
Q-What is the Water Project for Linn Valley?

A-The Linn Valley Water Project is to provide access to metered drinking water to most residents and property owners within the City limits (inside LVL POA gates and outside gates). Undeveloped areas and homes established after April 2019 will have to be further analyzed for consideration with the current funding. This is a long-term project funded by USDA, with \$7,000,000 in grants (City does not repay) and \$10,200,000 loan (1.75%).

Q-Why is there a City Water Project?

A-The current source(s) of drinking water is not sustainable. The local Water Treatment Plant is over 26 years old. The current infrastructure is over 30 years old with no upgrades and does not support functional fire hydrants (currently zero working fire hydrants in Linn Valley). This Project will replace the Water Treatment Plant that takes water from the main lake. The project also includes construction of a water tower. The water tower will provide better resiliency and security to the city as well as providing capacity for firefighting. Additionally, the project includes a new water source. It was found to be more cost effective to use a new source than existing sources.

Q-Will my LVL POA Assessments increase because of this project?

A-No. This project, initiated by the City, is funded by the USDA and future users. The loan will be repaid utilizing water user rates.

Q-What will my monthly cost be after the city is the Water Operator?

A- The specific rate structure (service fee, water cost, etc.) has not been determined. The projected average monthly cost will be \$74.48. Please refer to the "Updated Funding Scenario" to show the projected project costs.

Q-Will everyone be required to connect?

A- All R-1 building lots, all residential homes on Multi-Purpose and Camping lots, and all full-time residents as defined in City Ordinance 178 will be required to connect. Part-time/week-end Property Owners with R-2 Camping or Multi-purpose lots will be able to continue using a holding tank.

Q-Will my insurance rate go down with the addition of functional fire hydrants?

A-This varies between insurance companies. Some residents have been told by their insurance company yes and others no. The access to water by the Linn Valley Fire Department will be beneficial in the overall Insurance Services Office (ISO) going down. Currently Linn Valley is at 9 of 10.

Q-Where will Linn Valley water come from?

A-LaCygne. Linn Valley signed a contract to purchase water from LaCygne in March 2021.

Q-Will LVL POA continue to be a water supplier?

A-No. The local Water Treatment Plant will be decommissioned. All metered water will be supplied, owned, and operated by the City.

Q-Will RWD#1 continue to be a water supplier?

A-The City is in discussion with RWD#1 as a backup and/or alternate water supplier.

Q-When will I be connected to the City water system?

A-Connections will begin a minimum of 2 years from November 2021. As more details are known, additional Town Halls will be conducted, and information shared on the City Website and Facebook page.

Q-Can I reuse my meter I purchased from RWD#1 or the LVL POA?

A-No. The equipment will not be compatible. All new meters will be installed as a part of the project.

Q-Will the City reimburse me for the meter I purchased from RWD#1 or the LVL POA?

A-No. The intent of the City system is to replace all those meters and use USDA funds to reduce or cover the cost of meters to be replaced. These residents will be able to use the existing line from a meter to their house.

Q-Will the City reimburse me for a recently installed water holding tank?

A-No. The City will not be reimbursing for water holding tanks. The intent is to use USDA funds to minimize the cost for residents and property owners to connect to the new water system.

Q-My house is on a building lot and I am currently using a holding tank. What costs can I expect since I am required to connect to the new system?

A-All Property Owners/Residents connecting to a metered system for the first time will need a new meter, USDA funds will be used to provide the meter or reduce the cost. Each Property Owner/Resident will be responsible for the cost to run the line between the meter and the house.

Q-How much will the water meter cost?

A-The fee for a meter has not been set. Funding from the USDA will be used to purchase meters and make it as affordable as possible to enable maximum usage. The goal is to exhaust the USDA funding for water meters for property owners.

Q-I am on a holding tank. How much will the line from the meter to my house cost? Will that cost be covered by the City?

A-That cost is determined on an individual basis and dependent on distance and amount of rock to install the line. The cost will not be covered by the City. It is a minimum of 24 months for the first property owners to be connected to enable property owners to plan for the expense and one of many reasons why this information is being provided in advance.

Q-How long will the overall project last?

A-Approximately 8-10 years. The City started the project in 2017 and current construction completion is 2025.

Q-Will drinking water be available to outside of Linn Valley?

A-No. The drinking water will be available to service Linn Valley residents and property owners. The city will not be reselling water in accordance with the Water Purchase Agreement with LaCygne.