient for the repayment of debt service requirements.

Special Conditions:

42. Before closing, the City shall adopt and implement the water conservation program approved by the TWDB.
43. Before closing, the City shall execute a Grant Agreement in a form and substance acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
44. Before closing, the City shall submit a 2024 audit, the form and substance of which is satisfactory to the Executive Administrator.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 10th day of April, 2025.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator

Review Date:

Project ID:

Water

Wastewater

Other

WATER CONSERVATION REVIEW

Entity:

Other entity:

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN DATE:**Approvable****Adopted**

	Total GPCD	Residential GPCD	Water Loss GPCD
Baseline			
5-year Goal			
10-year Goal			

WATER LOSS AUDIT YEAR:

Service connections:

Length of main lines (miles):

Water Loss GCD:

Retail population:

Connections per mile:

Water Loss GPCD:

ILI:

Real Loss GMD:

WATER LOSS THRESHOLDS

Water Loss Project:

Waiver Requested:

Wholesale Adjusted:

Threshold Type:

Apparent Loss GCD		Real Loss GCD	
Reported	Threshold	Reported	Threshold

Does the applicant meet Water Loss Threshold Requirements?

Yes**No****NA****ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****STAFF NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

DEFINITIONS

Adopted refers to a water conservation plan that meets the minimum requirements of the water conservation plan rules and has been formally approved and adopted by the applicant's governing body.

Apparent losses are paper losses that occur when the water reaches a customer, but the volume is not accurately measured and/or recorded due to unauthorized consumption, customer meter inaccuracy, or billing system and collection data errors.

Approvable refers to a water conservation plan that substantially meets the minimum requirements of the water conservation plan rules but has not yet been adopted by the applicant's governing body.

Best Management Practices are voluntary efficiency measures that save a quantifiable amount of water, either directly or indirectly, and that can be implemented within a specific time frame.

GPCD means gallons per capita per day.

GCD means gallons per connection per day.

GMD means gallons per mile per day.

Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) is the current annual real loss divided by the unavoidable annual real loss (theoretical minimum real loss) and only applies to utilities with more than 3,000 connections and a connection density of more than 16 connections per mile. The **ILI** is recommended to be less than 3 if water resources are greatly limited and difficult to develop, between 3 and 5 if water resources are adequate to meet long-term needs but water conservation is included in long-term water planning, and between 5 and 8 if water resources are plentiful, reliable, and easily extracted. The **ILI** is recommended as a bench marking tool, but until there is increased data validity of the variables used in the calculation, the **ILI** should be viewed with care.

NA means not applicable.

Real losses are the physical losses, largely leakage, from the infrastructure: mains, valves, and storage tank overflows. Real loss constitutes background leakage (unreported and difficult to detect), unreported leakage (leaks that do not surface but could be detected), and reported leakage (leaks that often surface and those that are detected by the utility through leak detection).

Residential GPCD is the amount of residential water use (single and multi-family customer use) divided by the residential population divided by 365.

Total GPCD is the amount of total system input volume divided by the retail population divided by 365.

Total water loss is the sum of the apparent and real water losses.

Water loss is the difference between the input volume and the authorized consumption within a water system. Water Loss consists of real losses and apparent losses.

Water Loss GPCD is the amount of water loss divided by the retail population divided by 365.

Water Loss per Connection per Day Calculated as the water loss volume divided by the number service connections divided by 365. This indicator allows for reliable performance tracking in the water utility's efforts to reduce water losses. It replaces water loss percentage.

Water Loss Thresholds are levels of real and apparent water loss determined by the connection density of a retail public utility, at or above which a utility receiving financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board must use a portion of that financial assistance to mitigate the utility's system water loss.

Wholesale Adjusted represents that some utilities provide large volumes of wholesale water to other providers that travel through the general distribution system, so a calculation has been established to adjust for that volume of wholesale water. These adjustments are only applicable for use in determining whether a utility meets or exceeds water loss thresholds in review of their application for financial assistance. These adjustments should not be used for performance tracking or benchmarking.



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