

Vote FOR Prop 4 on November 4

Proposition 4, a Texas constitutional amendment, will dedicate a portion of sales taxes – **no new taxes** – to the Texas Water Fund. We totally support passage of this amendment to allocate \$20 billion over the next 20 years to water projects.

Here's why. The \$20 billion will:

- **Fund fixing water infrastructure.** Texas' aging, leaking water systems lose about 186 billion gallons of water each year – as much water used per year as the cities of Austin, Fort Worth, El Paso, Laredo, and Lubbock combined. You can read more on that [here](#) and [here](#).
- **Fund wastewater improvements.** The American Society of Civil Engineers gave Texas wastewater infrastructure a [D minus](#) in this year's 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure. 'Nuff said.
- **Fund water reuse projects.** For Texas to meet its future water demands, the Texas Water Development Board estimates that annual reuse supplies will need to make up about 15% of the state's total water supply by 2070. We currently are at less than 5% of recycled wastewater being put to good use in the state.
- **Fund flood infrastructure projects.** Those of us living in Flash Flood Alley don't need to be convinced of the need for more funding for drainage projects. Especially appealing is the prospect of funding projects that mitigate flooding while enhancing water supplies.
- **Fund new water supply projects.** We especially like Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) and brackish groundwater desalination projects. Other supply options, such as reuse of water produced as a by-product of oil and gas operations, ocean desalination, and building new surface water reservoirs should be subject to new rules to make sure there are no adverse environmental or human health impacts.

A Texas Tribune analysis found that Texas cities and towns could be on a path toward a [severe water shortage](#) by 2030 if there is recurring, record-breaking drought conditions across the state and if water entities and state leaders fail to put in place key strategies to secure water supplies. This is an even bigger issue in our part of Texas where when we are not in a drought, we are in between droughts.

It is our hope that Texans will recognize the need for funding water infrastructure and supply and will vote FOR Prop 4 on November 4, 2025 or during early voting from October 20 through October 31, 2025.