# Alternative Water Supply Update

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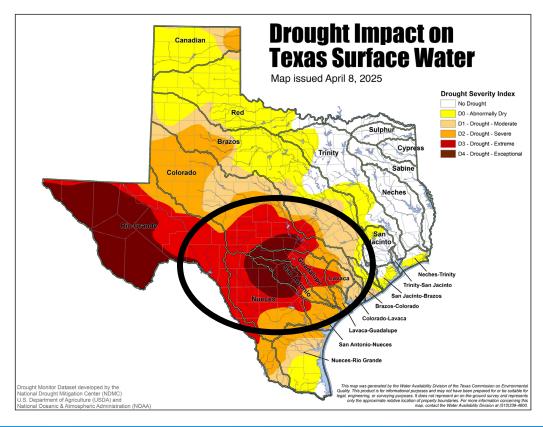
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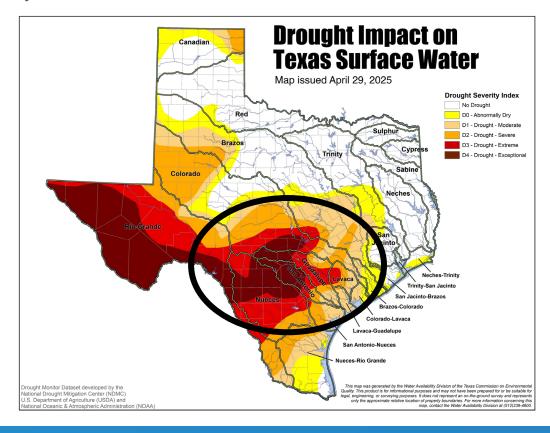


### **Drought Monitor**

As of April 29, 2025, 62% of Texas is in some level of drought, 20% less than the 82% on April 8.

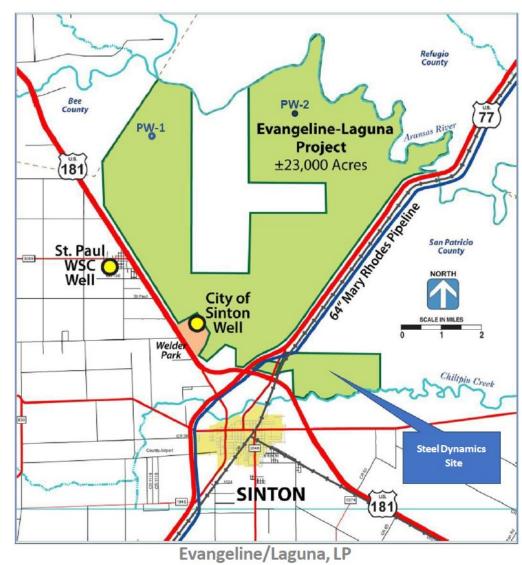
- The Nueces River Basin is in Severe to Exceptional Drought with a higher intensity than on April 8, 2025.
- Combined lake levels are at 16.5%, as of May 2, 2025.





# Evangeline Laguna, LLP (Evangeline) Groundwater Project

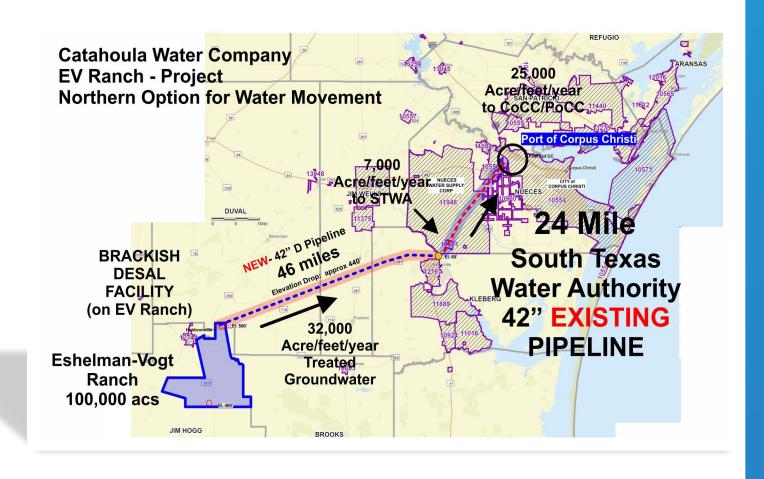
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the City and Evangeline executed an MOU regarding purchasing water rights and related rights for approximately 23,000 acres in San Patricio County.
- The MOU highlights the terms under which the City and Evangeline will define the potential purchase of partial or full water rights.



### Echelman-Voigt (EV) Ranch Project

 On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the City and Catahoula Water Company met to discuss details for a draft term sheet to purchase brackish groundwater.

 An assessment of the project plan will be conducted by Garver Engineering.



### Nueces River Groundwater Wells Project

- Significant progress has been made in the Nueces River Water Ground Water Wells Program since the City Manager signed the emergency authorization on January 27, 2025.
- The City continues the permanent development and installation of Wells Nos. 1 through 3. We have begun drilling Well No.4 and aim to complete the work within the next two weeks. We are mobilizing a second drilling rig to begin developing Well No. 5.



### Reclaimed Water Infrastructure Project

 On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved a professional services contract with Garver to provide the preliminary design services for this project, which is anticipated to be completed by January 2026.



### AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of April 8, 2025

DATE: April 1, 2025

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> Professional Services Contract Reclaimed Water Infrastructure

### CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a professional services contract with Garver, LLC, Corpus Christi, Texas, to provide preliminary design services for the Reclaimed Water Infrastructure project to evaluate and develop a direct and indirect potable reuse plan for the Oso, Greenwood, Allison, Laguna Madre, and Broadway Water Reclamation Plants in an amount not to exceed \$1,291,550.00, located Citywide, with FY 2025 funding available from Water Capital

### SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the approval of a professional services contract for preliminary design phase services for the Reclaimed Water Infrastructure project. It aims to evaluate and develop a direct and indirect potable reuse plan for the Oso, Greenwood, Allison, Laguna Madre, and Broadway Water Reclamation Plants. Additionally, it includes a water characterization study and the development of a pilot plant study protocol.

### **Groundwater Supply Assessment**

- Nueces River Groundwater Wells Project—City-led production and treatment of brackish groundwater wells along the Nueces River
- Evangeline Groundwater Project—Water rights purchase of 12 MGD and potentially up to 24 MGD near Sinton, Texas, with phased delivery and City ownership of eventual production/conveyance infrastructure
- **EV Ranch Project**—Third-party treated brackish groundwater supply with City-involved project development
- South Texas Water Authority (STWA) Project—Third-party well field development by STWA/Seven Seas to consider supplying the City, if there is additional water available

## Thank you!

