



# Dry Creek Water Association Inc.

## February 2026 Newsletter

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If you are interested in becoming involved with the community water system, please feel free to email or call the office and we can get together with the Board Members for a meet and greet

### **Proposed Water Rate Adjustment Included with This Water Bill and Newsletter Effective June 1, 2026**

Dry Creek Water Association has been developing a new rate structure over the past several months designed to promote long-term financial stability and minimize the need for large, infrequent rate increases. This approach implements modest, annual adjustments through 2030, allowing the Association to regularly evaluate system needs and plan responsibly for the subsequent five-year period. The Association's most recent approved rate increase occurred in 2023.

All revenue collected is reinvested directly into the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the water system. Rate revenues support the following essential services:

- System maintenance and emergency repairs
- Infrastructure upgrades and system expansion
- Regulatory compliance and water quality monitoring
- Power costs for pumping and treatment operations
- Professional engineering, inspection, and technical services

Dry Creek Water Association remains committed to responsible stewardship of funds and maintaining transparency with its shareholders.

#### **Water Conservation Tips**

1. Be Smart with Hot Water Use During colder months, hot water use increases. Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads and consider lowering your water heater temperature to 120°F to save both water and energy.
2. Disconnect and Drain Outdoor Hoses. Leaving hoses attached can trap water in outdoor faucets, increasing the risk of freezing and leaks. Disconnect hoses and drain spigots before cold weather
3. Seal Drafts Around Pipes Use caulk or spray foam to seal gaps where pipes enter walls or foundations. This keeps cold air out and reduces the chance of frozen pipes.

#### **Current Projects/ Goals**

##### **Edgewood Drive Project**

BHC Consultants have completed the 30% design and alignment for Phase 1 of the Edgewood Drive water main replacement. The Association is currently reviewing the plans and resolving alignment issues prior to submitting them to the County for final review to ensure there are no conflicts with the County's planned road realignment. Design efforts for the section of Edgewood Drive from Dry Creek to Critchfield Road were temporarily adjusted due to the proposed construction of a warehouse facility on the affected property. Following the SEPA mitigation process, several modifications to the original design were required. The Association continues to coordinate with all involved parties to ensure the final design meets project requirements and stakeholder needs.

##### **Water System Plan**

Solmar Water System has addressed the Department of Health's comments issued on November 14, 2025, and submitted the revised Water System Plan on January 20, 2026. The Association is currently awaiting further review and feedback

##### **Storage Capacity Project**

After evaluating three tank design options prepared by BHC Consultants to ensure compliance with Department of Health mixing and performance standards, the Association selected a preferred design that supports long-term operational efficiency and ease of maintenance. The 90% design phase is anticipated by March, after which the project will move forward into final review and contractor coordination. Additionally, potholing was conducted near the reservoirs to locate the existing water main and confirm compliance with the 20-foot easement recorded with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

A common question is where system responsibility ends and homeowner responsibility begins  
Homeowners are responsible for the service line from the meter to the home, including plumbing inside the house

If you're unsure where your responsibility begins, contact the office for clarification.

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