

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Well Capping & Plugging Reimbursement Program

Section 1.0 Introduction

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (“the District” or “LPGCD”) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas responsible for the groundwater management in Bastrop and Lee counties. In accordance with the Texas Water Code and applicable regulations, the District promotes public health and water quality by supporting the proper capping and plugging of abandoned or unsafe wells.

Abandoned wells pose significant threats to aquifer integrity and public safety by serving as direct pathways for surface contaminants to reach groundwater. The District has therefore established the Well Capping and Plugging Reimbursement Program (WCPP) to encourage and assist landowners in safely decommissioning or securing unused wells.

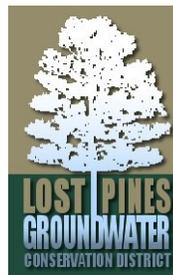
Section 2.0 Purpose

The purpose of the WCPP is to provide reimbursement for eligible expenses related to properly capping or permanently plugging unused or abandoned wells located within the District. This program is intended to protect groundwater resources and promote public safety while helping landowners comply with state law.

Section 3.0 Eligibility Requirements for Reimbursement

To qualify for reimbursement under the WCPP:

- The well must be located within Bastrop or Lee counties.
- The well must be clearly documented as unused or abandoned.
- Plugging must be performed in compliance with Texas Water Well Drillers Rules (16 TAX Section 76).
- Plugged wells must have a Well Plugging Report submitted to the State of Texas and emailed to the District at lpgcd@lostpineswater.org.
- Capped wells must meet District safety guidelines (see Section 4).
- The applicant must be the property owner or legal well owner.
- The well must not be subject to any other existing reimbursement or mitigation agreement with the District.



Section 4.0 Capping & Plugging Standards

Plugging a Well

Plugging involves the permanent decommissioning of the well, including:

- Filling with gravel and sealing with cement
- Perforating casing if needed
- Cutting casing below ground level
- Submitting a completed Well Plugging Report to the State and LPGCD

Capping a Well

Capping involved securing a well for possible future use. A proper cap must:

- Support at least 400 pounds
- Fit tightly and seal to prevent contamination
- Not be easily removed by hand
- Be heavy or secured (e.g., glued, welded)

Section 5.0 Requests for Reimbursement

All reimbursement requests must be submitted using the official Well Capping & Plugging Reimbursement Request Form, which includes:

- Property owner's contact information
- Location and description of the well
- Supporting documentation (invoices, plugging report, photos)

Forms may be emailed to lpgcd@lostpineswater.org or mailed or delivered to:

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Attn: General Manager

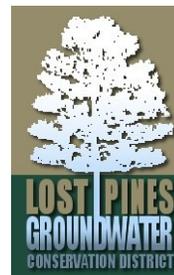
317 E Hempstead Street

Giddings, TX 78942

Section 6.0 Inspection and Documentation

District staff or designee may inspect the well site to:

- Confirm capping or plugging standards are met
- Verify the well's location and status
- Collect photographic documentation



Inspection may occur before or after the work is completed at the District's discretion.

All reimbursements are contingent upon satisfactory documentation.

Section 7.0 Reimbursable Costs

The District will reimburse:

- Reasonable labor and materials for capping or plugging in compliance with state and District standards
- Licensed driller services for plugging
- Costs associated with purchase and installation of compliant well caps

Non-reimbursable costs include:

- Above-ground well houses or cosmetic improvements
- Work performed without documentation or by unlicensed individuals (for plugging)
- Sales tax, unless legally required

Section 8: Program Funding

On April 16, 2025, the LPGCD board approved budget amendment 01-2025 providing \$50,000 to establish the program funding - Special Projects: Well Plugging Cost Share (7504 line item). Quarterly draws will be made from TexPool, as required. The District may maintain a dedicated fund for the WCPRP. Funding levels may be set annually by the Board of Directors based on the availability of resources and conservation priorities.

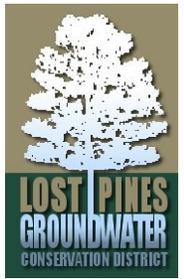
Section 9: Recordkeeping and Reporting

The District will maintain complete records for all approved reimbursement and related correspondence. An annual summary report will be published by March 1 of each year detailing:

- Total funds distributed
- Number and type of wells capped or plugged
- General program performance metrics

Section 10.0 Delegation of Authority to the General Manager

The General Manager is authorized to:



- Administer the WCPP
- Approve reimbursement requests
- Execute necessary agreements and releases
- Conduct inspections or delegate to staff

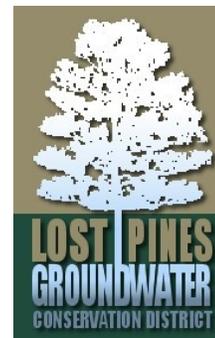
Any program modifications must be approved by the Infrastructure Committee.

Section 11.0 Quarterly Review

The General Manager will prepare a report on WCPP activity on a quarterly basis to the Board of Directors.

FORM

Well Cap/Plug Application



For District Use
Only:

Application Date

Well Drilling Permit Number

Return this form to: LPGCD, 317 E Hempstead St., Giddings, Texas 78942

Phone: 512-360-5088 FAX: 512-360-5448

Email: lpgcd@lostpineswater.org

SECTION I – APPLICANT

Name _____
_____ Company (if applicable) _____

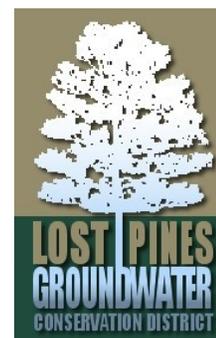
Street (or PO Box) _____

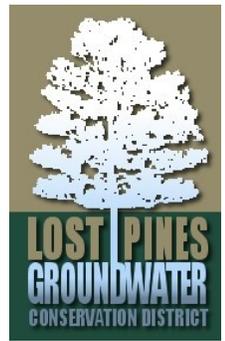
SECTION II – DRILLING SITE DESCRIPTION

Physical Description of the Well Site (use decimal GPS coordinates)

County that the Well Site is Located in: Bastrop _____ Lee _____

What is the County Appraisal District number associated with this property?





SECTION III – AUTHORIZATION TO CAP/PLUG

Is the Applicant the same as the Property Owner of the Proposed Drilling Site? Yes _____
No _____

SECTION IV – WELL INFORMATION

What was the primary use of the well (circle one)?

Domestic Livestock Irrigation Municipal Supply Mining Rig Supply Test

Other _____ What was the proposed aquifer that the well will produce from (if known)? _____

If unknown, please provide this information as soon as possible.

What was the approximate total depth of the well (if known)? _____ feet

NOTE: The well driller must provide the LPGCD an cost estimate which must be authorized by the LPGCD before performing the work.

SECTION V – AFFIRMATION

I certify that all statements and information in this application are true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date