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The State of Texas through the regulatory agencies are mandating that all water systems address the continuing increase in the demand for water. The planned improvements for water systems must give consideration to the future growth of their systems. The Board of Directors for Levi Water has planned and has made improvements to the system that would better serve their customer and also allow for growth in the system.

Levi Water Supply is under the jurisdiction of the Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (STGCD). The water source for the three water plants of Levi Water is groundwater (water wells).

Levi was issued a Historic Use Permit (HUPP) in 2010 and a Non-Historic Use Permit (NON-HUPP) in 2014. The permits allowed for a maximum amount of water that can be withdrawn from the aquifer on an annual basis. Based on an audit of historical usage, the calculations for the permitted amount did include projections for growth in the system. The actual growth has been greater than projected growth. The NON-HUPP will expire December 31, 2033, and the possibility of renewal is unknown. The HUPP is a perpetual permit.

Effective December 2020, the Board of Directors for Levi made the decision that additional meters could not be added to the system. After discussing and evaluating potential water sources, it was determined that the best option for an additional water source would be to drill a well and build a water plant in Falls County.

The drought conditions that occurred in 2023, the higher than normal demand for water, the higher than normal demand for electricity and the increased demand on equipment made us aware that when one of our water plants is out of service when critical conditions occur, the water plants still in service may not be able to meet the demand.

Levi currently has three water plants, when either Plant 1 (Water Well Road – the largest water plant) or Plant 3 (Rosenthal Pkwy – behind office – second largest water plant) is out of service, the smallest water plant (Plant 2 – Bullhide Creek) is the support for either plant. Plant 2 has limited capability and capacity to provide support to the other water plants and when support is necessary for the other water plants, severe restrictions of water usage is required.

A new water plant with greater capacity would be of great benefit in extreme conditions. Water service could be better controlled when there is a leak or one of the water plants is out of service because of maintenance or upgrades.

The Falls County customers experience the greatest impact when there is a major leak or one of the water plants (especially plant 1) is out of service. The new well would be of great benefit to our Falls County customers.

The drilling of the new well is near completion. The water plant and the infrastructure will be designed once the yield of the new well is determined. The new water plant will be designed to meet the current needs and will also allow for future expansion.

The initial projected cost of the water well, water plant and infrastructure was 5.1 million dollars. The total final cost will probably exceed the projected amount. Costs are continuing to increase in parts and the overall cost of operating the system are continuing to increase. Some parts will be subject to increased tariffs.

Effective January 1, 2024, the cost for new water service was increased to \$10,000, subject to revision.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the current rate structure and has approved the recommendations of the rate study committee as attached.

Effective with the January, 2026 billing, the minimum charge will remain at 62.00 but will not include the 2,000 gallons. There will be a rate adjustment for the usage tiers and the number of usage tiers will be increased from 9 to 11.

The last adjustment to the minimum billing was effective in April, 2024. The last adjustment to the usage tiers was effective in July, 2022.

USAGE TIER/ GALLONS	CURRENT RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS	USAGE TIER/ GALLONS	RATE – JANUARY 2026 PER 1,000 GALLONS
(MINIMUM) 0 – 2,000	62.00	MINIMUM	62.00
0 – 2,000	Included in Minimum	0 – 8,000	4.50
2,001 – 10,000	4.25	8,001 – 20,000	6.50
10,001 – 30,000	5.25	20,001 – 40,000	10.00
30,001 – 50,000	7.15	40,001 – 60,000	14.00
50,001 – 100,000	9.35	60,001 – 80,000	17.00
100,001 – 125,000	10.45	80,001 – 100,000	19.50
125,001 – 150,000	11.20	100,001 – 120,000	22.00
150,001 – 175,000	11.95	120,001 – 140,000	25.00
175,001 – 200,000	12.70	140,001 – 160,000	28.00
Remainder	13.45	160,001 – 180,000	33.00
		Remainder	45.00

SAMPLE CHARGES	CURRENT		EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2026
Minimum	62.00		62.00
3,000 Gallons	66.25		75.50
5,000 Gallons	74.75		84.50
10,000 Gallons	96.00		111.00
15,000 Gallons	122.25		143.50
25,000 Gallons	174.75		226.00
50,000 Gallons	344.00		516.00
100,000 Gallons	811.50		1,386.00
150,000 Gallons	1,352.75		2,606.00