



# City of Dripping Springs

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## Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	5/21/26
<b>Item Wording:</b>	Update on Utilities for the month of April, 2026
<b>Agenda Item Requestor:</b>	Utility Commission

### Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood 150 TE and Sewer – Phase 1 Under Construction and on schedule. Phase 2 Prebid held 4/1/2026. Waiting to construct phase 2 until South Collector has been constructed.

West Interceptor Segment 2 – Under Construction and ahead of schedule. Creek crossing is waiting on some documentation before coffer dam can be installed.

South Collector – Bid Opening has been scheduled and will be due 5/29

Heritage –480 LUE’s total 286 LUE’s have COA – 194 remaining LUES

Village Grove –Pump and haul completed and ready for Final Inspection. This facility will be operated by a third-party contractor.

Carter Ranch –Utility is being installed – Pump and Haul negotiations under way.

Big Sky Ranch – TLAP interim Phase 3 Accepted 54,300 gpd capacity.

Howard Ranch Treated Effluent – Waiting on contractual documentation from HOA

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station/ Heritage Lift Station/East Interceptor – Design and easements procurement. This Lift Station will divert flows from the 15” gravity main to the East Interceptor. Plan is to build this during phase 2 of the new Discharge Plant. Easement needed for interim route for East Interceptor

Cannon Ranch – Phase 3 and 4 under review

Anarene (Double L) – Phase 1 Construction has started. Discussion with Engineers being had on design of irrigation fields. This will be a 321 plant that converts to TLAP at certain LUE set threshold.

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review. Site work has started.

Fellers – Tri point – New development with 18 homes. Requesting pump and haul permission. Will eventually be served

by the West Interceptor line.

**South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:**

Design of discharge plant is currently being finalized. Contract engineers have identified last design elements that need updating. Decided on recuperative thickening for sludge. We expect to go out to bid early June.

**Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:**

Stage 2 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers starting April 1, 2026. Rate study under way for water and wastewater customers.

**South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.**

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had violations for the month of April 2026. Average flow of 361,000 gpd. We experienced a die off in the biological reactor (aeration basin), cause unknown. Plant was reseeded with 3 7000-gallon loads from 8,000mlss MBR plant in March. We also introduced an Oppenheimer V formula into the collection system to boost bacteria growth. The Plant has fully recovered, and we are seeing effluent samples that are the permit effluent limitations.

**Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:**

GST that was being constructed by Contain Water Systems fell off the jack during a lift and fell damaging the tank. The city is not accepting any material involved in the incident and will be requesting a restart of the project using another subcontractor to build the ground storage tank. Superior Tanks is the contractor, start date to be determined.

Arrowhead WWTP had no violations for the month of April.

**Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:**

Big Sky Treatment Plant operated with one violation for TSS for the month of April 2026. Plant is now operating within permit effluent limitations.

Interim phase III complete allowing for 54,300 gpd capacity 310 LUE's

**Update on Reclaimed Water:**

41,000 gallons were hauled from the fill station this month. Sports Park 1,249,000 gallons. Founders Park 339,000 gallons. Village Grove construction 157,000 gallons. Total 1787,070 gallons in reclaimed water was used this month for irrigation and construction purposes.

**Texas Water Development Board Funding**

The City has submitted application to the TWDB for additional funding request for \$53,000,000.

Since initial funding was received in 2019, construction costs have increased and the City will be building out the entire plant in phases 1 and 2. The city has also added additional infrastructure. We are on the June TWDB Agenda for consideration of this loan.