



CITY OF MATHIS GROUNDWATER WELLS AS A SECONDARY WATER SOURCE

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ATTENTION INPORTANT COMMUNITY UPDATE:

The City of Mathis wanted to move forward with a groundwater well addition to its current scope of work within its 2021 MIT MOD E483 GRANT. On March 27, 2025, the city's leadership team met with

leaders of various Texas agencies at the State Capitol to discuss the submission of a change request for the city's awarded 2021 MIT MOD E483 contract to better address the City's current water needs due to the Lake Corpus Christi low water levels and current drought conditions.

Brainstorming:

- o Funding and rehabilitating groundwater wells was the main and most important topic of discussion. The current City's owned groundwater wells had a lot of unknowns because no one knew exactly the condition of the old wells, building new groundwater wells was discussed as a possibility.
- o TCEQ is an arm of the state that regulates all things water, they engaged in the discussion to help with making a decision to rehabilitate existing wells or build new wells.
- o Previous studies concluded that there is water in some of the existing wells.
- o It was determined that some necessary portions of the water and sewer project portion would stay in scope of work

Change request:

- The GLO was needing an approved submission document from the City of Mathis for the change scope of work request regarding groundwater wells to an existing 2021 project (City Council approved for a change order to be submitted) on 04/14/2025. The change order would have to be nearly perfect so that it would be efficiently drafted to pass a review on the first submittal in order to prevent any delays, which moves the CR forward for its justification for the emergency modification based on the lake water levels, and current drought conditions.

GLO recommendations and Notes:

The City should evaluate and refer to the current scope of work to mark through elements and use it as a working document to reflect what elements are being added and which are being taken out, evaluate current budget and expended grant funds. Grant funds can be used to investigate current conditions of wells – can be included with current project engineers' fees.

On this Monday 04/14/2025; at a dully called city council meeting the City Council agreed to amend the its 2021 Mathis MIT MOD E483 grant's scope of work as a result of a successful trip to the state capitol on March 27, 2025, as previously mentioned the city's team met with key departments of the state, who strategized on how to move forward in the funding of groundwater well rehabilitation or new builds water projects. Graciously the state presented a proposal that was beneficial to the city's request to have a secondary source of water by 2026. The original 2021 grant included some upgrades to the city's WTP, WWTP, as well as aesthetic (appearance) maintenance of the elevated tank. The state is allowing the city to change the scope of work that was initially submitted back in the application phase of 2021 (This is rare and not often granted) however, due to the emergency drought conditions and historical low lake levels the state made this generous acceptance and applauded the city's efforts ("This is a sound decision that your city is making, to immediately seek the opportunity to have a backup secondary source of water to provide your citizens as the lake levels drop as some models are predicting. ""The state is investing more into water projects to support communities like Mathis, during this period of drought"). As many know, the City cannot just dig a hole and syphon water out, throw chemicals into it to drink and deliver it to the public because there are state regulation and processes.

Bonds, loans, or local tax increase are "Not" being sought for this change of scope of work to be completed. It's the state allowing the diversion of a small portion of the current existing water project grant funds from the State's General Land Office. These funds are for supporting infrastructure of City of Mathis owned groundwater wells and not for the purchasing of water from private water sellers and vendors.

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