

#### PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

**BOARD DATE:** November 6, 2024 **Team Manager:** William Alfaro

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider approving by resolution a request from the River Acres Water Supply Corporation (Nueces County) for \$4,316,326 in financial assistance consisting of \$2,115,000 in financing and \$2,201,326 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program for planning, design, and construction of a lead service line replacement project.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION ☑ Approve ☐ No Action

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2021, Pub. L. 117-58 (IIJA) appropriated capitalization grant funds for Federal Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026 for lead service line replacement projects and associated activities directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines. Projects being presented for consideration have been scored and ranked using prioritization criteria in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement State Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan. The prioritized list of projects was approved by the Texas Water Development Board in August 2023. All financial assistance will be made at the ratio of 51 percent principal forgiveness and 49 percent financing.

The River Acres Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) is located in Nueces County, approximately 20 miles west of Corpus Christi. The Corporation provides water services to a population of approximately 2,700 and approximately 804 connections.

#### PROJECT NEED AND DESCRIPTION

Based on the age of certain sections of the Corporation's water distribution system and a preliminary service line inventory, at least 37 galvanized service lines need replacement. Additionally, 329 service lines have been classified as Unknown Lead Likely. To address these unknown classifications, the Corporation must conduct further investigations, including water quality analysis and excavations along the existing service line alignment in residential yards to identify the construction materials.

The proposed project will identify and replace lead service lines identified during the inventory phase of the Corporation's water service area.

Series	Use	Expiration date
Loan Agreement and Principal Forgiveness	Inventory	November 30, 2025
Loan Agreement and Principal Forgiveness	Line Replacement	November 30, 2026

#### **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Task	Schedule Date
Closing	February 1, 2025
Engineering Feasibility Report Completion	September 1, 2025
(End of Planning Phase)	·
Design Phase Completion	November 3, 2025
Start of Construction	March 2, 2026
Construction Completion	September 1, 2026

#### **KEY ISSUES**

The Corporation qualifies for principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

The proposed project is eligible for \$260,204 in principal forgiveness and \$250,000 in financing at zero percent interest with a term of up to 15 years to complete the required lead service line inventory. In addition, the project is eligible for \$1,941,122 in principal forgiveness and \$1,865,000 in financing with a subsidized interest rate and a term of up to 30 years for design and construction of lead and galvanized service line replacements.

### **LEGAL/SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

- Executed principal forgiveness agreement
- · Return of surplus principal forgiveness funds
- Notice of change in legal status
- Notice of conveyance

#### Attachments:

- 1. Financial Review
- 2. Project Budget
- 3. Resolution (24-)
- 4. Water Conservation Review
- 5. Location Map

# Financial Review River Acres WSC

Risk Score: 2C Audit Reviewed: FY 2023

## **Key Indicators**

Indicator	Result	Benchmark
Population Growth, Average Annual 2010-2020	County: 0.37%	State: 1.49%
Top 10 Customers % of Total Revenue	8%	10-15%
Median Household Income as % of State	146%	100%
Days of Cash on Hand (3-year Average)	132 days	30-149 days
Cash Balance Ratio	-57.53%	0-9.99%
Net Fixed Assets/ Annual Depreciation	19 years	12-24 years
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.83x	1.0x
Debt-to-Operating Revenues	5.37	4.00-5.99x
Unemployment Rate (August 2024)	County: 4.7%	State: 4.40%
Working Capital Ratio	2.66	> 1.0

## **Key Risk Score Strengths**

- The Corporation's top ten water system customers are below eight percent, indicating that the Corporation does not rely on its top customers to generate most of its revenues.
- The Corporation's working capital ratio is above the benchmark. The Corporation has resources to cover current and short-term liabilities, demonstrating a strong liquidity position.

## **Key Risk Score Concerns**

- In a no-growth scenario, based on 2023 audited financials, the Corporation has a 0.83 times debt service coverage ratio. To meet debt service coverage, the Corporation's maximum projected rate increase of approximately \$14.00 is needed by 2036, with the first \$13.00 rate increase needed by 2027. The Corporation implemented a \$5.00 water rate increase on June 1, 2024, resulting in the need for an \$8.00 rate increase by 2027 and an additional rate increase of \$1.00 by 2037.
- The Corporation's cash balance decreased from \$1,002,743 in 2018 to \$256,901 in 2023, primarily due to purchasing property and equipment for the water system improvement project. However, the Corporation's days of cash on hand is within the benchmark, indicating the Corporation has sufficient reserves for operating expense.

#### **PLEDGE**

Legal Pledge Name	Water System Revenue					
Type of Pledge	☐ Tax ☒ Revenue ☐ Tax & Revenue ☐ Contract ☐ Other					
Revenue Pledge Level						

#### RATES AND CHARGES

Average Residential Use	Gallons/Month	Current Rates	Projected Rates (2037)	Current Household Cost Factor	Projected Household Cost Factor
WATER	7,000	\$140.65	\$149.76	2.72	2.83

## Cost Savings

Based on a 30-year maturity schedule and current interest rates, the Corporation could save approximately \$1,157,062 over the life of the financing. The Corporation is also saving \$2,201,326 principal forgiveness.



## **Project Data Summary**

No. 340 900 201004-4-4 (00040)-0010-00100-0010-0010-0010-0010-00	
Responsible Authority	River Acres WSC
Program	DWSRF
Commitment Number	L1001942, L1001944, LF1001943, LF1001945
Project Number	63043
List Year	2023
Type of Pledge	Revenue Pledge
Pledge Level (if applicable)	First Lien
Legal Description	\$250,000 River Acres Water Supply Corporation Loan Agreement (Inventory), \$1,865,000 River Acres Water Supply Corporation Loan Agreement (Replacement), \$260,204 Principal Forgiveness Agreement, and \$1,941,122 Principal Forgiveness Agreement
Tax-exempt or Taxable	Taxable
Refinance	No
Outlay Requirement	Yes
Disbursement Method	Escrow
Outlay Type	Outlay = Escrow Release
Qualifies as Disadvantaged	Yes
State Revolving Fund Type	Equivalency
Financial Managerial & Technical Complete	Yes
Phases Funded	Planning, Design, and Construction
Pre-Design	Yes
Project Consistent with State Water Plan	N/A
Water Conservation Plan	Adopted
Overall Risk Score	2C

PROJECT TEAM						
Team Manager	Financial Analyst	Engineering Reviewer	Environmental Reviewer	Attorney		
William Alfaro	Chelsea Duran	Rohan Jayasuriya	Lauren Dill	Michael Perez		

#### ISSUE BEING EVALUATED FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY River Acres Water Supply Corporation

\$1,865,000 River Acres Water Supply Corporation Loan Agreement (Replacement) Dated Date: 2/1/2026 Source: DWSRF-EQUIVALENCY Delivery Date: 2/1/2026 IUP Year: 2023 First Interest: 8/1/2026 Case: Revenues 2/1/2027 First Principal: \$36,569 Admin.Fee: Last Principal: 2/1/2056 Admin. Fee Payment Date: 2/1/2026

Required Coverage: 1.0

\$250,000 River A	cres Water Su	pply Corporation Loan Agreement (Inventory)	
Dated Date:	2/1/2025	Source:	DWSRF-EQUIVALENCY
Delivery Date:	2/1/2025	IUP Year	2023
First Interest:	8/1/2025	Case:	Revenues
First Principal:	2/1/2026	Admin.Fee:	\$4,902
Last Principal:	2/1/2055	Admin. Fee Payment Date:	2/1/2025
Fiscal Year End:	12/31	Required Coverage:	1.0

	PROJECTED CURRENT \$1,865,000 ISSUE			\$250,000 ISSUE				TOTAL				
FISCAL	NET SYSTEM	DEBT	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	INTEREST	TOTAL	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	INTEREST	TOTAL	DEBT	ACTUAL
YEAR	REVENUES	SERVICE	PAYMENT	RATE	PAYMENT	PAYMENT	PAYMENT	RATE	PAYMENT	PAYMENT	SERVICE	COVERAGE
2025	\$280,036	\$280,036	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$280,036	1.00
2026	323,162	277,100	-	-	36,062	36,062	10,000		-	10,000	323,162	1.00
2027	400,365	278,897	40,000	3.28%	71,468	111,468	10,000	-	-	10,000	400,365	1.00
2028	400,457	280,299	40,000	3.27%	70,158	110,158	10,000	-	-	10,000	400,457	1.00
2029	400,457	276,334	40,000	3.23%	68,858	108,858	10,000	-	-	10,000	395,192	1.01
2030	400,457	277,269	45,000	3.28%	67,474	112,474	10,000	-	-	10,000	399,743	1.00
2031	400,457	277,916	45,000	3.32%	65,989	110,989	10,000	-	-	10,000	398,905	1.00
2032	400,457	278,299	45,000	3.35%	64,488	109,488	10,000	-	-	10,000	397,787	1.01
2033	400,457	278,547	45,000	3.48%	62,952	107,952	10,000	-	-	10,000	396,499	1.01
2034	400,457	278,493	50,000	3.54%	61,284	111,284	10,000	-	-	10,000	399,777	1.00
2035	400,457	278,218	50,000	3.62%	59,494	109,494	10,000	-	-	10,000	397,712	1.01
2036	400,457	277,717	50,000	3.66%	57,674	107,674	10,000	-	-	10,000	395,391	1.01
2037	402,753	282,006	55,000	3.68%	55,747	110,747	10,000	-	-	10,000	402,753	1.00
2038	402,753	275,866	55,000	3.71%	53,714	108,714	10,000	-	-	10,000	394,580	1.02
2039	402,753	274,643	55,000	3.74%	51,666	106,666	10,000	-	-	10,000	391,309	1.03
2040	402,753	278,169	60,000	3.98%	49,443	109,443	10,000	-	-	10,000	397,612	1.01
2041	402,753	276,353	60,000	4.00%	47,049	107,049	10,000	-	-	10,000	393,402	1.02
2042	402,753	279,351	60,000	4.00%	44,649	104,649	10,000	-	-	10,000	394,000	1.02
2043	402,753	281,969	65,000	4.01%	42,146	107,146	10,000	-	-	10,000	399,115	1.01
2044	402,753	279,275	65,000	4.02%	39,536	104,536	10,000	-	-	10,000	393,811	1.02
2045	402,753	276,377	65,000	4.03%	36,920	101,920	5,000	-	-	5,000	383,297	1.05
2046	402,753	278,292	70,000	4.04%	34,196	104,196	5,000		-	5,000	387,488	1.04
2047	402,753	279,874	70,000	4.04%	31,368	101,368	5,000	-	-	5,000	386,242	1.04
2048	402,753	81,087	75,000	4.05%	28,435	103,435	5,000	-	-	5,000	189,522	2.13
2049	402,753	84,152	75,000	4.06%	25,394	100,394	5,000	-	-	5,000	189,546	2.12
2050	402,753	82,080	75,000	4.06%	22,349	97,349	5,000	-	-	5,000	184,429	2.18
2051	402,753	-	80,000	4.07%	19,199	99,199	5,000	-	-	5,000	104,199	3.87
2052	402,753	-	80,000	4.08%	15,939	95,939	5,000	-	-	5,000	100,939	3.99
2053	402,753	-	85,000	4.08%	12,573	97,573	5,000	-	-	5,000	102,573	3.93
2054	402,753	-	85,000	4.09%	9,100	94,100	5,000	-	-	5,000	99,100	4.06
2055	402,753	-	90,000	4.09%	5,522	95,522	10,000	-	-	10,000	105,522	3.82
2056	134,226	-	90,000	4.09%	1,841	91,841	-	-	-	-	91,841	1.46
		\$ 6,648,619	\$1,865,000		\$1,312,682	\$3,177,682	\$250,000		\$0	\$250,000	\$10,076,301	

\$1,865,000 ISSUANCE	
AVERAGE (MATURITY) LIFE	17.63 YEARS
NET INTEREST RATE	3.992%
COST SAVINGS	\$701,484
AVERAGE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT	\$102,506

Fiscal Year End:

12/31

\$250,000 ISSUANCE					
AVERAGE (MATURITY) LIFE	13.7 YEARS				
NET INTEREST RATE	0.000%				
COST SAVINGS	\$455,578				
AVERAGE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT	\$8,065				

TOTAL	
AVERAGE	
ANNUAL	
REQUIREMENTS	
\$314,884	

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## **Project Budget Summary**

## **River Acres WSC**

## 63043 - Lead & Copper Service Line Replacement

Budget Items	TWDB Funds	Total
Construction		
Construction	\$3,080,000	\$3,080,000
Subtotal for Construction	\$3,080,000	\$3,080,000
Basic Engineering Services		
Construction Engineering	\$106,400	\$106,400
Design	\$151,200	\$151,200
LSLR Inventory	\$20,000	\$20,000
Subtotal for Basic Engineering Services	\$277,600	\$277,600
Special Services		
Application	\$55,000	\$55,000
Testing	\$50,000	\$50,000
Subtotal for Special Services	\$105,000	\$105,000
Fiscal Services		
Financial Advisor	\$100,000	\$100,000
Fiscal/Legal	\$10,000	\$10,000
Loan Origination Fee	\$42,367	\$42,367
Subtotal for Fiscal Services	\$152,367	\$152,367
Other		
Project Legal Expenses	\$160,000	\$160,000
Subtotal for Other	\$160,000	\$160,000
Contingency		
Contingency	\$541,359	\$541,359
Subtotal for Contingency	\$541,359	\$541,359
Total	\$4,316,326	\$4,316,326

A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$4,316,326 TO THE RIVER ACRES WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND
THROUGH THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ONE OR MORE PROMISSORY NOTES
NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,115,000 AND
EXECUTION OF ONE OR MORE LOAN AGREEMENTS
AND
\$2,201,326 IN PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS

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#### Recitals:

The River Acres Water Supply Corporation (Corporation), located in Nueces County, has filed an application for financial assistance in the amount of \$4,316,326 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to finance the planning, design, and construction of certain lead service lines inventory and replacement identified as Project No. 63043.

The Corporation seeks financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) through the TWDB's proposed purchase of one or more Promissory Notes not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$2,115,000 and execution of one or more Loan Agreements, consisting of the amounts of \$250,000 for inventory and \$1,865,000 for replacement phases, (Obligations), (together with all authorizing documents), and the execution of one or more Principal Forgiveness Agreements not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$2,201,326, consisting of the amounts of \$260,204 for inventory and \$1,941,122 for replacement phases, all as is more specifically set forth in the application and in recommendations of the TWDB's staff.

The Corporation has offered a pledge of system revenues and a mortgaged deed of trust on the Corporation's 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 § 371.13.

## Findings:

- 1. The revenue or taxes pledged by the Corporation will be sufficient to meet all the Obligations assumed by the Corporation, in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.607.
- 2. The application and assistance applied for meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f *et seq.* and Pub. L. 117-58, 135 Stat. 1400-1401, as well as state law, in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.607.
- 3. The term of the Obligations does not exceed the expected useful life of the project proposed by the Corporation.

- 4. The Corporation has adopted and implemented a water conservation program 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.
- 5. The Corporation is eligible for principal forgiveness through the DWSRF in a total amount not to exceed \$2,201,326 and financial assistance in the amount of \$250,000 with a reduced interest rate of zero percent.

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

A commitment is made by the TWDB to the River Acres Water Supply Corporation for financial assistance in the amount of \$4,316,326 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund through the TWDB's proposed purchase of one or more Promissory Notes not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$2,115,000 and execution of one or more Loan Agreements, with:

- a) \$250,000, to expire on November 30, 2025;
- b) \$1,865,000, to expire on November 30, 2026;

And the execution of one or more Principal Forgiveness Agreements not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$2,201,326, with:

- a) \$260,204, to expire on November 30, 2025; and
- b) \$1,941,122, to expire on November 30, 2026.

The commitment is conditioned as follows:

#### Standard Conditions:

- 1. This commitment is contingent on a future sale of bonds by the TWDB or on the availability of funds on hand as determined by the TWDB. If the financial assistance is funded with available cash-on-hand, the TWDB reserves the right to change the designated source of funds to bond proceeds issued for the purpose of reimbursing funds used to provide the financial assistance approved in this Resolution.
- 2. Before closing, the Corporation must submit to the Executive Administrator an attorney's opinion confirming the legal authority for the Corporation to incur the Obligations that is acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
- 3. This commitment is contingent upon the Corporation's compliance with all applicable requirements contained in 31 TAC Chapter 371.
- 4. The Obligations must provide that the Corporation agrees to comply with all the conditions set forth in the TWDB Resolution.

- 5. The low-interest Obligations must provide that the Corporation may prepay all or part of the amounts of principal and interest then due on the loan on any regularly scheduled payment date as specified in the Repayment Schedule, as revised, beginning no earlier than the first interest payment date that is 10 years from the date of the first delivery of funds from the TWDB to the Corporation pursuant to this Agreement;
- 6. The zero interest Obligations must provide that the Corporation may prepay all or part of the amounts of principal and interest then due on the loan on any regularly scheduled payment date as specified in the Repayment Schedule, as revised, beginning no earlier than 10 years from the date of the first delivery of funds from the TWDB to the Corporation pursuant to this Agreement;
- 7. The Corporation, 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 Corporation'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 the 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 the rule, this continuing disclosure undertaking being for the benefit of the TWDB and the beneficial owners of the Corporation's Obligations, if the TWDB sells or otherwise transfers the Obligations, and the beneficial owners of the TWDB's bonds if the Corporation is an obligated person with respect to those bonds under SEC Rule 15c2-12.
- 8. The Obligations must contain a provision requiring the Corporation to levy a tax or maintain and collect sufficient rates and charges, as applicable, to produce system funds 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.
- 9. The Obligations must include a provision requiring the Corporation to use any financial assistance proceeds from the Obligations that are determined to be remaining unused funds, which are those funds unspent after the original approved project is completed, for enhancements to the original project explicitly approved by the Executive Administrator, or, if no enhancements are authorized by the Executive Administrator, requiring the Corporation to submit a final accounting and disposition of any unused funds.
- 10. The Obligations must include a provision requiring the Corporation to use any financial assistance proceeds from the Obligations determined to be surplus funds in a manner approved by the Executive Administrator. Surplus funds are funds remaining after completion of the project and completion of a final accounting.
- 11. The Obligations must contain a provision that the TWDB may exercise all remedies available to it in law or equity, and any provision of the Obligations that restricts or limits the TWDB's full exercise of these remedies shall be of no force and effect.

- 12. Proceeds of this commitment are public funds. Therefore, the 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.
- 13. Proceeds of this commitment must not be used by the Corporation when sampling, testing, removing, or disposing of contaminated soils or media at the project site, except for an LSLR project or associated activity directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines OR for an EC project to address PFAs or any contaminant listed on EPA's Contaminant Candidate Lists. The Obligations must include an environmental indemnification provision wherein the Corporation agrees, and agrees to cause its construction contractors, to indemnify, hold harmless and protect the TWDB from any and all claims, causes of action, or damages arising from activities performed by the Corporation or its construction contractors, including their officials and employees, in connection with the project, to the extent permitted by law.
- 14. Before closing, the Corporation shall submit documentation evidencing the adoption and implementation of sufficient system rates and charges or the levy of an interest and sinking tax rate (if applicable) sufficient for the repayment of all system debt service requirements.
- 15. Before closing, and if not previously provided with the application, the Corporation 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, reflected in the contract, and acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
- 16. Before closing, when any portion of the financial assistance is to be held in escrow or in trust, the Corporation shall execute an escrow or trust agreement, approved as to form and substance by the Executive Administrator, and shall submit that executed agreement to the TWDB.
- 17. The Executive Administrator may require the Corporation to execute a separate financing agreement in form and substance acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
- 18. The TWDB retains the option to purchase the Obligations in separate lots or on an installment basis, with delivery of the purchase price for each installment to be paid against delivery of the relevant installment of Obligations as approved by the Executive Administrator.
- 19. The Obligations must provide that the Corporation will comply with all applicable TWDB laws and rules related to the use of the financial assistance.

- 20. The Obligations must provide that the Corporation 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.
- 21. The Obligations must contain a provision requiring the Corporation to maintain insurance coverage sufficient to protect the TWDB's interest in the project.
- 22. The Obligations must provide that the Corporation will submit annually an audit prepared by a certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

### State Revolving Fund Conditions;

- 23. The Corporation shall submit outlay reports with sufficient documentation on costs on a quarterly or monthly basis in accordance with TWDB outlay report guidelines.
- 24. The Obligations must include a provision stating that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors for projects shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a similar character in the locality in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, and the U.S. Department of Labor's implementing regulations. The Corporation, all contractors, and all sub-contractors shall ensure that all project contracts mandate compliance with Davis-Bacon. All contracts and subcontracts for the construction of the project carried out in whole or in part with the financial assistance made available shall insert in full in any contract in excess of \$2,000 the contracts clauses as provided by the TWDB.
- 25. The Obligations must include a provision stating that the Corporation shall provide the TWDB with all information required to be reported in accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-282, as amended by Pub. L. 110-252. The Corporation shall obtain a Unique Entity Identification Number and shall register with System for Award Management (SAM), and maintain current registration at all times during which the Obligations are outstanding.
- 26. The Obligations shall provide that all financial assistance proceeds will be timely and expeditiously used, as required by 40 CFR § 35.3135(d), and shall provide that the Corporation will adhere to the approved project schedule.
- 27. The Obligations and Principal Forgiveness Agreement must contain a covenant that the Corporation will abide by all applicable construction contract requirements related to the use of iron and steel products produced in the United States, as required by 31 TAC § 371.4 and related State Revolving Fund Policy Guidelines.
- 28. The Obligations and Principal Forgiveness Agreement must contain a covenant that the Corporation shall abide by the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment as required by 2 CFR § 200.216.

29. The Obligations and Principal Forgiveness Agreement must contain a covenant that the Corporation will abide by all applicable requirements related to the Build America, Buy America Act, Public Law 117-58 and 2 CFR part 184.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Conditions;

- 30. The Corporation shall pay at closing an origination fee approved by the Executive Administrator of the TWDB pursuant to 31 TAC Chapter 371.
- 31. Before closing, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, must make a determination, the form and substance of which is satisfactory to the Executive Administrator, that the Corporation has demonstrated the necessary financial, managerial, and technical capabilities to proceed with the project or projects to be funded with the proceeds of these Obligations.
- 32. Before the release of funds for professional consultants including, but not limited to, the engineer, financial advisor, and bond counsel, as appropriate, the Corporation must provide documentation that it has met all applicable state procurement requirements as well as all federal procurement requirements under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises program.

Water Supply Corporation Conditions:

- 33. The Corporation's indebtedness to the TWDB shall be evidenced by loans specifically secured by:
  - a. a first or parity lien on the gross revenues of the Corporation's water system (System); and
  - b. a first or parity lien mortgage on the System.
- 34. Upon closing or within 20 days after closing, the Corporation must file a Deed of Trust with the County Clerk of the county in which the property is located, as required by Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 9, or a Utility Security Instrument with the Secretary of State's Office and corresponding notice with the County Clerk, as required by Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 261, as evidence of the TWDB's security interest in the Corporation's System. Within thirty (30) days of the date of each filing, the Corporation shall submit a copy of the recorded instrument to the TWDB.
- 35. Upon closing or within 20 days after closing, the Corporation must file a security instrument with the Secretary of State's Office, as required by Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 9 or Chapter 261 to evidence the TWDB's security interest in any personal property directly related to water supply and/or sewer service, owned or to be acquired by the Corporation. A copy of the recorded security instrument shall be submitted by the Corporation to the TWDB within thirty (30) days of its filing with the Secretary of State's Office.

- 36. Before closing, the Corporation must obtain a commitment from a title insurance company in accordance with the standards established by the Texas Department of Insurance, resulting in the issuance of a mortgagee title insurance policy on the property owned in fee simple, upon which the TWDB will be given a first or parity lien mortgage. A copy of the mortgagee title insurance policy shall be submitted to the TWDB within thirty (30) days of its execution.
- 37. Before closing, the Corporation must cure any defects or liens upon the property listed in Schedule C of the title insurance company commitment that the Executive Administrator deems necessary.
- 38. Before the release of funds for construction, the Corporation must provide the TWDB with evidence that the necessary acquisitions of land, leases, easements, and rights-of-way have been completed, or that the Corporation has the legal authority necessary to complete the acquisitions.
- 39. Before closing, the Corporation must submit to the Executive Administrator evidence that the Corporation's bylaws have been amended to include the following requirements:
  - a. as long as the Corporation is indebted for a loan or loans made by or through the TWDB, the bylaws shall not be altered, amended or repealed without the prior written consent of the Executive Administrator; and
  - b. the Corporation is a nonprofit Corporation; no part of the income of the Corporation will be distributed to the Corporation's members, directors, or officers.
- 40. Before closing, if the Corporation is pledging a lien on real property that is to be on parity with a lien or liens on real property securing debt that will remain outstanding after closing the TWDB's loan, then the Corporation must execute a Parity Agreement with each entity that holds such debt that is acceptable in form and substance to the Executive Administrator.
- 41. The Obligations shall include a special covenant prohibiting the Corporation from encumbering, pledging or otherwise impairing the revenues of the System in any manner with respect to the payment of any Obligations or with respect to any liability, except for the payment of the following: (1) maintenance and operating expenses payable within the current fiscal year with current revenues; and (2) additional debt, and that the Corporation shall in no way encumber, pledge or otherwise impair its title to the land used by or for the System or any interests therein, including improvements and facilities of the System, without prior TWDB approval.

### Pledge Conditions:

42. The Obligations must require the accumulation of a reserve fund of no less than average annual debt service requirements of the Obligations and the annual debt service requirement of all additional debt, to be accumulated in equal monthly

- installments over the initial sixty (60) months following the issuance of the Obligations.
- 43. If the Corporation has existing revenue obligations with the same pledge of security as the proposed Obligations that will remain outstanding after any financial assistance made by the TWDB pursuant to this commitment, the lien or liens securing the Obligations issued to the TWDB shall be at least on a parity with lien or liens securing the outstanding obligations.
- 44. The Obligations must contain a provision providing that additional revenue obligations may only be incurred if net system revenues are at least 1.25 times the average annual debt service requirements of the Obligations and the annual debt service requirement of all additional debt after giving effect to the additional obligations when net revenues are a) determined from the last completed fiscal year or a 12 consecutive calendar month period ending not more than ninety (90) days preceding the adoption of the additional obligations as certified by a certified public accountant; or b) the Corporation certifies that the Corporation is expected to continue to meet or exceed the net system revenue test with a minimum coverage of 1.25 times the average annual debt service requirement. An authorized representative of the Corporation must provide the calculations, identifying reasonable assumptions, in a manner and format that is acceptable to the Executive Administrator.

### **Special Conditions:**

- 45. The Corporation must notify the Executive Administrator in writing, thirty (30) days before taking any actions to alter its legal status in any manner.
- 46. The Obligations must include a provision requiring that the Corporation notify the Executive Administrator in writing before any action by it to convey its Obligations held by the TWDB to another entity. The conveyance and the assumption of the Obligations must be approved by the TWDB.
- 47. Before closing, the Corporation shall execute a Principal Forgiveness Agreement in a form and substance acceptable to the Executive Administrator.
- 48. The Principal Forgiveness Agreement must include a provision stating that the Corporation shall return any principal forgiveness funds that are determined to be surplus funds.

APPROVED and ordered of record this 6th day of November, 2024.

	TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD		
	Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman		
	DATE SIGNED:		
ATTEST:			
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Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator			

Water
Wastewater
Other

**WATER CONSERVATION PLAN DATE:** 

## **WATER CONSERVATION REVIEW**

Attachment 4
Review Date:

Project ID:

Adopted

**Water Loss GPCD** 

Approvable

**Residential GPCD** 

Entity: Other entity:

**Total GPCD** 

Baseline					
5-year Goal					
10-year Goal					
WATER LOSS AUDIT YEAR:					
Service connections: L Retail population:	Length of main lines (miles): Connections per mile:		Water Loss GCD: Water Loss GPCD: ILI: Real Loss GMD:		
WATER LOSS THRESHOLDS		Water Loss Proje	ect: Wai	ver Requested:	
Wholesale Adjusted:	Apparent Loss GCD		Real L	Real Loss GCD	
Threshold Type:	Reported	Threshold	Reported	Threshold	
Does the applicant meet Water Loss Threshold Requirements?			Yes	No N	Δ
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.

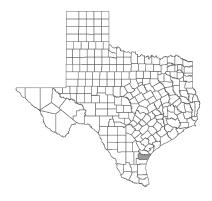
**Water loss** is the difference between the input volume and the authorized consumption within a water system. Water Loss consists of real losses and apparent losses.

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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