



# Dry Creek Water Association Inc.

## May 2026 Newsletter

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### Interim Trustees

We appreciate Shirley Gump and Kenneth Blair for attending the recent meeting and stepping forward to get involved with the community water system. They have been appointed as interim Trustees and will serve in this role until the next Annual Shareholders Meeting, at which time shareholders will vote on their continued service.

### Letter to the Shareholders April 10, 2026

The letter sent on April 10, 2026, was intended to keep you all informed about a nearby development and road project that will impact portions of our water system. The current engineer's estimate to address these impacts is \$484,306.03.

The City of Port Angeles has identified some funding to help offset these costs; however, discussions are ongoing regarding how the remaining costs will be allocated. We are actively working with the County and the developer to reach a fair resolution and avoid placing an unnecessary financial burden on you all.

No decisions have been made at this time, and we will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

### Drought Declaration

Due to low snowpack in the Olympic Mountains, the Washington State Department of Ecology has declared a drought. This may impact our aquifer and groundwater wells. We will be monitoring well levels weekly to track any significant drawdown.

If dry conditions persist, increased demand could place stress on our system, particularly during peak summer use.

We ask all shareholders to be mindful of water use and take simple steps to conserve wherever possible to help maintain a reliable supply for the entire community. Even small reductions across all households can make a meaningful difference. For more information, visit:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/water-supply/water-availability/statewide-conditions/drought-response>

### Outdoor water conservation tips

- Water early or late in the day to reduce evaporation and get more benefit from each use.
- Limit lawn watering to only what's necessary. Lawns can tolerate some dryness and will recover.
- Check for leaks and use efficient hoses/sprinklers to avoid wasting water.

### Current Projects & Goals

#### Edgewood Drive Project

After receiving comments from Clallam County on the original alignment presented by BHC Consultants, our contracted engineer, we identified two viable options: wait for the County to complete the road widening and coordinate the project with them, or proceed with designing the water main now and work with shareholders to secure easements to relocate the line in advance of the County's work. We have decided to proceed with the second option.

#### Warehouse Development Mitigation

After speaking with Commissioner Mike French, we were advised to apply for Clallam County Opportunity Funds in pursuit of grant funding. The application has been completed, and we are now preparing for submittal.

#### Water System Plan

We received an email from Diedra Hahn with the Department of Ecology on March 4 stating that, due to unforeseen circumstances, Ecology was unable to complete their review within the original timeframe and has extended the projected timeline to April 2026. As of now, we have not yet received further feedback.

#### Storage Capacity Project

We have completed our review of the 90% design and provided comments to BHC. They are currently addressing these items so we can proceed with the engineer's estimate, contractor bid documents, and submission to the Washington State Department of Health.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is still reviewing our easement application. We are optimistic this will be approved by July, allowing construction to begin as soon as possible.

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