



Montana Vista Wastewater Collection System Phase II

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Good news!

El Paso Water has been actively pursuing grant funding for years to provide first-time wastewater service to Montana Vista, and we are pleased to share that funding and financing has been secured for Phase II.

Special thanks to:

- The Texas State Legislature, who approved the legislation and allowed it to go to on the ballot
- Voters who supported continued funding for the Economically Distressed Areas Program, and
- YOU for your continued advocacy for your community.
- Rep. Mary Gonzalez, who championed the legislation for funding

Purpose of the Meeting

The main purpose of this meeting is to receive public comments on the environmental study conditions for the project. This project will improve public health by installing a reliable system to convey wastewater from homes that are currently on septic systems.

Residents are encouraged to ask questions related to the construction and impact to their community and homes.

Important Clarification: The environmental clearance and conditions apply to both Phase II and Phase III of the project. However, we are still actively pursuing funding for Phase III and do not yet have funding secured for Phase III.

Environmental Recommendations

Texas Water Development Board has provided these conditions for EPWater:

- To **hire a Biological Monitor** to be present during construction to identify and relocate Texas horned lizards and other state listed species.
- To **require training for project contractors** prior to the construction.
- To implement a **“No Kill Wildlife Policy”** during construction and operation of the project. This policy prevents inadvertently killing protected species that may be mistaken for common species.
- To **advise contractors of the potential for this species to occur in the project area** year-round, and to **avoid harming this species and their nests/burrows** if encountered.
- To **advise contractors to avoid disturbance of mammal burrows or other suitable habitat** during the construction.

TWDB Environmental Recommendations (continued)

- No historic properties present will be affected.
- If **cultural materials are encountered** during construction or disturbance activities, **work should cease** in the immediate area; work can continue where no cultural materials are present.

Following listed measures, **this project will have no significant adverse environmental impacts** on Waters of the United States, wetlands, floodplains, cultural or historical resources, threatened or endangered species, and or protected migratory bird species.

El Paso Water has committed to follow these environmental conditions and has the ability and authority to do so.

Project History

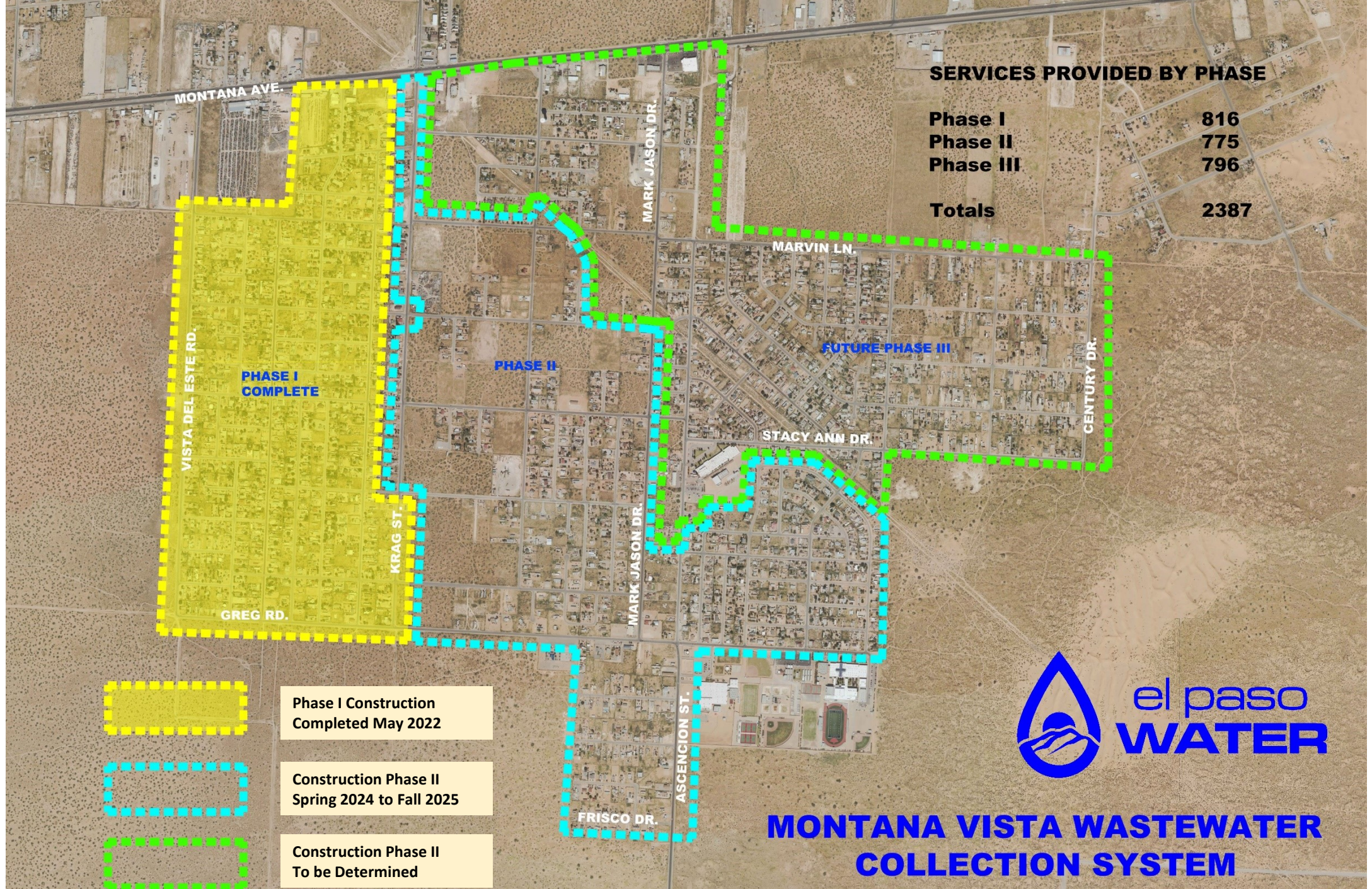
EPWater has been working with funding partners

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) – through the Economically Distressed Areas Program

- 2014 – Planning (\$38,016 - Grant)
- 2016 – Design (\$2,800,000 - Grant)
- 2019 – Construction Phase I (\$11,400,000 Grant; \$1,500,000 Loan)
- 2023 – Construction Phase II (\$20,250,096 Grant; \$8,680,000 Loan)

North American Development Bank (NADBank) administers funds from the Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF) for project development and construction.

- Montana Vista project selected for funding to complete development and to become eligible for up to \$8 million from the BEIF program for project construction.



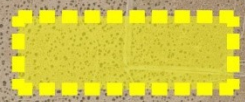
SERVICES PROVIDED BY PHASE

Phase I	816
Phase II	775
Phase III	796
Totals	2387

PHASE I COMPLETE

PHASE II

FUTURE PHASE III



Phase I Construction
Completed May 2022



Construction Phase II
Spring 2024 to Fall 2025

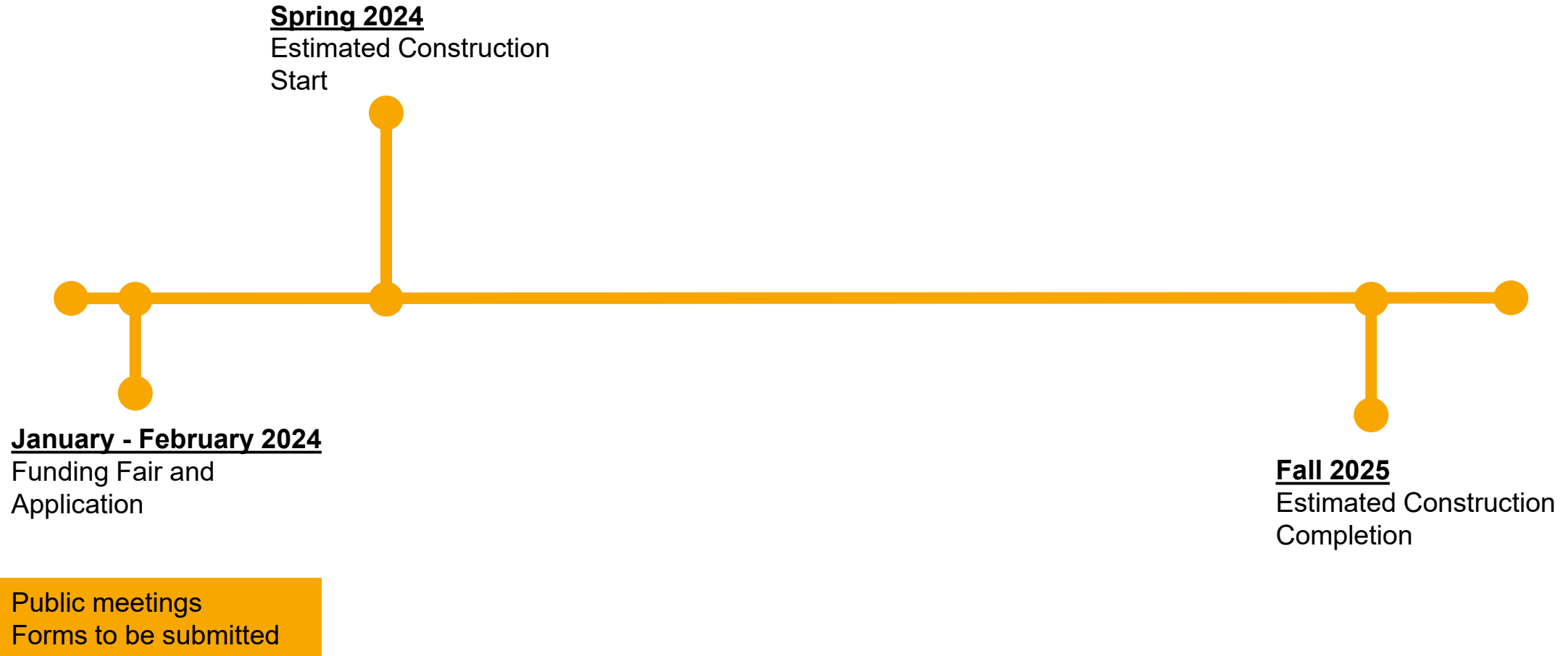


Construction Phase II
To be Determined



MONTANA VISTA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Project Timeline – Phase II



Project Costs and Fees

- Estimated Construction Cost - Phase II: \$23,000,000
 - Per connection benefit to each customer is estimated at \$29,677
- Estimated Fees to be paid by customers who do not qualify for the Grant or do not submit the documentation before the deadline.

Customer Fee	
Eastside Impact Fee	\$ 920
Decommissioning of Septic Tank (County Fee)	\$ 50
Sewer Service Connection Charge	\$2,300 (est.)

Most Montana Vista residents will qualify for the grant funding for fees. The Sewer Service Connection Charge applies if you do not sign paperwork to grant access to your property

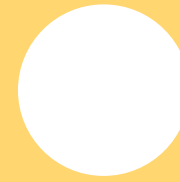
- For those who do not qualify for funding, there is an opportunity for Promissory Notes or payment plans for deeded properties.

EPWater will be available to help you

- EPWater will host a series of community meetings to answer questions and help with forms/paperwork
- Residents will be able to apply for service and a grant to cover fees
- Property owners will be asked to grant access so construction contractors can access your property
- EPWater's contractor will only work inside properties that have submitted forms that grant access to the property

Construction outreach

- As with all construction, there will be some disruptions, including noise, dust, traffic/street closures.
- EPWater will work with the contractor to provide notice ahead of time of disruptions to your street or area. Please watch for door hangers that provide such alerts to coming interruptions.



Notice

El Paso Water will begin installing a new wastewater system in your neighborhood in the fall thanks to funding assistance of \$13 million from the Texas Water Development Board's Economically Distressed Areas Program.

The funds primarily cover construction costs of the wastewater system, which includes an underground pipe system to transport wastewater to a facility for treatment. However, it is the property owner's responsibility to connect to the new system within 90 days, as required by the state. The cost to connect is estimated at about \$4,000.

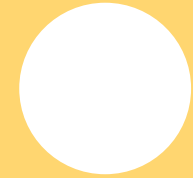
For home occupants who meet TWDB low-income qualifications, the cost to connect properties to the system will be covered with grant funds.

Home occupants must complete and return the attached survey within one week to be considered for connection funding assistance.

A final fair will be held at the Montana Vista Fire Rescue, 13978 Montana Avenue, on July 13, 2019 from 9 a.m. to noon for questions and paperwork assistance or submissions.

Surveys can also be mailed or hand-delivered to Barracuda Public Relations at 2531 ½ East Yandell Drive, El Paso, TX 79903 by July 13, 2019.

For questions or to complete the survey by phone, call (915) 263-4000.



Aviso

El Paso Water está por iniciar la instalación de un nuevo sistema de drenaje en su área en el otoño gracias a la ayuda financiera de \$13 millones del organismo Texas Water Development Board por medio del programa Economically Distressed Areas Program.

Los fondos recibidos principalmente cubrirán el costo de la construcción del sistema de drenaje, lo cual incluye una red subterránea de tubería que transportará el drenaje a una planta tratadora. Sin embargo, es responsabilidad del propietario que la vivienda esté conectada al nuevo sistema en un periodo de 90 días, tal como es requerido por el estado. El costo para conectarse se estima alrededor de \$4,000.

El costo de conexión al sistema será cubierto en su totalidad para aquellos propietarios o inquilinos que cumplan con ciertos requisitos de ingresos establecidos por el TWDB.

Se requiere que los propietarios o inquilinos llenen y regresen el formulario adjunto dentro de una semana para ser considerados para esta ayuda financiera.

Una feria final se llevará a cabo en Montana Vista Fire Rescue, 13978 Montana Avenue, el 13 de julio del 2019 de las 9 a.m. a mediodía para preguntas y documentos de asistencia o entregas.

Los formularios pueden ser enviados por correo o entregados en persona a Barracuda Public Relations, 2531 ½ East Yandell Drive, El Paso, TX 79903 a más tardar el 5 de Julio del 2019.

Si tiene alguna duda o para completar la encuesta por teléfono, llame al (915) 263-4000.



Required Documentation

- Application for Montana Vista Wastewater Service
- Decommissioning Of Septic Tank Form – (County Form)
- Right-of-Entry
- Deed (if Promissory Note is Required)

For more information

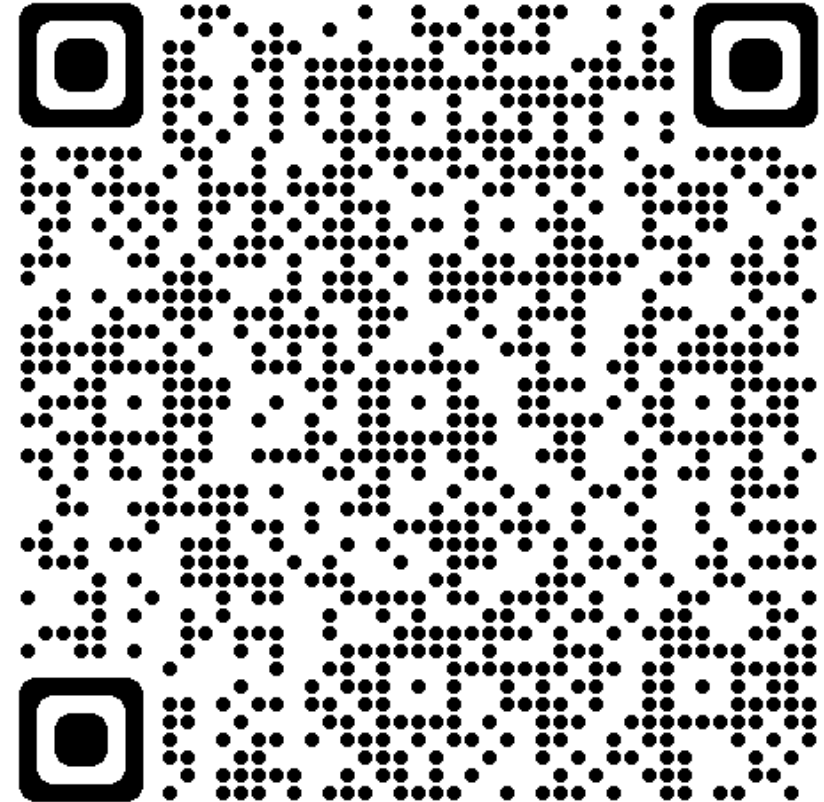
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