



# Travis County W.C.I.D. - Point Venture

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## July 2023 Newsletter

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### District Has Multiple Projects Completed, in Progress or Beginning

Inframark, Trihydro and the WCID Board of Directors have been hard at work with several projects that have been completed, are already in progress or will be started soon in the water district.

The Trihydro-led project to install an emergency generator at the Water Treatment Plant is in progress. This will be the first generator ever installed at the water plant. The project is expected to reach completion mid-2024. Funding was provided by a federal grant that the Village received and generously passed on to the WCID.

Bids for construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and two District lift stations as well as rehabilitation of several manholes in the District’s sewer system will be opened in August. This project is engineered and managed by Trihydro with Board technical input. Trihydro will recommend the building contractor at a special Board meeting in early September 2023. This project is expected to take approximately three years to

complete and cost approximately \$9 million. This project is funded by a tax bond passed in 2019.

Trihydro has completed the Water System Analysis Master Water Plan and presented the information at a June 15 public meeting to inform residents of the District’s water system state of affairs and recommended rehabilitation projects for that system. This information can be found on the District’s website <https://tcwcid-pv.org/>. Use the “Services” tab, then click “Projects”.

More significant and complex than a routine task, Inframark has successfully completed two important items: restoring raw water pump #2 to operation and returning water plant A to service, both after over a year of dormancy. Both accomplishments increased the reliability of Point Venture’s water supply.

### Lake Levels Continue to Recede

The Highland Lakes continue to recede as Texas remains steeped in a severe drought. Travis County WCID - Point Venture (the District) takes its cues for water restriction from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA).

The District will go into Stage 2, Moderate Water Shortage Conditions, Mandatory, once combined lake levels of Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis hit a total of 900,000 acre feet. As of this writing, the combined lake levels are 981,687 acre-feet. Customers will be informed of the increased mandatory measures by the District’s Immediate Response Information System (IRIS).

If lake levels reach this 900,000 acre-feet benchmark, District customers will be expected to adhere to mandatory water restrictions. Customers who do not comply to these mandatory restrictions could face daily fines. The District has the capability to audit consumption through meter reading software if customers are believed to not be following the District’s Drought Contingency Plan (DCP).

The District asks that customers please adjust their automatic irrigation systems now so as to comply to the times allowed by the District’s DCP to avoid overwatering and watering outside of the permitted times.

**Complete guidelines for customers, once Stage 2 is reached, are on page 2 of this newsletter.**

**Current lake level of Lake Travis**  
as of 7/13/2023 - 636.76 ft msl  
Full Pool is 681 ft msl  
Current combined levels for  
Lakes Buchanan & Travis  
are 981,687 acre feet  
**PV is currently under voluntary**  
**water restrictions; but residents are asked to**  
**please conserve water.**



# Complete Guidelines for Point Venture's STAGE 2 - Moderate Water Shortage Conditions (Mandatory Measures)

Once the combined storage of lakes Travis and Buchanan has dropped below 900,00 acre-feet, customers shall be required to adhere to the Stage 2 Drought Response Measure.

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or in-ground irrigation systems shall be limited to a no more than a TWICE weekly watering schedule determined by the District and based on the nature of the current drought or water emergency. Irrigation of commercial landscapes and recreational areas may apply for a variance but must still develop a schedule where no part of the landscape is watered more than twice per week.

**PLEASE NOTE WATERING SCHEDULE THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED:**

### Residential Customers

**Odd number addresses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

**Even number addresses may water Thursdays and Sundays.**

### Commercial (including large landscapes such as POA and townhome common areas)

**May water Tuesdays and Fridays.**

**Watering is allowed between 7 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Customers who are observed watering outside of this schedule will receive a letter of the violation. Also customers with high water use will have their meters audited to assure that watering is done on the allotted days and during the allotted times. First time violators will be sent a letter reminding them of the restrictions and given the watering schedule. Continued violators will be sent certified letters and fined according to the guidelines set forth in the District's drought contingency plan.

For the complete Drought Contingency Plan for the District please visit its website at <https://tcwcid-pv.org/> and click the tab for "Other Information".

## WCID Aims for Transparency

The WCID - Point Venture believes in transparency for its customers and taxpayers. There are multiple avenues in place for this purpose.

- The District's website: <https://tcwcid-pv.org/>. The District suggests exploring the menu tabs. There is a wealth of information posted.
- The IRIS system: Alerts are sent to residents registered for this communication tool for monthly or special meetings, repair outages, newsletters and other information.
- Office bulletin board: Notices of meetings and other pertinent information is posted outside the front office doors at 18606 Venture Drive.

- Newsletter: The District strives to publish a newsletter monthly to keep residents informed. Newsletters are posted through email with the IRIS system.

If you received this newsletter in your email's inbox, you are registered in the District's IRIS notification system. Please share this information with others who may not have registered yet. To register, residents can call or email the office. Registration can also be done on the front page of the District's website through the link which is on the top right side of the page and looks like this:

**IRIS DISTRICT COMMUNICATION APPLICATION**