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The City of Mathis is continuing to work on its emergency ground water well plans as many of you have continued to follow this matter since late March of 2025 when city leaders traveled to the "State Capitol" to meet with state leaders regarding the potential drinking water crisis facing the city and other rural communities around the region. The Mayor and Mathis community leaders have continued to monitor Lake Corpus Christi water levels and the effect it has presented the city and the Coastal Bend Region. The continued prolonged drought here in South Texas has pushed Lake Corpus Christi, Mathis's only water source, to continue to see its water levels drop to very low levels (Current Lake is only at 15.87% of its capacity). The city may not be able to pump clean/clear surface water out of it by late December or early January 2026 without additional rains to break the drought. The emergency ground water project that was approved months ago by the city council has continued to be worked on by city staff, our city attorney, the City of Corpus Christi Water and Legal departments, the Texas General Land Office, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, TCEQ and a host of others trying to get this particular emergency water wells project drilled and completed by late December. I can ensure everyone is aware of the timeline that the city may potentially have to deal with sooner than later. Currently we are not the only community in the region potentially facing this crisis. Everyone is looking to find additional water resources for their small communities. I will continue to say this emergency project is that of a priority-one status, so the city can continue to have capabilities of providing valuable, drinkable water to Mathis residents. This requires urgent infrastructure needs (Water Wells) which have been requested of the state authorities, and weather changes (Rain). The city and all agencies involved is capable of managing this matter along with other projects that the city will need to improve upon. I implore you not to panic. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the emergency water wells.

Humbly,

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