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Metcalf secures \$15 Million for Conroe Water Wells in State Budget, Creighton protects the effort from being removed

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AUSTIN, TEXAS — Representative Will Metcalf (R-Conroe) and Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) announced today that the Texas supplemental state budget, House Bill 500, includes \$15 million for the construction of new water wells in the City of Conroe. This critical investment will support long-term growth and ensure a reliable water supply for families and businesses across Montgomery County.

"As one of the fastest-growing regions in Texas, Montgomery County needs dependable infrastructure—and that starts with water," said Senator Creighton. "I've been focused on this issue since my first elected role on the Lone Star Groundwater Board, working to ensure our water policies are transparent, accountable, and built for long-term sustainability and economic growth. From Harvey recovery to historic water infrastructure deliverables, this is a major win for Conroe in the budget. I'm grateful to Representative Metcalf for securing this funding in the budget. I was proud to fight to protect it in the Senate. People are realizing what we've always known—Conroe is a great place to live, work, and raise a family—and building infrastructure must match that momentum."

With Conroe's rapid growth, these new water wells are essential to ensuring a stable, long-term water supply for homes, businesses, and public infrastructure. They will reduce strain on existing systems, support future development, and strengthen our region's resilience during droughts or emergencies.

"During my time in the Texas House of Representatives, it has been an honor to serve my hometown community—building trusted relationships, gaining valuable experience, and earning the credibility needed to deliver meaningful results when it matters most. Following the City of Conroe's urgent call for help, my team and I worked diligently to advocate for targeted state investment to address the city's water infrastructure challenges," said Representative Will Metcalf. "I am proud to have delivered \$15 million in the state budget to construct new water well infrastructure. This critical investment will help ensure a safe, reliable water supply for our community. I am grateful to Senator Creighton for his partnership in keeping this funding intact through the final stages of the budget process—and for his continued work on water issues important to our region. Together, we have tackled major reforms, including my legislation, House Bill 1982 in 2017, which transformed the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District from an appointed board to an elected one—bringing much needed transparency and accountability to our local water governance. I am proud of the reputation and relationships I have built at the state level, which continue to yield real, tangible benefits for the people of House District 16. As a lifelong Conroe resident and Committee Chairman in the legislature, I will always use my role to deliver real, meaningful results for the community I proudly call home."

The \$15 million in funding is included in HB 500, the 2026–2027 state budget, and will be available starting in the new fiscal year on September 1, 2025.