



IMPACT FEE UPDATE

New growth can share in the cost of adding capacity.

When a new home or business connects to our system, a one-time **impact fee** helps cover the infrastructure needed to serve them. Think of it as a fair share contribution — so the neighbors who've been here for years aren't footing the bill for growth they didn't ask for.

The largest infrastructure investment in Wellborn SUD's history is now underway — new wells, a treatment plant, and a transmission pipeline. This is just the beginning because Wellborn will continue to grow. Pro-actively planning will keep the costs from unfairly burdening current customers while helping expand infrastructure to be available to new customers.

The Board will work through a public process — a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, public hearing, and formal adoption — before any number is set. That process exists to make sure the fee is fair to *everyone*: existing customers, future customers, and the developers who build the homes and businesses that make our community grow. We want growth. We just want it to be sustainable.

We'll go deeper on this topic in coming newsletters and at the April 18th open house. In the meantime, the full study documents are posted online.

→ **Study documents and background:** <http://wellbornsud.com/impact-fees-and-lua-cip>



We Won the Great Texas Taste Test, AGAIN!

Wellborn SUD water earned **first place** at the annual Texas Rural Water Association Conference this spring. Competing blind against water systems from across the state, our water came out on top. A proud reflection of what our team delivers to your tap every single day.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE • 2026 WATER SUPPLY PROJECT FULL COMPLETION PROJECTED MAY 2027

NEW WELLS

Drilling underway north of Lake Bryan. Well 1 of 3 nearly complete. Well field will significantly expand local groundwater supply.

Active

TREATMENT PLANT

Contractor Dudley Construction has mobilized and is currently excavating to begin pouring foundations. Facility will safely treat and deliver new water supplies.

Active

TRANSMISSION LINE

11-mile pipeline connecting new wells to our existing system. Engineering complete, TWDB Approved; construction bids due April 9th.

Bidding Soon

Together these three components will **more than double** Wellborn SUD's water supply capacity. Secured funding to date: \$46.9M; \$61M in bonds sold and delivered.



BOARD CORNER

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Gwen Hattaway

Board Member, Wellborn Special Utility District



Water is in Gwen's blood — she'll tell you that herself. Her dad managed Texas municipal water systems her whole life. Her grandparents in the Panhandle had one water source: a windmill. No wind, no water. Her other grandparents in East Texas hauled water in barrels because no system reached

their farm. She learned what most of us never have to think about — that water doesn't just show up.

That upbringing followed her into journalism. At 18, her first beat at the *Longview News* covered water shortages in East Texas. She later edited the front page of *The Battalion* at Texas A&M and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Journalism. She married Carl at A&M, and the two of them have been building a life — and a family — ever since.

"My passion isn't just water — it's Wellborn water."

If you ask her five kids and twelve grandchildren what she cares about most, they'll all say the same thing: water. But Gwen will also tell you about her six trips to Peru and four summers doing medical missions deep in the Amazon jungle with remote Ashaninka tribes. Or the weekends on their Robertson County farm, where she teaches young children hands-on nature education. Or the medical conferences she attends to stay current on treating venomous snakebites — yes, really.

She joined the Wellborn SUD Board with one goal: stay up to date on Texas water issues, protect our system, and keep customers informed. She's always happy to talk water with anyone who will listen.

Get Ready Before June 1

Each year, Wellborn SUD enters **Stage 1 Conservation Awareness** on June 1 — a proactive, voluntary step used by utilities across Texas to protect supply during peak summer demand. This is not an emergency measure; it's smart planning. April is the perfect time to prepare.

- ▶ Inspect your irrigation system now for leaks, clogged heads, or misaligned sprinklers
- ▶ Water before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. to reduce evaporation loss
- ▶ Turn automatic timers off before and after rain events
- ▶ Consider drought-tolerant plants in high-use areas
- ▶ Check indoor fixtures — a slow drip can waste thousands of gallons per year

Coming soon: The new **My Water Advisor** app — arriving with our smart meter rollout — will give you daily usage data so you can see exactly where your water goes.

→ [Approved watering schedule: wellbornsud.com/drought-contingency](https://wellbornsud.com/drought-contingency)

April 18th

Community Town Hall

Wellborn Community Center, Saturday, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

6787 Victoria Avenue - College Station

Meet the Board and staff. Ask questions about smart meters, the impact fee study, and infrastructure projects, and summer conservation. Light refreshments provided. We'd love to see you there.