



COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES BOARD
MS Teams and Blue River Board Room
Plaza of the Rockies
121 S. Tejon Street
South Tower, 5th Floor

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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1:00 p.m.	1.	Call to Order	Chair Donelson
1:05 p.m.	2.	Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	Chair Donelson
1:10 p.m.	3.	Colorado River Update <u>Informational presentation</u> on a Colorado River update on Lakes Mead and Powell interim operations negotiations between the Upper and Lower Basins.	Becky Mitchell, Upper Colorado River Commissioner
1:30 p.m.	4.	Consent Agenda These items will be acted upon as a whole unless a specific item is called for discussion by a Board Member or a citizen wishing to address the Utilities Board. (Any items called up for separate consideration shall be acted upon following Compliance Reports.) • Approval of Aug. 20, 2025, Utilities Board Meeting Minutes	Chair Donelson
1:35 p.m.	5.	Customer Comments • During the customer comment period, comments are accepted for any topic not on the agenda. • Comments for specific agenda items will be taken following the presentation of the item and the Board's discussion. • Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker, per item. • Following the comments from customers who have signed up to speak, an announcement will be made seeking additional comments and the Board will accept all those wishing to comment.	Chair Donelson
1:40 p.m.	6.	Recognition • Whack Dam-IT Golf Tournament • Midwest Energy Association (MEA) Life Sustaining Award Recognizing Raeann Hawley	Renee Adams Chief Human Resources Officer Carlos Wright, Operations Manager, Fort Carson Support Section

	Resolution of Appreciation for Harold Miskel <u>Vote</u> to approve this resolution.	Andrew Colosimo, General Manager of the Regulatory, Environmental and Public Affairs Department
	Resolution of Appreciation for Bob Robson <u>Vote</u> to approve this resolution.	Nicholas Peters, Chief System Planning and Projects Officer
2:20 p.m.	7. Compliance Reports: - I-7 Water Supply Management (Annual) - I-10 Treatment of Staff (Annual) - I-11 Compensation & Benefits G-9 (Annual) - E-2.8 Emergency CEO Succession (Annual) E-2 CEO/Board Partnership Responsibilities - Electric Cost Adjustment / Gas Cost Adjustment Update - Water Outlook	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer
2:30 p.m.	8. Items Called Off Consent Agenda	Chair Donelson
2:35 p.m.	9. City Code Revisions for Water Service Line Repairs and Lead & Copper Rules Revisions <u>Vote to recommend</u> to City Council changes to City Code, Chapter 12, Article 4, Part 4.	Tara McGowan, Engineering Manager, Design Water and Wastewater
2:55 p.m.	10. Acquisition of Real Property from BNSF Railway Co. for the Kelker to South Plant Transmission Project <u>Vote to approve</u> the acquisition of real property in excess of \$100,000 as part of the Kelker to South Plan Transmission Project, pursuant to section 4.1 of the City's Real Estate Manual.	Jessica Davis, Manager of Land Resources
3:00 p.m.	11. Disposal of Utilities-Controlled Real Property near Ponder Heights Drive <u>Vote to recommend</u> the disposal of Utilities-controlled property located near Ponder Heights Drive to one logical purchase, pursuant to section 5.2 of the City's Real Estate Manual.	Jessica Davis, Manager of Land Resources
3:05 p.m.	12. Disposal of Utilities-Controlled Real Property located at Charcas Road in Manitou Springs <u>Vote to recommend</u> the disposal of Utilities-controlled property located on Charcas Road in Manitou Springs, pursuant to section 5.7 of the City's Real Estate Manual.	Jessica Davis, Manager of Land Resources

3:10 p.m.	13. Large Load Tariff Review <u>Informational presentation</u> on the large load rate, which is part of the items for the 2026 rate case.	Tristan Gearhart, Chief Planning and Finance Officer
3:35p.m.	14. Board Member Updates	Board of Directors
3:45 p.m.	15. Summary of Board Actions	Gail Pecoraro, Utilities Board Administrator
3:50 p.m.	16. Executive Session In accordance with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d) and Utilities Board Bylaws Rules 10(c)(4) the Utilities Board, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session on one issue. The issue to be discussed involves specialized details of security arrangements involving critical infrastructure and operational assets. The City Attorney's Office, on behalf of the Chair of the Utilities Board, shall poll the Utilities Board members, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may conduct a Closed Executive Session. In the event any Utilities Board member is participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session, each Utilities Board member participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session shall affirmatively state for the record that no other member of the public not authorized to participate in the electronic Closed Executive Session is present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.	Renee Congdon, Utilities Division Chief, City Attorney's Office
4:35 p.m.	17. Adjournment	Chair Donelson

Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025		
To:	Utilities Board		
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer		
Subject:	Colorado River Update		
NARRATIVE:			
Desired Action: Choose only one	☐ Approval ☐ Discussion ☒ Information		
Executive Summary:	Becky Mitchell, Colorado's commissioner to the Upper Colorado River Commission, will provide an update on the status of negotiations between the Upper and Lower Division States regarding the post-2026 operational guidelines for Lakes Mead and Powell. The deadline to reach an agreement on strategies and inform the Interior Department is Nov. 11 to avoid possible federal intervention. Forty million people across seven states depend on water from this basin, including Colorado Springs residents. We have been closely monitoring the situation.		
Benefits:	As an Upper Basin State, Colorado would benefit from an agreement that avoids possible future cuts, given we often manage with less than we are accorded and must manage with what the environment provides.		
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	n/a		
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	n/a		
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	Colorado Springs Utilities customers		
Alternatives:			
Submitter:	Jennifer Jordan	Email Address:	jbjordan@csu.org
Division:	Administrative and Human Resources	Phone Number:	
Department:	Public Affairs	Date Submitted:	October 20, 2024
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☐ Yes ☐ No		Item Number 3
ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT UTILITIES BOARD MEETING.			

Colorado River Update from the Commissioner

Becky Mitchell

Colorado's Commissioner to the
Upper Colorado River Commission



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Post-2026 Negotiations

- The '07 Guidelines expire next year
- The federal government has asked the Basin States to provide high-level points of any deal by November 11th



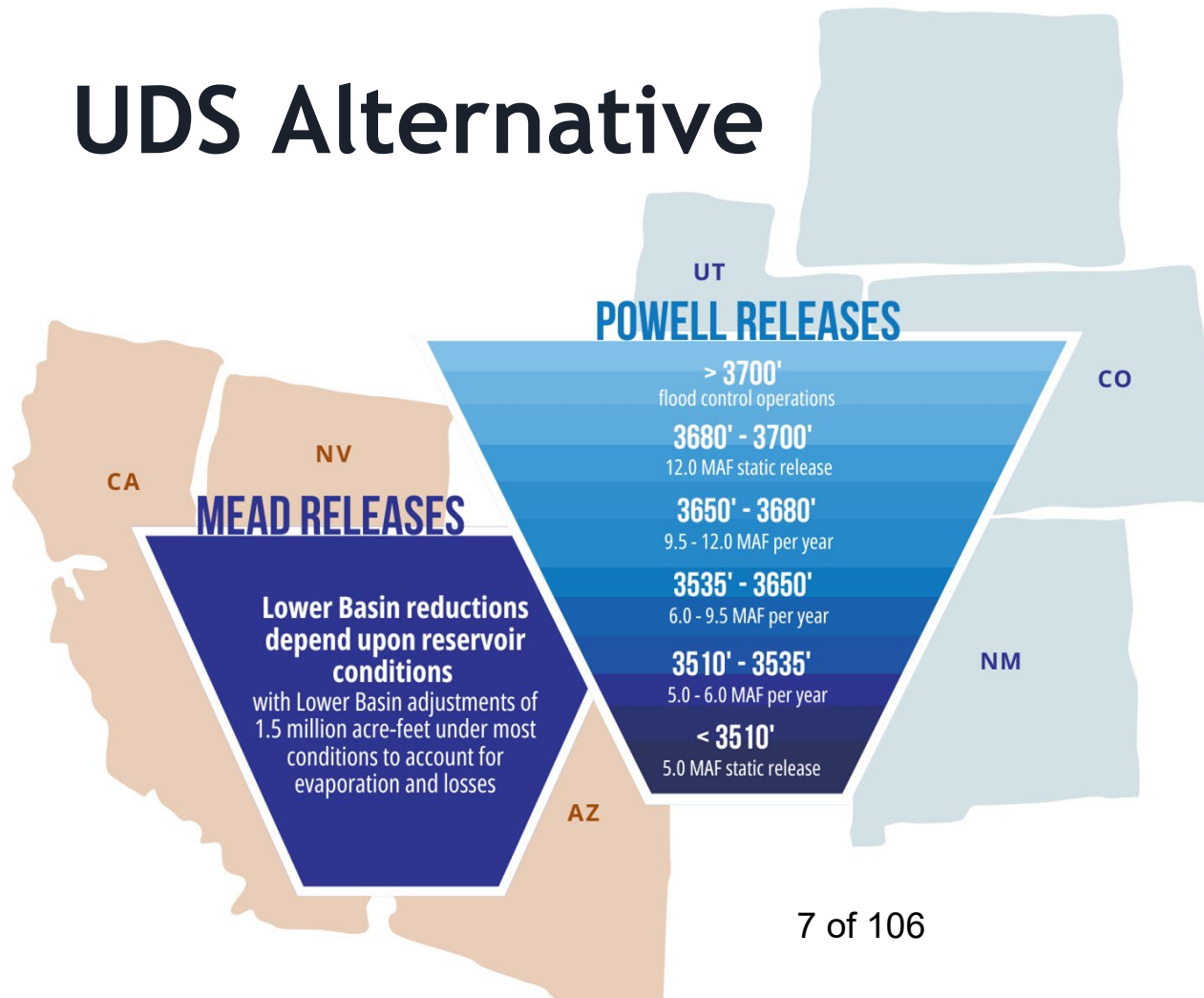
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Upper Basin Actions

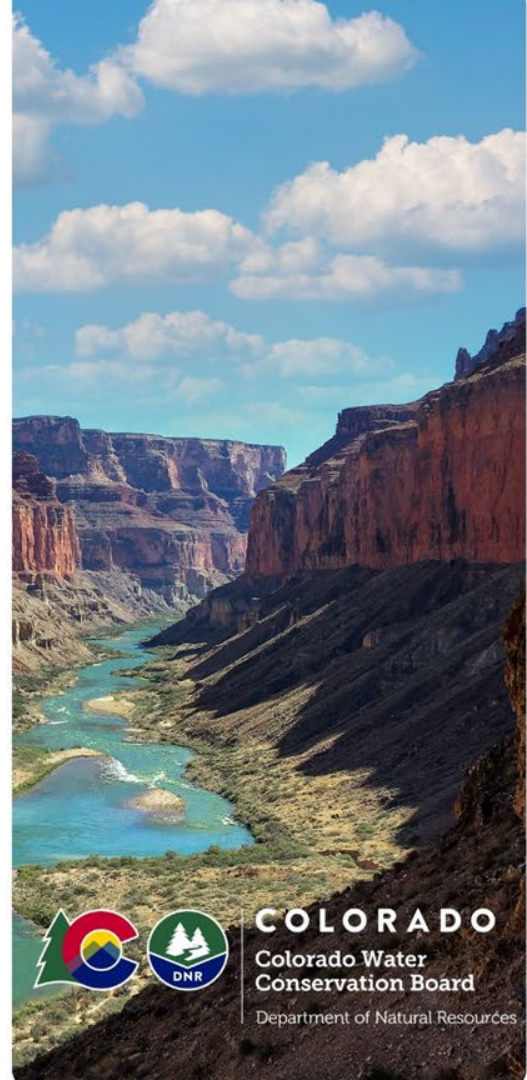
- Voluntary conservation
- Releases from the Upstream Initial Units
- Strict administration of water rights
- Shortages



Colorado River Compact

An Equitable Foundation

- We have never been out of compliance with the Compact
- We are not renegotiating the Compact
- The Compact is flexible enough to accommodate highly variable hydrology
- The Colorado River Compact forever secures water for each Basin to develop based on the needs and rate of growth of each Basin



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Diversion Measurement

- New program for the Upper Colorado River Basin in Divisions 4, 5, 6, & 7
- Replace a missing or faulty measurement device at the point of diversion at no-cost to water user
- For more info

Visit: cwcb.colorado.gov/diversionmeasurement

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1. Call to Order

Chair Donelson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Ms. Natalie Watts, Strategic Planning and Governance Manager, called roll.

Present – Chair Dave Donelson, Board Member Tom Bailey, Board Member Lynette Crow-Iverson, Board Member Henjum, Board Member David Leinweber, Board Member Ronald Rainey and Board Member Brian Risley

Vice Chair Brandy Williams and Board Member Kimberly Gold attended the meeting virtually.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chaplain Gene Steinkirchner, Colorado Springs Police Department, offered the invocation and Chair Donelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda

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- **Approval of July 16, 2025, Utilities Board Meeting Minutes**

The July minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

- **Reappointment of Chris Meyer as a Regular Member of the Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC)**

Mr. Chris Meyer thanked the Utilities Board and said being on UPAC has been a great opportunity. Mr. Risley thanked Mr. Meyer for his service and expertise on UPAC.

The Reappointment of Chris Meyer as a regular member of UPAC was approved on the consent agenda.

- **Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA)**

Board Member Henjum made a motion to move the item forward to the regular City Council meeting agenda. Board Member Bailey seconded the motion. The motion to move the Intergovernmental Agreement ARPA forward to City Council was passed unanimously.

4. Customer Comments

There were no customer comments.

5. Recognition

- **National Preparedness Month**

Ms. Somer Mese, Chief Operations Officer, introduced Ms. Erin Duran, Emergency Management Program Manager, to provide the recognition for September being National Preparedness Month.

- **Champion of Well-Being Emerging Leader Award**

Ms. Renee Adams, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced Ms. Sara Akins, Safety & Health Manager. Ms. Akins provided the details of the award given to Springs Utilities by Health Links.

- **Resolution of Appreciation for Lisa Barbato, Chief System Planning and Projects Officer**

Mr. Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer, extended his appreciation to Ms. Barbato for her invaluable contributions and dedicated service throughout her career at Utilities.

Chair Donelson presented a Resolution of Appreciation honoring Ms. Barbato.

Ms. Barbato expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the Utilities Board for their recognition and reflected on her career with appreciation for the commitment and dedication of all Springs Utilities' employees.

The Deputy Chief of Staff for the City, Ryan Trujillo, conveyed formal thanks on behalf of the City of Colorado Springs. The Utilities Board collectively expressed their appreciation for Ms. Barbato's service and longstanding dedication to Utilities.

Board Member Henjum made the motion to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation. Board Member Crow-Iverson seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

6. Compliance Reports:

- **I-2 Financial Condition and Activities (to include Contracts Over \$500K**) G-7 (Quarterly April-June)**

There was no presentation for the agenda item.

- **I-4 Risk Management (Semi-annual)**

There was no presentation for the agenda item.

- **I-8 Asset Protection (Semi-annual)**

There was no presentation for the agenda item.

- **I-9 Treatment of Customers and Customer Information (Annual)**

There was no presentation for the agenda item.

- **ER:1-3 Utilities Board Expected Results – Mid-year Scorecard**

Ms. Watts presented the ER:1-3 Utilities Board Expected Results – Mid-year Scorecard.

Board Member Henjum asked about the trend for natural gas failures. Ms. Mese advised Utilities is attempting to be more proactive, but there have been more hits due to increased construction around the city.

Chair Donelson informed attendees that the financial metrics presentation had been thoroughly reviewed during the Working Committee meeting held on Aug. 18. He noted that a recording of the presentation is available for public viewing and, as a result, the Utilities Board may not have many questions at this time.

Mr. Tristan Gearhart, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the financial metrics that did not meet expectations and next steps to restore the metrics.

- **E-2 CEO/Board Partnership Responsibilities**
 - Electric Cost Adjustment / Gas Cost Adjustment Update
 - Water Outlook
- There was no presentation for these items.

7. Items Called Off Consent Agenda

There were no items called from the consent agenda.

8. A Resolution Amending the Portions of the Utilities Board Bylaws and Excellence in Governance Policy Manual Rules Regarding Standing Committees and Rescinding Resolution 25-11

Ms. Renee Congdon, Utilities Division Chief for the Office of the City Attorney, provided an overview of the previous Utilities Board committee structure. She noted that in March 2025, the Utilities Board adopted a resolution to pilot the Working Committee Meeting format, temporarily suspending the Bylaws and Excellence in Governance Policy Manual related to the former structure. Ms. Congdon stated that the current resolution proposes permanently dissolving the individual committees and establishing the Working Committee as the sole standing committee.

Board Member Rainey made a motion to approve the resolution. Board Member Henjum seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

9. 2026 Budget and Rate Case

Mr. John Hunter, Financial Planning and Risk Manager, presented the 2026 Budget to the Utilities Board.

Board Member Henjum asked when the Montgomery Reservoir project starts. Mr. Hunter advised the project is currently in the planning stages and is set to begin in 2027.

Board Member Henjum highlighted to the public that presentation was reviewed in greater detail at the Working Committee Meeting on Aug. 18.

Mr. Scott Shirola, Pricing and Rates Manager, provided an overview of the Rate Case and the proposed tariff changes. He requested that the items be advanced to the Sept. 9 City Council meeting to formally request a hearing date of Oct. 14.

Vice Chair Williams inquired about the implementation timeline for the proposed net metering changes. In response, Mr. Shirola stated that the changes are scheduled to take effect in 2027. Vice Chair Williams expressed concern regarding the limited timeframe to adequately inform and educate the public about the changes. She recommended that the net metering component be removed from the current Rate Case for further consideration. Mr. Shirola advised there would be an opportunity for City Council to make adjustments at the hearing.

Board Member Henjum inquired whether the proposed net metering changes could be approved in 2026. Mr. Chris Bidlack, City Attorney, responded that the initial reading of the Rate Case is scheduled for the Oct. 14 City Council meeting, at which time Council has the authority to approve or deny the proposed changes. He further noted the final vote on the resolutions is expected to take place at the Oct. 28 City Council meeting. Mr. Bidlack added that the Utilities Board has the discretion to defer the net metering item to next year's Rate Case. Mr. Gearhart provided context for the proposed net metering changes, emphasizing Springs Utilities' intent to allow sufficient time for affected customers to prepare for the transition.

Ms. Congdon asked whether City Council could reject the net metering changes after the Oct. 14 reading. Mr. Bidlack confirmed that Council may approve, deny, or amend the proposal at the hearing's conclusion.

Ms. Congdon also asked about the *ex parte* communication period. Mr. Bidlack stated it begins on Sept. 9, following the hearing request. He advised that communication between Utilities Board Members and Springs Utilities' staff should be limited during this period to ensure all parties enter the hearing with equal access to information.

Board Member Risley made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget and Rate Case to go to City Council. The motion was second by Board member Rainey, it was approved 7-2 with Board Member Henjum and Vice Chair Williams opposed.

10. Board Member Updates

Board Member Henjum provided an update on the positive experience of visiting the Las Vegas Treatment Plant and the Ruxton Hydro Electric Power Plant sites.

Board Member Crow-Iverson stated she also visited the sites and thanked staff for the educational experiences.

Chair Donelson stated the onsite visits have been valuable on providing knowledge of Utilities' infrastructure. He noted that including media coverage on the visits helps to inform the public. He also shared that fiber installation is currently underway on his street and observed that the process has improved.

11. Summary of Board Actions

Natalie Watts, Strategic Planning and Governance Manager, provided a summary of the agenda items approved.

12. Executive Session - 2025 CEO Mid-Year Performance Review

Ms. Congdon read the City Charter to go into Executive Session. The Utilities Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Utilities Board took a break at 2:55 p.m. and started Executive Session at 3:00 p.m.

The Utilities Board returned from Executive Session at 4:08 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Chair Donelson adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025		
To:	Utilities Board		
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer		
Subject:	Whack Dam It Golf Tournament Benefitting Project COPE		
NARRATIVE:			
Desired Action: Choose only one	☐ Approval ☐ Discussion ☒ Information		
Executive Summary:	The 11th Annual Whack Dam It Golf Tournament took place on Sept. 12, 2025. All proceeds from the tournament go to the utility's customer assistance program, Project COPE (Citizen's Option to Provide Energy). This year's event raised record-breaking contribution to Project COPE in the amount of \$32,600. This donation will be fully matched by Colorado Springs Utilities. In total, this group of amazing employees has raised \$143,600 (\$287,200 with the match) in support of Project COPE.		
Benefits:	Financial support for Project COPE utility assistance program.		
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	Community Investment, I-13		
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	N/A		
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	Colorado Springs Utilities' customers in need of Project COPE utility assistance		
Alternatives:	N/A		
Submitter:	Kandy Drake	Email Address:	kdrake@csu.org
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Department:	Public Affairs	Date Submitted:	October 2, 2025
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☐ Yes ☒ No		Item Number 06
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Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025
To:	Utilities Board
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Midwest Energy Association (MEA) Energy Association Recognizes Raeann Hawley of Colorado Springs Utilities with Life Sustaining Award
NARRATIVE:	
Desired Action: Choose only one	☐ Approval ☐ Discussion ☒ Information
Executive Summary:	Raeann Hawley, Gas Leak Survey Specialist/Pipefitter for Colorado Springs Utilities, was recognized by MEA Energy Association (MEA) with a Life Sustaining Award for her exceptional response to a medical emergency that potentially saved a life in 2024. On a routine return to Leon Young Service Center, Hawley demonstrated her commitment to community safety and well-being. As she approached an intersection, she noticed a young woman who had fallen from her wheelchair near a bus stop and was clearly in distress. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Raeann pulled over to help. Upon reaching the individual, she found the woman actively experiencing a seizure and vomiting. Raeann quickly assessed her airway and breathing, then placed her in the recovery position to ensure her safety and minimize risk. She also instructed a bystander to contact emergency services. Hawley remained with the individual, offering comfort and monitoring her condition until emergency responders arrived. Upon taking over the scene, paramedics expressed sincere appreciation for Raeann's swift actions and her readiness to step in when it mattered most. "Raeann's quick thinking, calm under pressure, and commitment to the welfare of others are a reflection of both her personal character and the safety culture fostered by Colorado Springs Utilities," said John Gann, senior vice president of membership and marketing at MEA. "She exemplifies the values we aim to highlight with the Life Sustaining Award." The MEA Life Sustaining Award honors individuals from member companies who have taken action that directly contributed to saving a life.
Benefits:	Showcases Colorado Springs Utilities employees' dedication to the community and customers.
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	n/a
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	n/a

Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.		n/a	
Alternatives:		n/a	
Submitter:	Somer Mese	Email Address:	smese@csu.org
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Department:		Date Submitted:	Sept. 17, 2025
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☐ Yes ☒ No		Item Number 06
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Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025		
To:	Utilities Board		
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer		
Subject:	Resolution Honoring Harold Miskel		
NARRATIVE:			
Desired Action: Choose only one	☒ Approval ☐ Discussion ☐ Information		
Executive Summary:	Harold Miskel served as a valuable staff member and leader within Colorado Springs Utilities from 1966 through 1999 and has served Colorado Springs Utilities and the statewide water community with commitment and passion, contributing significantly to the security and sustainability of Colorado's water supplies. Colorado Springs Utilities Board Members and Colorado Springs Utilities employees express their deepest condolences to Harold's family in his passing and heartfelt appreciation to Harold for his lifetime of service, steadfast leadership, and eternal contributions to the water community.		
Benefits:	N/A		
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	N/A		
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	N/A		
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	N/A		
Alternatives:			
Submitter:	Abigail Ortega	Email Address:	ajortega@csu.org
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Department:	Infrastructure and Resource Planning	Date Submitted:	10/13/25
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☐ Yes ☒ No		Item Number 06
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RESOLUTION 25-17

A RESOLUTION HONORING HAROLD MISKEL FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS Harold Miskel served as a valuable staff member and leader within Colorado Springs Utilities from 1966 through 1999; and

Whereas Harold Miskel has served Colorado Springs Utilities and the statewide water community with commitment and passion, contributing significantly to the security and sustainability of Colorado's water supplies;

Whereas through his tenure as part of Colorado Springs Utilities, Harold helped unify our department into a City-owned enterprise, oversaw the creation of the Colorado Springs Utilities brand, and championed volunteer and giving programs that still benefit our community;

Whereas Harold was the visionary behind the Arkansas River Exchange Program, the foundation of which we continue to build on for our water supply future;

Whereas in addition to his work directly for Colorado Springs Utilities, Harold spent numerous years serving on Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Colorado Water Conservation Board and work with Colorado Water Congress;

Whereas in 2024 Colorado Springs Utilities honored the lifetime commitment of Harold by renaming the Lower Williams Creek Reservoir the Harold Miskel Reservoir;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES:

That Colorado Springs Utilities Board Members and Utilities employees, express their deepest condolences to Harold's family in his passing and heartfelt appreciation to Harold for his lifetime of service, steadfast leadership, and eternal contributions to the water community;

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 22nd day of October 2025.

By: _____
Dave Donelson, Chair of the Utilities Board

Attest: _____
Travas Deal, Secretary

Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025
To:	Utilities Board
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Resolution Honoring Bob Robson
NARRATIVE:	
Desired Action: Choose only one	☒ Approval ☐ Discussion ☐ Information
Executive Summary:	Bob Robson, a supervisor in the Colorado Springs Utilities weld shop, passed away on Oct. 14, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. Bob joined Colorado Springs Utilities in 2012 as a machinist in the weld shop. His dedication and leadership earned him a promotion to supervisor in 2018. He was a second generation community servant - his dad worked for City fleet - and passionate about people, which was reflected in his leadership. Bob was behind the creation of the service award employees receive at milestone anniversaries. Bob was also instrumental in the design of the CEO Award individuals receive for extraordinary work. Both are created in Colorado Springs Utilities' weld shop. Bob was also a captain on the Catamount Wildland Fire Team and even represented Colorado Springs Utilities through national deployment. After leaving the team, he remained a loyal supporter and was a driving force behind many improvements to brush trucks, which continues to benefit the team today. His influence is still felt with the team - in the way they train, the way they support each other and the pride they take in their work. Colorado Springs Utilities Board Members and employees express their deepest condolences to Bob's family in his passing and share their heartfelt appreciation to Bob for his service, leadership, and many contributions to Colorado Springs Utilities.
Benefits:	N/A
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	N/A
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	N/A
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	N/A

Alternatives:			
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RESOLUTION 25-18

A RESOLUTION HONORING BOB ROBSON FOR HIS SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS Bob Robson served as a valuable staff member and leader within Colorado Springs Utilities for 13 years; and

Whereas Bob joined Colorado Springs Utilities in 2012 as a machinist in the weld shop. His dedication and leadership earned him a promotion to supervisor in 2018;

Whereas Bob was a second-generation community servant—his dad worked for City fleet—and he was passionate about people, which was reflected in his leadership;

Whereas he was instrumental in the creation of the Service Award employees receive at milestone anniversaries as well as the CEO Award given to employees for extraordinary work. Both awards are created in the Colorado Springs Utilities weld shop;

Whereas Bob was a captain on the Catamount Wildland Fire Team and even represented Colorado Springs Utilities through national deployment;

Whereas After leaving the team, Bob remained a loyal supporter and was a driving force behind many improvements to brush trucks, which continues to benefit the team today;

Whereas his influence is still felt with the team—in the way they train, the way they support each other and the pride they take in their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES:

That Colorado Springs Utilities Board Members and Utilities employees express their deepest condolences to Bob's family in his passing and heartfelt appreciation to Bob for his service, leadership, and many contributions to Colorado Springs Utilities.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 22nd day of October 2025.

By: _____
Dave Donelson, Chair of the Utilities Board

Attest: _____
Travas Deal, Secretary



Date: October 22, 2025

To: Utilities Board

From: Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Excellence in Governance Monitoring Report
Water Supply Management (I-7)**

Desired Action: Monitoring

Compliance: The CEO reports compliance with the instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS			
Category:	Utilities Board Instructions to the Chief Executive Officer	Reporting Timeframe:	August 1, 2024–September 30, 2025
Policy Title (Number):	Water Supply Management (I-7)	Reviewing Committee:	Working
Monitoring Type:	Internal		
Monitoring Frequency:	Annual		

The Chief Executive Officer shall direct that new and existing water resources and systems are aggressively developed, protected and optimized to maintain and enhance water system sustainability and responsibly balance costs and risks to reliably meet the needs of current and future customers. Accordingly, the CEO shall:

- 1. Defend Colorado Springs Utilities’ water rights against claims and filings by others if these would in any way injure, hinder, or decrease Colorado Springs’ current or future yield or use.*

Colorado Springs Utilities protects Colorado Springs’ existing water resources vigorously against claims and filings by others by filing statements of opposition to water rights claims made in Colorado water courts that have the potential to impede, infringe upon, or decrease the yield from Colorado Springs’ decreed water rights. As of Sept. 15, 2025, Colorado Springs Utilities is involved in 17 statement of opposition cases.

2. *Conduct periodic evaluations of Colorado Springs Utilities' existing decreed water rights and take legal and administrative actions necessary to optimize the water system.*

Colorado Springs Utilities' staff engaged in the following activities to protect and optimize existing water resources during the reporting period:

- A. Participation in water court actions related to the protection and development of water rights.

As of Sept. 15, 2025, Colorado Springs Utilities is a party in 26 water rights cases, consisting of five application cases, four diligence cases, and 17 statement of opposition cases.

During the reporting period, Colorado Springs Utilities filed two applications for findings of reasonable diligence with regard to certain conditional water rights owned by Utilities and its partners, and/or to make portions of the conditional water rights absolute while maintaining the remaining conditional portions of those rights during the reporting period. The first (Case No. 25CW3010) involves conditional water rights in unbuilt reservoirs near Turquoise Reservoir that were acquired by Colorado Springs Utilities from CF&I Steel Corporation and Evergreen Land and Resources Company in 1984. This case is still pending. The second (Case No. 25CW3035) involves conditional rights of substitution and exchange owned by the Colorado Canal Company, of which Colorado Springs Utilities is the majority shareholder. This case is still pending.

Colorado Springs Utilities filed an Application for Change of Conditional Water Rights for the Lower Blue Reservoir to allow use of water available under the right by Colorado Springs Utilities and two west slope parties as required by the settlement agreement described in section 2.b.i (24CW3116). Additionally, Colorado Springs Utilities filed an Application for Change of Water Rights to change the type and place of use of the water attributable to 2,810 shares in the Fort Lyon Canal Company to allow their use in Colorado Springs' municipal system (25CW3015). Both of those applications are pending.

- B. Development of conditional water rights.

Colorado Springs Utilities' staff is actively pursuing development of its remaining conditional water rights located on the Western Slope of Colorado. The primary means of protecting and developing these water rights is to complete the permitting and construction of the infrastructure needed to divert the water and put it to beneficial use. Two systems in the Colorado River Basin have existing water rights and undeveloped supplies:

- i. Continental-Hoosier System - Staff has continued working on permitting a project to fully utilize the rights available under the Continental-Hoosier System and is conducting planning studies, engineering, legal analysis, design and pre-

permitting, including meeting with the appropriate permitting agencies to develop full and complete applications for the project that comply with Federal, State and Local requirements for the development of these water rights and supply. Pursuant to the executed Blue River Memorandum of Understanding 2024 with several Western Slope parties, staff is working toward a decree in Case No. 24CW3116 regarding Lower Blue Reservoir storage rights.

- ii. Eagle River Joint-Use Water Project - Staff participated in partnership discussions consistent with the planning phase of the project in order to continue to diligently preserve these water rights and supply. Staff provided subject matter expertise in water court cases to protect these water rights.

C. Development of additional water supplies.

- i. Colorado Springs Utilities' staff performed engineering and legal work that facilitates the use of the water rights associated with shares in the Lower Arkansas Water Management Association (LAWMA) it acquired in 2018 and previous years, as well as temporary use waters acquired through separate agreements with the Super Ditch Company and LAWMA. The Super Ditch Pilot Project will provide Colorado Springs Utilities up to 1,000 acre-feet (AF) of water in three of the next 10 years. The agreement with LAWMA will provide Colorado Springs Utilities approximately 2,500 AF of water in five of the next 10 years.
- ii. Colorado Springs Utilities also acquired 363 shares in the FLCC in addition to the 3,212 FLCC shares that were purchased since 2021.
- iii. Colorado Springs Utilities' staff, attorneys and outside experts performed engineering and legal work associated with obtaining required authorizations and filed water rights applications that will facilitate the use of the water rights associated with its FLCC shares.
- iv. Colorado Springs Utilities is pursuing successful completion of permitting an enlargement at Montgomery Reservoir in the Continental-Hoosier System which is expected to increase the average annual yield from that system by 4,000 AF.
- v. Colorado Springs Utilities' staff continue to evaluate and pursue opportunities to acquire additional water supplies and participate in storage projects in the Arkansas, Colorado, and South Platte River Basins.

D. Development and use of Colorado Springs Utilities' exchange program.

Colorado Springs Utilities also operated its exchange program, which allows Colorado Springs Utilities to maximize the use of its reusable return flows by exchanging them for a like amount of water stored or diverted upstream of where the return flows accrue to

the Arkansas River System (e.g., reusable return flows that accrue to the Arkansas River at its confluence with Fountain Creek can be exchanged or traded upstream for a like amount of water stored in Pueblo Reservoir). The exchange program currently yields approximately 31,500 AF of water annually by maintaining dominion and control of all reusable return flows.

E. Participation in regional, state, and national programs, work groups and activities that may affect Colorado Springs' water resources.

Colorado Springs Utilities' staff attended, monitored, and regularly participated in meetings and activities of regional, statewide, and national interest concerning policies, regulations, and activities that may affect Colorado Springs' water resources.

Regional activities include ongoing discussions and coordination with regional water districts and other entities regarding potential service contracts. Statewide and national activities include negotiations with large water providers and other interested parties regarding water and watershed projects and administration and monitoring of water issues on regional and national levels.

Examples include participation by staff on the Arkansas, Colorado and South Platte River Basin Round Tables, the Metro Round Table, the Inter-Basin Compact Committee, the Front Range Water Council, Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, Upper Colorado River Wild & Scenic Alternative Management Plan, and the Arkansas Basin Regional Resource Planning Group. Other examples include staff's participation in activities related to: (1) Interstate and intrastate negotiations relating to compliance with the Colorado River Compact and related agreements, (2) addressing issues related to Perfluorinated Compounds in regional water supplies, and (3) proposed legislation that could impact Colorado Springs Utilities' water supply development and operations.

Colorado Springs Utilities' staff is also actively engaged in discussions about the Shoshone Water Rights Purchase by the Colorado River Water Conservation District. Colorado Springs Utilities and other front range water providers support the project but are engaged to ensure the continued use of Shoshone water rights is consistent with historical uses.

3. *Provide a reliable water supply to existing and future customers, including requests for regional service contracts and annexations, by planning for, developing, and managing water resources and infrastructure in accordance with City Code section 12.4.305 and the Integrated Water Resource Plan as updated from time to time.*

Colorado Springs Utilities' staff continually monitors stream flow, water demand and water system storage to ensure maximization of available water supply. As of July 31, 2025, Colorado Springs Utilities has more than three years of unrestricted water demand in storage. Colorado Springs Utilities has maintained more than one year of customer demand in storage

since 1992. In addition, it has achieved 90% reliability for maintaining a minimum of 1.5 years of demand in storage during this period, with storage only dropping below 1.5 years of demand in three of the 30 years.

Colorado Springs was under mandatory watering restrictions in five years (2002-2005, and 2013) during this 30-year period to respond to and recover from drought and low storage conditions. Although water system storage is not expected to fall below 1.5 years of demand in storage during the next reporting period, Colorado Springs Utilities continues to evaluate and plan for implementation of drought response measures in 2025/2026 and beyond based on the water outlook conditions that may exist in future years.

4. *Utilize Springs Utilities' dedicated water acquisition account to fund expenditures that enable timely acquisitions and participation in supply projects that increase raw water system yield.*

Colorado Springs Utilities staff is working toward an acquisition of stock in a newly formed Las Animas Consolidated Water Sharing Company (LACWSC) that will purchase approximately 76% of the shares of the Las Animas Consolidated Canal Company (LACC) and the closely related Consolidated Extension Canal Company (CECC). These are mutual ditch companies with Arkansas River water rights in Bent County, currently owned by Public Service Company of Colorado. The shares will be held by LACWSC which will issue 30% of the Capital Stock in the LACWSC to Colorado Springs Utilities. The remaining 70% of LACWSC stock will be restricted to solely agricultural uses in perpetuity. Purchase of these shares will necessitate engineering analysis and legal proceedings to change the shares for Colorado Springs Utilities' uses. The yield from these shares is estimated to be 3,100 acre-feet per year.

5. *Plan for and implement water efficiency and demand management measures to support and enhance water system reliability.*

In compliance with all Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) guidelines, Colorado Springs Utilities filed an updated Water Efficiency Plan (WEP) with the CWCB in 2022 (approved in 2023). This plan meets all CWCB statutory requirements through the implementation and management of planned programs and measures through June 2030. Water efficiency and demand management programs implemented by Colorado Springs Utilities enhance water system reliability, defer the need to bring additional water projects online, and are viewed by local, state, and federal agencies and stakeholders as an expectation and prerequisite for municipal water providers to seek additional water supplies.

Since 2001, conservation programs have achieved measurable savings of more than 8,000 AF which includes reaching the annual savings goal in the 2015 Water Use Efficiency Plan of 1,123 AF. To reach the goal of 10,000 – 11,000 AF of water savings defined in the Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP), Colorado Springs Utilities must continue to address inefficient use and reduce demands through comprehensive conservation programming.

Saving water through demand reductions stretches supplies. Colorado Springs Utilities' 2022 WEP is designed to reduce residential and systemwide usage rates by 2.5% between now and 2030; the identified programs could provide an estimated 2,191 acre-feet of water savings by 2030.

The activities outlined in the WEP will address the most significant areas of inefficiency and maximize the value and health of the built landscape by:

- a. Achieving widespread efficiency in residential indoor use, regardless of income, housing type or ownership.
- b. Meeting the increased need for resilient landscapes through programs that promote 12-16 inches of irrigation per season (compared to all-turf requirement of 24 inches).
- c. Supporting updates to the City's Commercial Landscape Code and Policy Manual to introduce limits on high water use turf grass, improve irrigation equipment standards, and incorporate water needs in design requirements.
- d. Implementing water loss control measures to gain savings and optimize water distribution system investments and operations.
- e. Educating customers on personalized water use goals which reflect their efficient use and needs for home, business and landscape.

In 2023, Colorado Springs Utilities completed a water conservation future potential study looking at the possibilities for water conservation 50 years into the future. This study demonstrated that while in the last 25 years Colorado Springs Utilities has cut use by more than 22,000 AF despite 41% population growth, in the next 50 years Colorado Springs Utilities expects to gain no more than 8,000 AF of savings with 60% – 70% population growth.

Pursuant to City Code §§ 12.4.1301-12.4.1316 (Water Shortage), Colorado Springs Utilities has the authority to systematically manage water demand and conserve Colorado Springs' water supply through water waste prohibitions that are always in place (called Water-Wise Rules), and mandatory watering restrictions during a water shortage.

6. *Use Denver Basin groundwater in Springs Utilities' exclusive water service territory only for emergency supplemental supply, limited non-potable uses, aquifer storage and recovery, or periodic exercising of groundwater infrastructure for operation and maintenance purposes. In all cases development of the Dawson Aquifer is prohibited.*

Colorado Springs Utilities does not allow the use of Denver Basin groundwater in its exclusive water service territory for purposes that violate this instruction, except for instances when specifically directed to do so by the Utilities Board and/or City Council. During the reporting period, Colorado Springs Utilities operated two Denver Basin wells on a limited basis for non-potable irrigation and provided for the use of a limited number of customer owned and operated wells for non-potable water purposes through its

groundwater augmentation program.

Colorado Springs Utilities legally controls a majority of the Dawson Aquifer groundwater within its exclusive water service territory. Colorado Springs Utilities has not developed or allowed development of groundwater that it controls in the Dawson Aquifer within the exclusive water service territory. There are some historical Dawson Aquifer wells on land previously annexed into the exclusive water service territory. Many of these wells are not subject to the control of Colorado Springs Utilities and the owners are legally entitled to continue operating the wells under existing well permits, decreed water rights, or both, to provide limited private water service.

7. *Not reserve Springs Utilities' water supplies, infrastructure or capacity for any person, organization, property or development regardless of whether that entity is inside or outside the city limits or Springs Utilities' exclusive water service territory, except that the Utilities Board may evaluate and approve such a reservation to ensure that Springs Utilities can meet the reasonably anticipated water and wastewater demands of the Pikes Peak Region's military installations on a case-by-case basis.*

Colorado Springs Utilities has not reserved water supply, water and wastewater infrastructure, or water and wastewater capacity for any person, organization, property or development during this reporting period. Colorado Springs Utilities provides water service on a "first-come, first-serve" basis within City limits pursuant to City Code § 12.4.1001 (Denver Basin Groundwater). Colorado Springs Utilities only provides water and wastewater service pursuant to City Code §§ 12.1.116, 12.4.301-12.4.305, and 12.5.301-12.5.305.

8. *All regional service contracts must be approved by the Utilities Board and City Council. Springs Utilities may deny any service request, modify the type of service to be provided, request mitigation to offset water system impacts and risks or impose terms and conditions on the provision of service necessary to offset impacts and risks.*

Colorado Springs Utilities has not entered into any special contracts for water-related services that are inconsistent with this instruction during the reporting period. During this reporting period, Colorado Springs Utilities entered two water and wastewater special contracts with regional entities that have 25-year terms. Specifically, Colorado Springs Utilities entered into a regional wastewater service agreement with Cheyenne Mountain Estates Mobile Home Park to treat wastewater from a small wastewater district located southwest of City limits. In addition, Colorado Springs Utilities has agreed to provide augmentation water services for a small enclave known as Overlook Mutual Water Company, located just northwest of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. These contracts provide a benefit to Colorado Springs Utilities' customers, contain terms and conditions consistent with this instruction, and received final approval from City Council.

Colorado Springs Utilities is continuing to monitor its existing special contracts and is evaluating the potential of providing regional water or wastewater services for a number of existing municipalities, existing special districts, new special districts, and enclaves. The requests for service have included standby water service; convey, treat, and deliver water service; and full-service wastewater service. Any contracts resulting from these discussions will ensure benefit to Colorado Springs Utilities' ratepayers and citizen owners, contain terms and conditions consistent with this instruction, and will require approval from City Council.

Colorado Springs Utilities also entered into 27 separate but similar temporary surplus water lease agreements under which the lessees can use water available under certain shares of the FLCC, Colorado Canal Company and/or fully consumable reusable return flows for various uses including well augmentation and agricultural irrigation during the reporting period. Total supplies that are subject to those leases is equal to approximately 10,000 AF.

9. *Consistent with Board Instruction I-5 (Economic Development), City Council may determine that water and wastewater services provided in accordance with a Special Contract is for an economic development purpose and may be provided for a term of up to, and not to exceed, 99-years if Council determines that the provision of such service satisfies the following criteria:*
 - A. *Includes only the use of Utilities' infrastructure and not the delivery of Colorado Springs' water;*
 - B. *Optimizes existing and planned Springs Utilities' water and wastewater infrastructure;*
 - C. *Grows the customer base by providing wholesale service to qualifying entities;*
 - D. *Assures a positive rate impact to citizens; and*
 - E. *Fosters partnerships with water and wastewater providers in the region to promote the efficient use and reuse of water and safe and effective wastewater treatment.*

Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Special Contracts may provide Colorado Springs' water in the event of an emergency and still satisfy the criteria above.

The Utilities Board approved language for Colorado Springs Utilities to enter into agreements of up to 99-years for regional water and wastewater agreements tied to economic development purposes and using Colorado Springs Utilities infrastructure only in March 2025. Since March, regional entities have expressed interest in entering into long-term agreements; however, no 99-year agreements have been approved by the Utilities Board and City Council since this new policy has been approved.



Date: October 22, 2025

To: Utilities Board

From: Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Excellence in Governance Compliance Report
Treatment of Staff (I-10)**

Desired Action: Monitoring

Compliance: The CEO reports compliance with the instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS			
Category:	Utilities Board Instructions to the Chief Executive Officer Treatment of Staff (I-10)	Reporting Timeframe:	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Policy Title (Number):		Reviewing Committee:	Personnel
Monitoring Type:	Internal	Monitoring Frequency:	Annual

The Chief Executive Officer shall direct that working conditions for paid and volunteer staff are fair, dignified, and respectful. Accordingly, the CEO shall:

- 1. Adhere to all discrimination, harassment and retaliation laws, policies and procedures.*

As stated in the Personnel Policies Manual, Colorado Springs Utilities will not tolerate any form of unlawful discrimination or harassment and seeks to establish a diverse and inclusive work environment free from unlawful discrimination and harassment. Colorado Springs Utilities has an Open Door Policy and a formal complaint process which it has adhered to during this reporting period.

- 2. Operate with a written personnel policy manual that clarifies personnel rules for employees and promulgate the personnel policy manual with an employee notification and comment procedure before any changes are made unless proposed changes are required immediately based on Federal, State or local laws or other exigent circumstances.*

Colorado Springs Utilities promulgated and formally notified all employees of potential changes to the Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) in accordance with the PPM

Promulgation Process. The PPM was promulgated Nov. 8, 2024 – Nov. 22, 2024, and approved effective Dec. 19, 2024.

3. *Provide employees access to all organizational policies and procedures.*

The Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) is posted on the intranet, which is accessible to all employees. A copy of the PPM may be printed by any employee. All new employees receive information on how to access the PPM during new employee orientation and sign an acknowledgment form.

4. *Operate with a written affirmative action plan, as required by law.*

Colorado Springs Utilities is a covered federal contractor or subcontractor subject to the requirements of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (§ 4212), as amended, and § 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Colorado Springs Utilities has an Affirmative Action Plan for protected veterans and individuals with disabilities.

5. *Periodically, not to exceed five years, assess the organizational climate issues using statistical sampling and a sound, validated procedure; and develop and implement an action plan.*

Colorado Springs Utilities conducted an employee climate survey in 2019 and 2024. Organizational action plans were created from the results of the 2024 climate survey and implementation of the action plans began in Q1 2025; those are currently in process.



Date: October 22, 2025

To: Utilities Board

From: Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Excellence in Governance Monitoring Report
Compensation and Benefits (I-11)**

Desired Action: Monitoring

Compliance: The CEO reports compliance with the instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS			
Category:	Utilities Board Instructions to the Chief Executive Officer	Reporting Timeframe:	September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025
Policy Title (Number):	Compensation and Benefits (I-11)	Reviewing Committee:	Working Committee
Monitoring Type:	Internal		
Monitoring Frequency:	Annual		

The Chief Executive Officer shall direct that employee compensation plans address individual accountability, reward for job performance, encourage organizational flexibility and responsiveness and are consistent with the geographic and professional markets for the job duties performed. Accordingly, the CEO shall:

- 1. Communicate an administrative procedure to employees which allows them to appeal the methodologies followed that result in the annual salary and benefits proposed for the upcoming year.*

In conjunction with the proposed 2025 budget presentation, employees were notified of the proposed salary and benefits in an annual wage and benefits memo. This memo included a specific salary and benefits appeal process. There were no appeals submitted during this reporting period.

2. *Develop executive compensation plans that are consistent with professional markets and include:*
 - A. *Data sources that include similar local, regional and national utilities of comparable size and annual revenue.*
 - B. *Multi-service utilities.*
 - C. *An appropriate balance of public and private organizations.*
 - D. *A mix of available custom survey data and published survey sources.*

No new executive compensation plans were developed during this reporting period.

3. *Provide severance to Officers and General Managers in the event of involuntary separation without cause in accordance with approved Utilities Board guidelines and at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the At-Will Senior Management Severance Guidelines.*

Severance was not provided during this monitoring period.

4. *Provide severance to any other employees only with Utilities Board Approval.*

Severance pay was not provided during this monitoring period.



Date: October 22, 2025

To: Utilities Board

From: Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Excellence in Governance Compliance Report
Chief Executive Officer Responsibilities (E-2.8)
Emergency Chief Executive Officer Succession**

Desired Action: Monitoring

Compliance: The CEO reports compliance with the instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS			
Category:	Utilities Board/Chief Executive Officer Partnership Expectations	Reporting Timeframe:	2025 Calendar Year
Policy Title (Number):	Chief Executive Officer Responsibilities (E-2.8)	Monitoring Frequency:	Annually
Monitoring Type:	Internal		

The Utilities Board and the Chief Executive Officer work in partnership to achieve excellence in governance and operations to attain long-term organizational success and sustainability.

E-2 Chief Executive Officer Responsibilities

8. *The Chief Executive Officer protects the Utilities Board from a sudden loss of the Chief Executive Officer's services by having at least two Officer emergency successors familiar with current issues and business procedures; by traveling with only one of the designated emergency successors and by allowing no more than three Officers to travel together.*

The designated Officer emergency successors are:

The Chief Operations Officer
The Chief Planning and Financial Officer

All travel has been arranged in accordance with policy.



Date: October 22, 2025

To: Utilities Board

From: Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Excellence in Governance Monitoring Report
Utilities Board/Chief Executive Officer Partnership Expectations (E-2)**

Desired Action: Monitoring

EXPECTATIONS	
Category:	Utilities Board/Chief Executive Officer Partnership Expectations
Policy Number:	E: 2 (Chief Executive Officer Responsibilities)

The Utilities Board and the Chief Executive Officer work in partnership to achieve excellence in governance and operations to attain long-term organizational success and sustainability.

Water Outlook

Local Conditions: September brought slightly lower temperatures than normal and below average precipitation to the region.

2025 Water Demands: September water use averaged 78.1 million gallons per day (MGD), which was about 12.3 percent less than last September. Total system storage is currently at 80.1% of capacity, equating to approximately 3.0 years of demand in storage, a level that is above average for the end of September. Local storage currently holds enough water to meet approximately 210 days of demand, based on average usage.

Climate Summary: Temperatures in September were near the thirty-year average at 62.5 degrees Fahrenheit, which was 0.5 degrees below normal. Total precipitation for September was 0.92 inches, which is below normal. Year to date precipitation is 14.35 inches, which is 99 percent of normal.

Current Reservoir Levels: Local storage is currently at about 39,900 acre-feet (60 percent of capacity). The 1991-2020 average is 68 percent of capacity. Rampart Reservoir is at 66 percent of capacity, and Pikes Peak storage is at 51 percent of capacity. System wide, total storage is about 208,400 acre-feet (80 percent of capacity). Last year at this time, total system wide storage was 81 percent of capacity. It was about 89 percent at this same time in 2023, about 75 percent of capacity in 2022, about 77 percent of capacity in 2021, and about 75 percent of capacity in 2020. The 1991-2020 average system wide storage for the end of September is 77 percent of capacity.

Water Supply Outlook: The U.S. Drought Monitor indicates varying drought conditions across the country, with 32% of the U.S. experiencing no drought conditions. In Colorado, 43% of the state is currently free from drought conditions, a 32-percentage point decline since the beginning of 2025. In Western Colorado, abnormally dry to severe drought conditions persist, with large areas classified under extreme drought, a notable expansion over the course of the year.

Looking ahead, the Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts drought persistence is likely in western Colorado between now and December 31, 2025, while no drought is predicted for eastern Colorado. The three-month climate outlook predicts an increased likelihood for below normal precipitation across Colorado, along with an increased likelihood for above normal temperatures across the State.

Operational Notes: South Catamount Reservoir remains at restricted capacity due to planned maintenance, while South Suburban Reservoir has been fully drained to facilitate outlet repairs. Mason Reservoir capacity remains restricted for maintenance.

Electric Cost Adjustment / Gas Cost Adjustment

Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA)

On June 24, 2025, City Council approved the ECA rate of \$0.0263 per kWh effective July 1, 2025. As of September 30, 2025, the ECA over collection balance was \$7.1 million. The over collection balance changed by \$0.7 million from the \$6.4 million over collection balance reported last month. Utilities will continue to provide regular updates to the Utilities Board as appropriate.

Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA)

On June 24, 2025, City Council approved the GCA rate of \$0.3263 per Ccf effective July 1, 2025. As of September 30, 2025, the GCA under collection balance was \$1.2 million. The under collection balance changed by \$0.3 million from the \$0.9 million under collection balance reported last month. Utilities will continue to provide regular updates to the Utilities Board as appropriate.

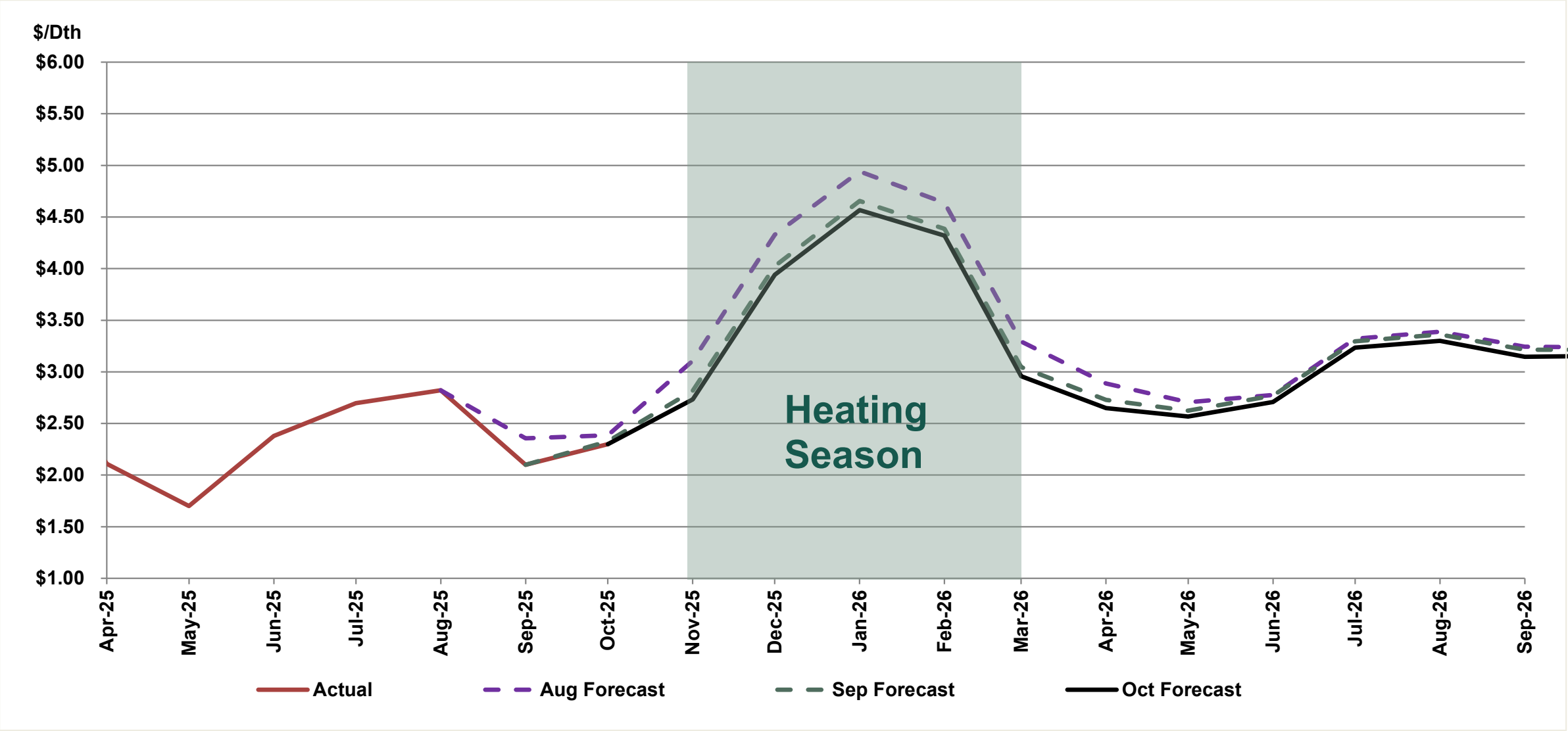


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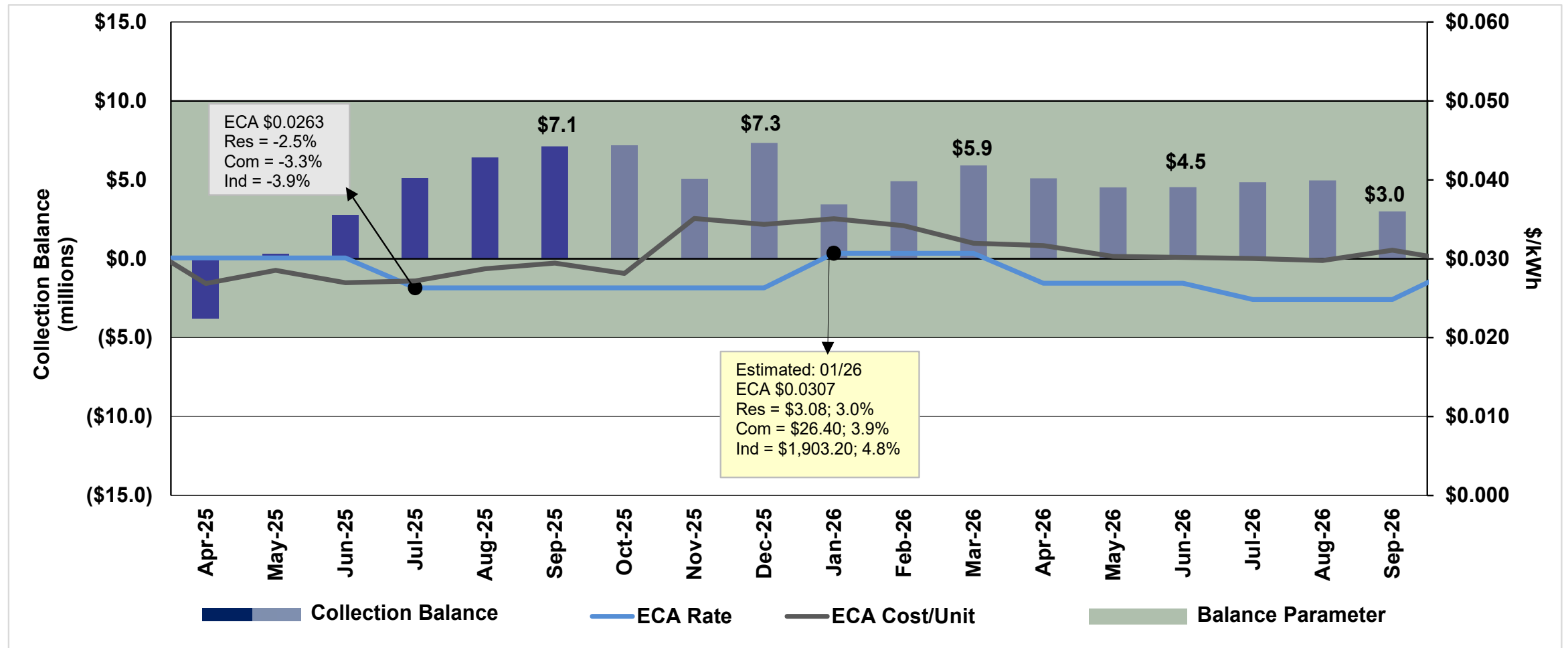
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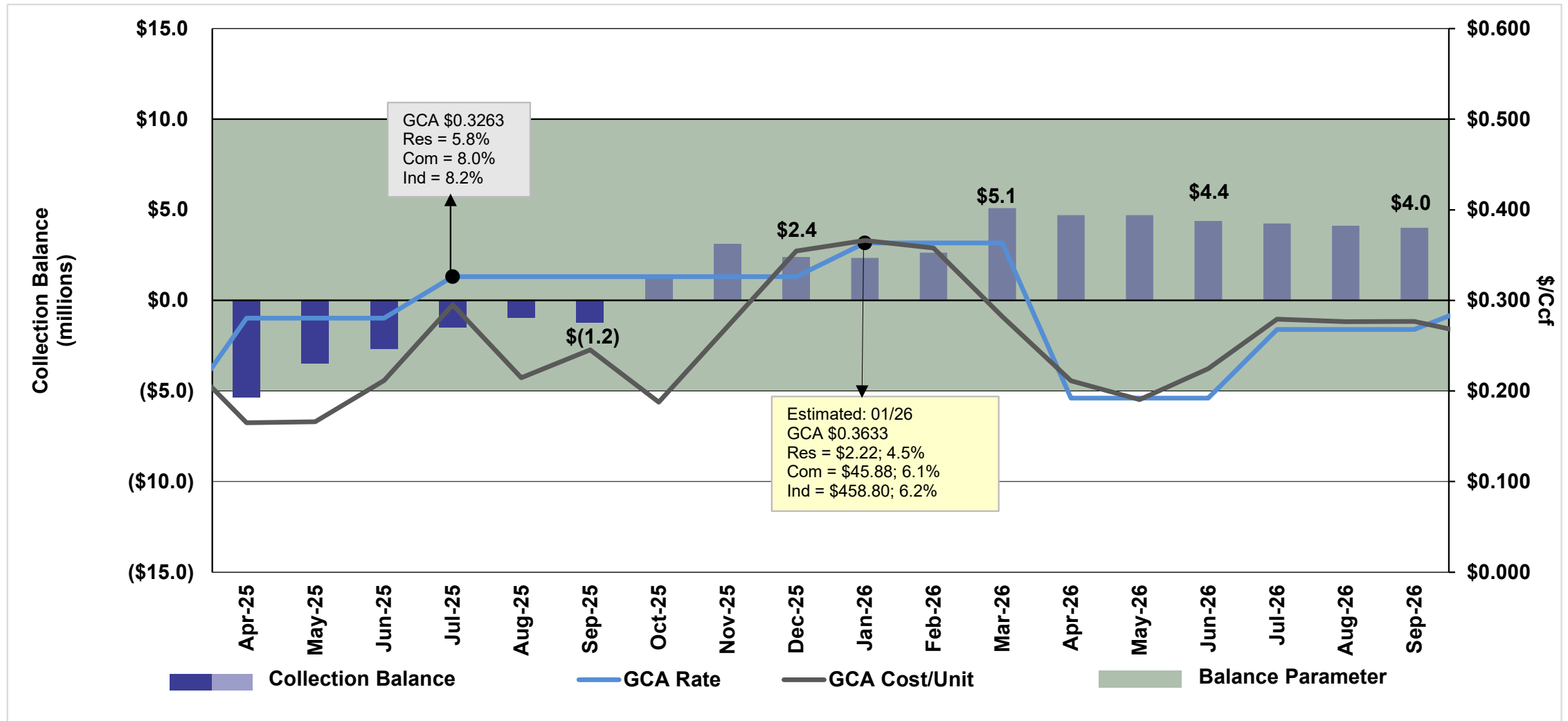
Natural Gas Prices as of October 1, 2025



ECA Projections October 2025



GCA Projections October 2025





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Water Outlook

Nick Harris, P.E.

Water Resource Engineer, Water Resource Planning

October 1, 2025

Local Weather Conditions as of September 30, 2025

Precipitation (Inches of Moisture)

- September 2025 – 0.92 in. (68.1 % of normal)
- 2025 YTD Total – 14.35 in. (98.7% of normal)

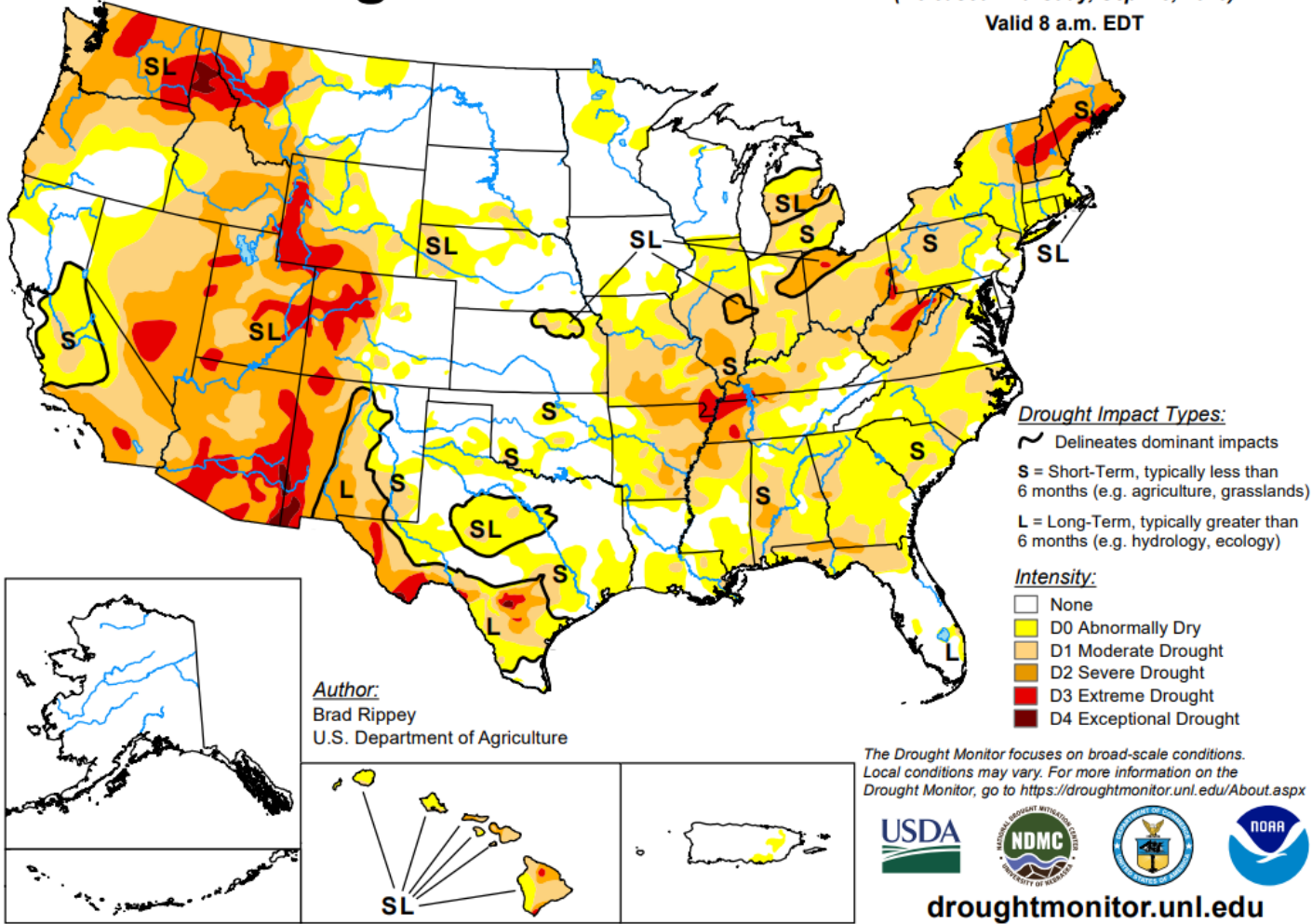
Average Temperature (Degrees F)

- September 2025 – 62.5 Deg. (0.5 deg. below normal)
- 2025 YTD Average – 53.2 Deg. (0.6 deg. below normal)

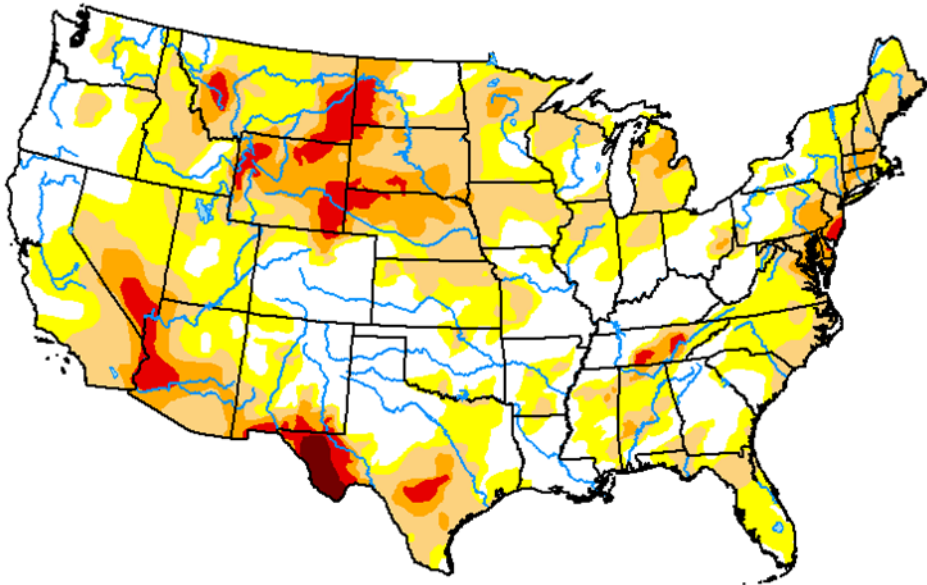


U.S. Drought Monitor

September 23, 2025
(Released Thursday, Sep. 25, 2025)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



December 31, 2024



Colorado

Map released: Thurs. September 25, 2025

Data valid: September 23, 2025 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

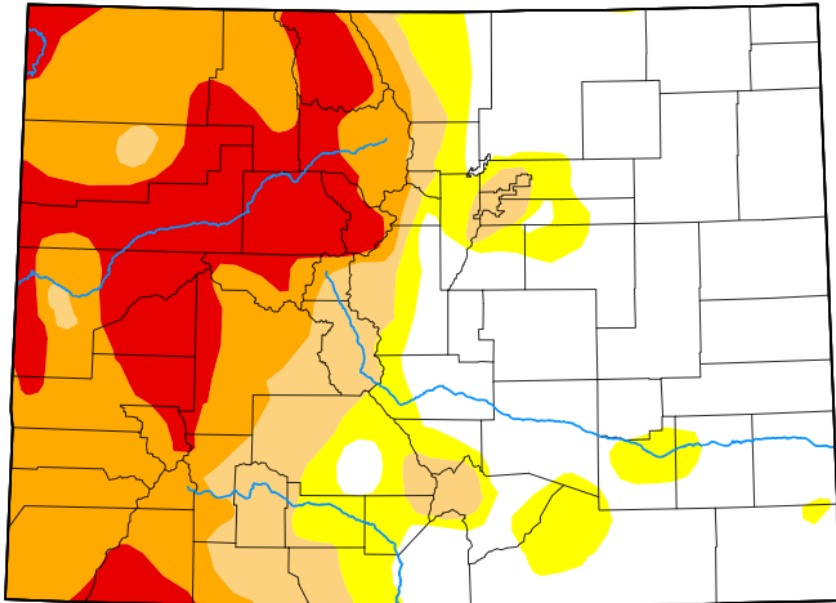
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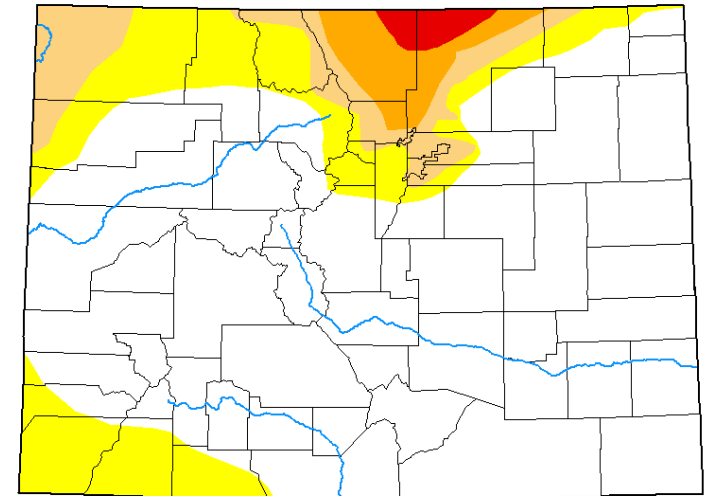
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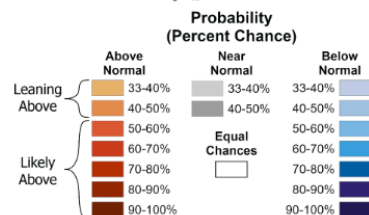
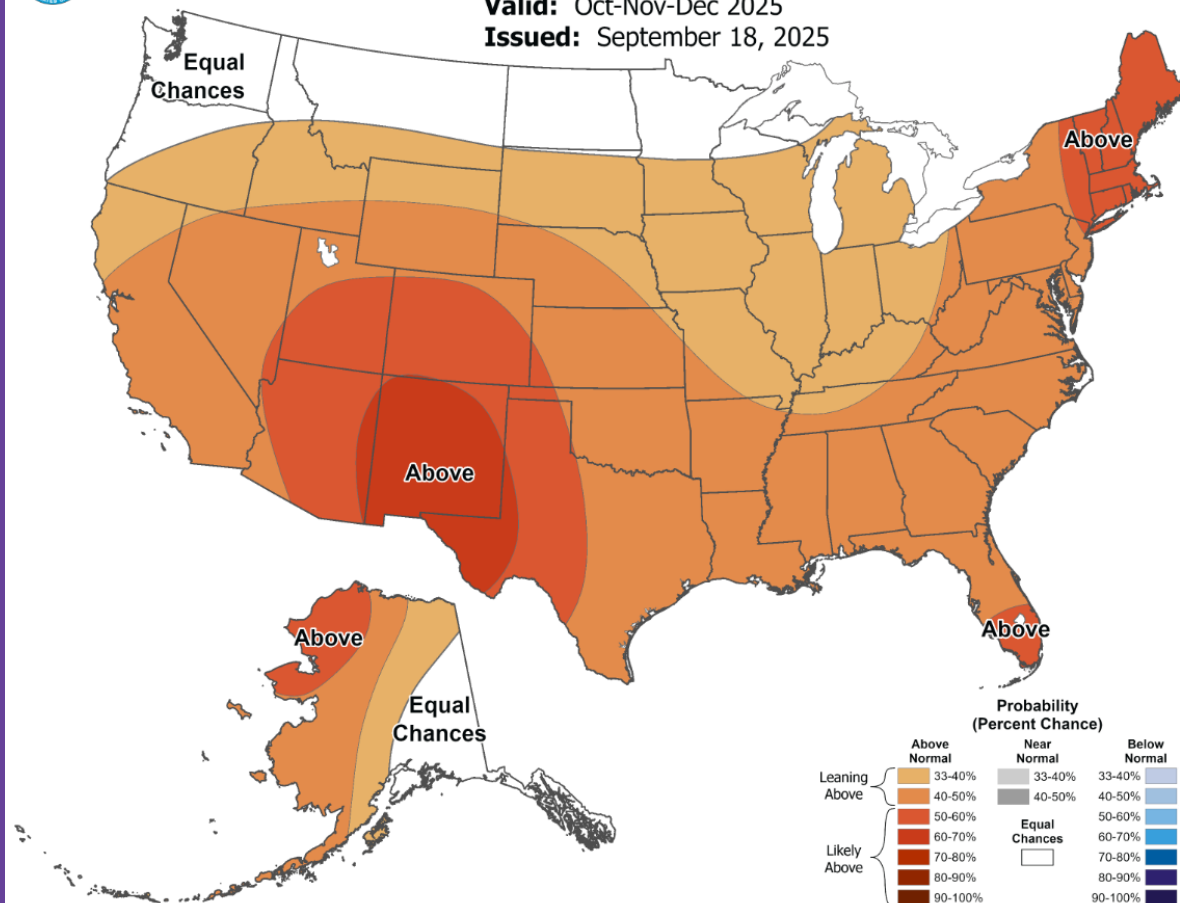
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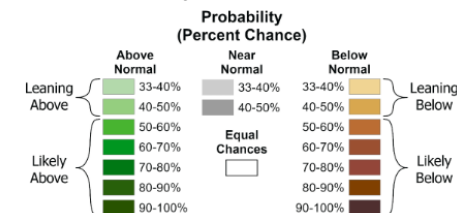
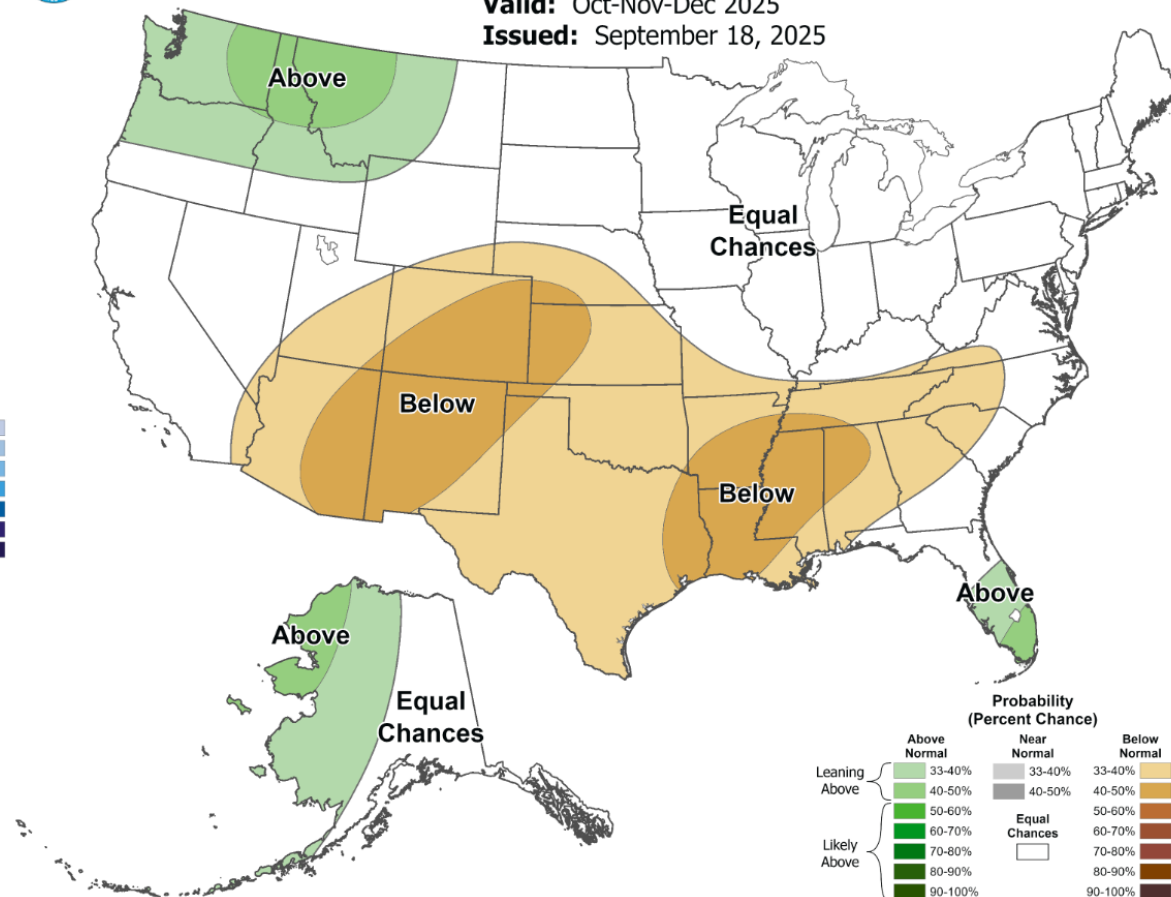
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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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Issued: September 18, 2025

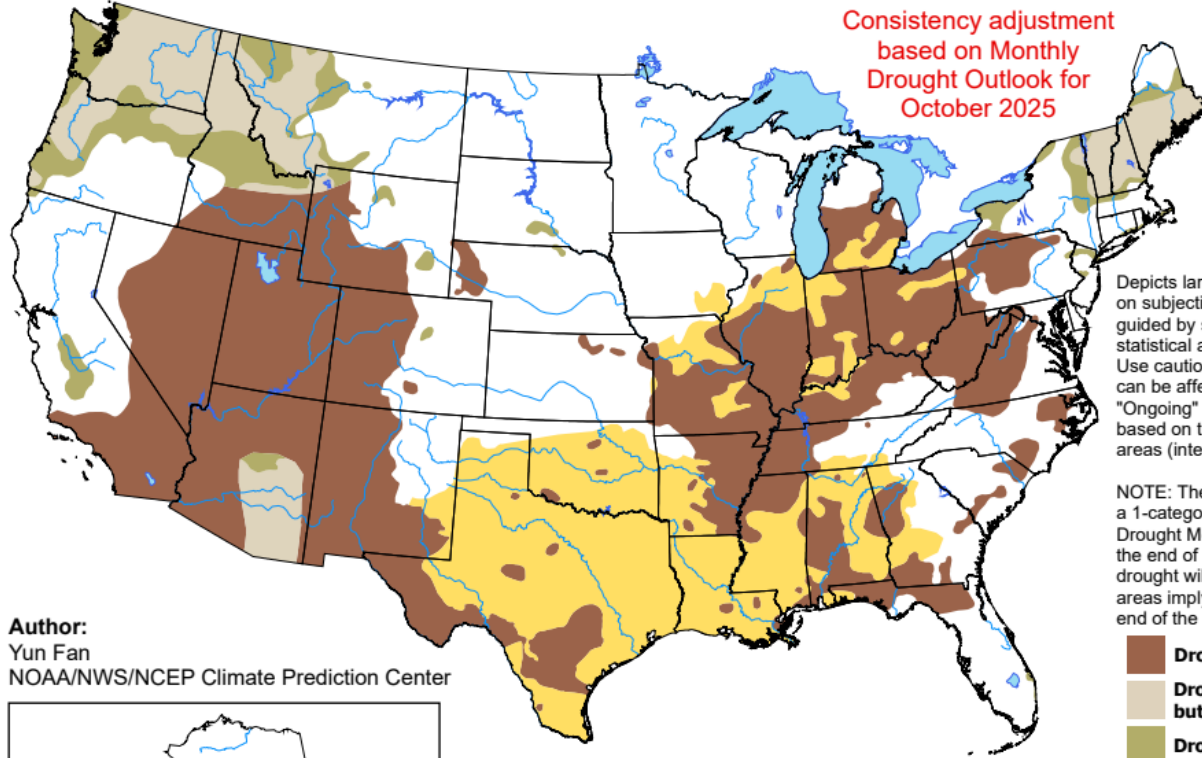


U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for October 1 - December 31, 2025
Released September 30, 2025

Consistency adjustment
based on Monthly
Drought Outlook for
October 2025

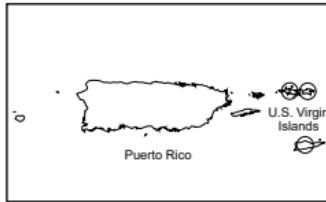
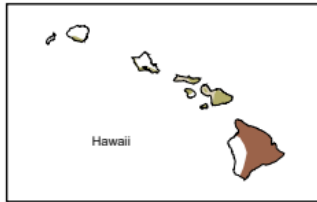


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought

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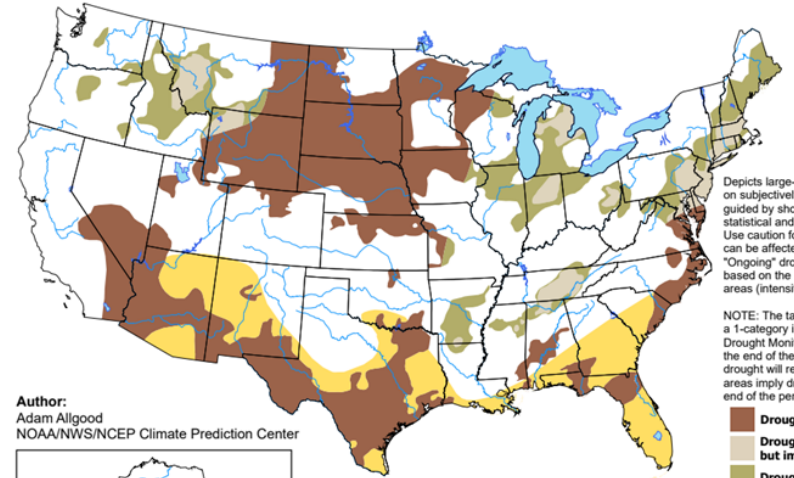


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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for December 19, 2024 - March 31, 2025
Released December 19, 2024

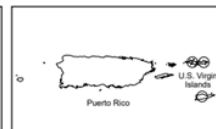


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought

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2025 Demands

September

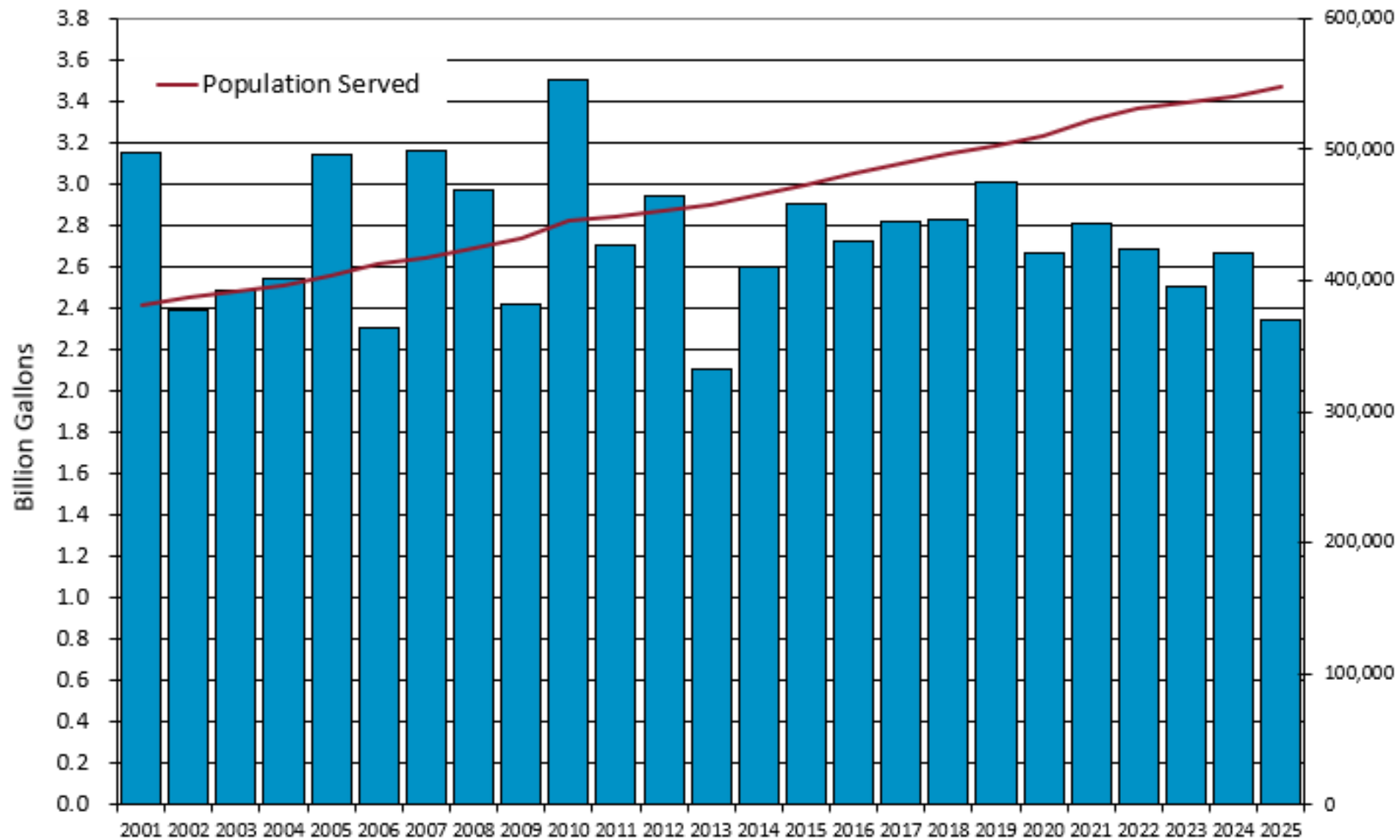
- Averaged 78.1 MGD
- 12.3% less than September 2024

2025 Year to Date through September 30

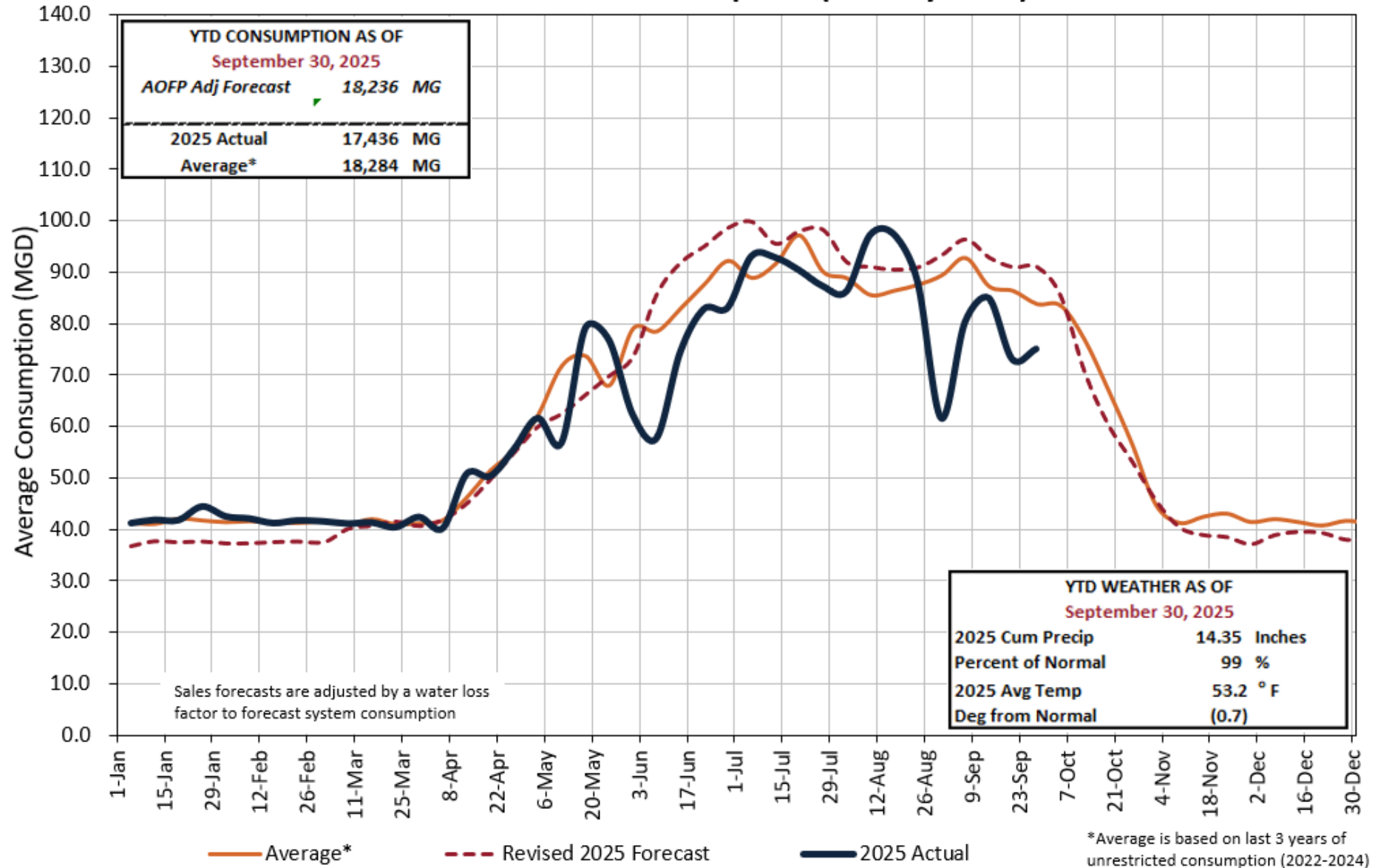
- Averaging 63.6 MGD, 17.4 BG total
 - 7.1% lower compared to the same time in 2024
 - 1.3 Billion Gallons less than 2024



Monthly Water Use for September



2025 Actual Consumption (Weekly Data)

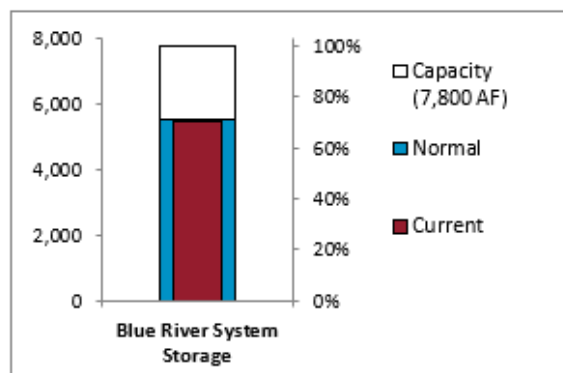


Reservoir Levels

September 30, 2025

- Pikes Peak 51 %
 - 91-20 Avg. 69 %
- Rampart 66 %
 - 91-20 Avg. 67 %
- Local Total 60 %
 - 91-20 Avg. 68 %
- System Total 80 %
 - 91-20 Avg. 77 %





Colorado Springs' System Wide Storage:

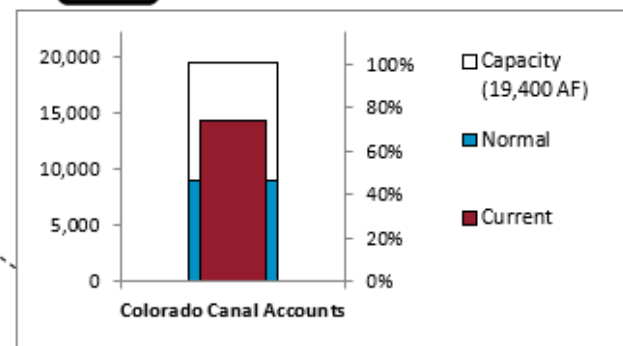
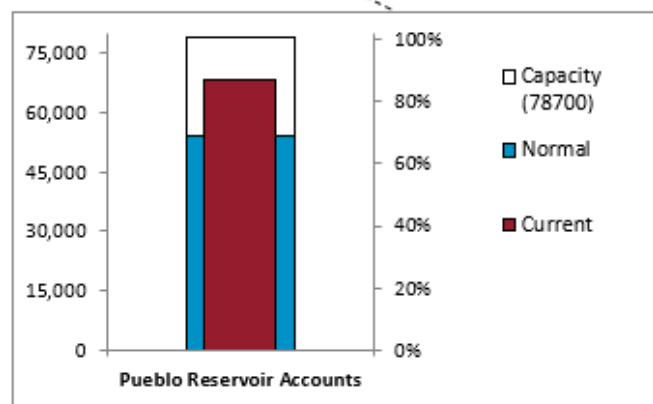
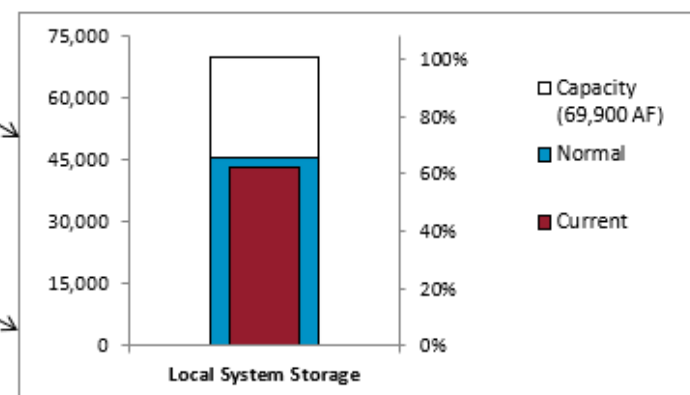
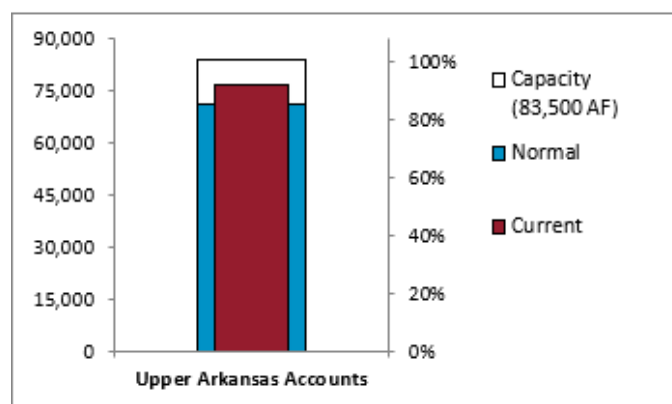
September 30, 2025 **208,400 af**

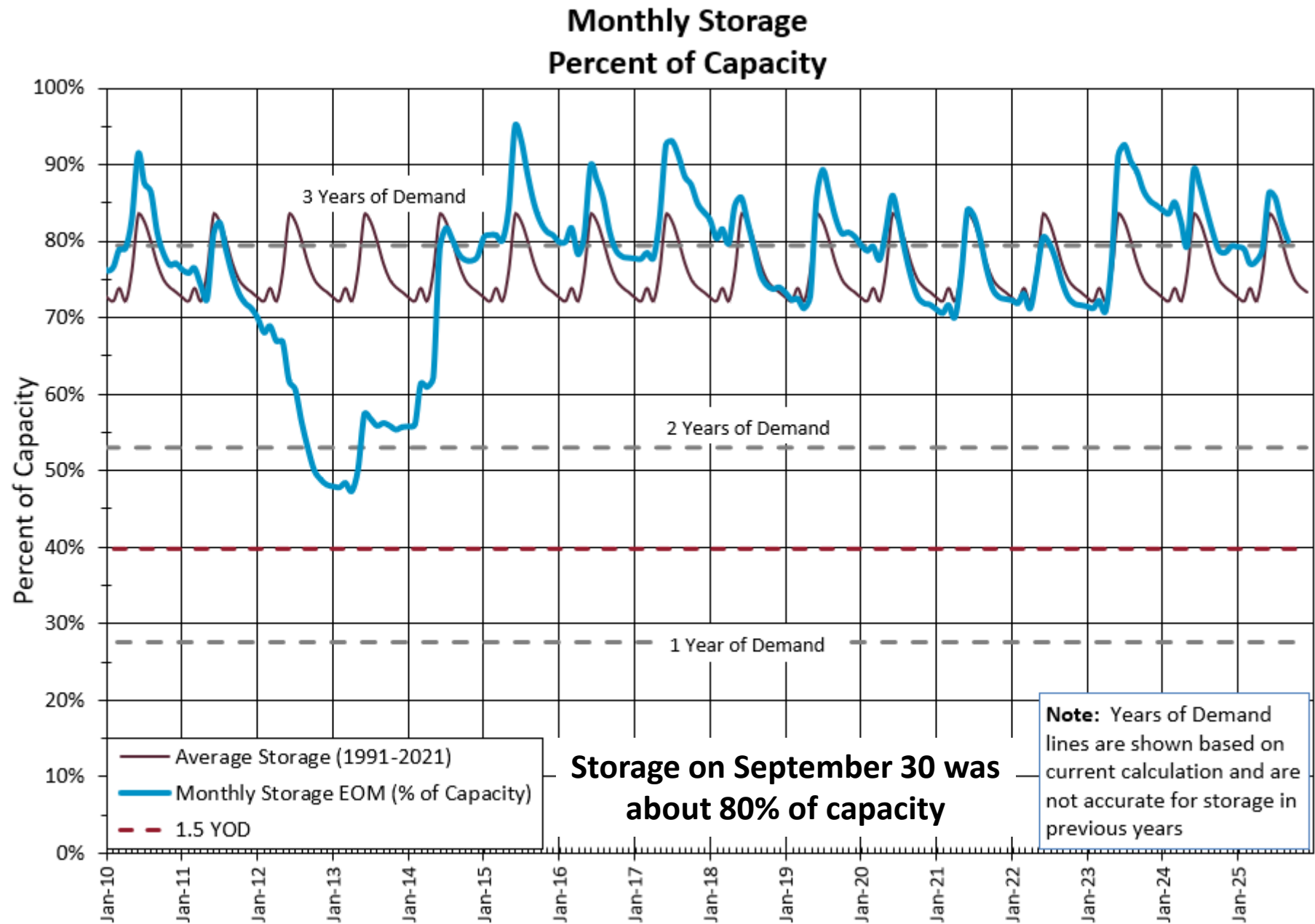
80.1 %

2001-2022 avg **185,000 af**

71.1 %

Average YTD Demand **63.9 MGD**





Water Outlook

- Situation Outlook Summary
 - System-wide storage is at 80.1% of capacity, about 3.0% above our long-term average
 - About 3.0 years of demand in storage, based on the past 3 years of demand
 - Have 210 days of demand in local storage
- Three-month outlook predictions
 - There is an increased likelihood for above normal temperatures across Colorado.
 - There is an increased likelihood for below normal precipitation across the Colorado.
- We continue to monitor precipitation, demand and storage to maximize available water supply

Operational Notes

Storage Conditions

- South Catamount Reservoir capacity remains restricted for planned dam maintenance
- South Suburban Reservoir is drained for outlet work repairs
- Mason Reservoir capacity remains restricted for maintenance.



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Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025		
To:	Utilities Board		
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer		
Subject:	City Code Revisions for Water Service Line Repairs and Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (LCCR)		
NARRATIVE:			
Desired Action: Choose only one	☒ Approval ☐ Discussion ☐ Information		
Executive Summary:	Colorado Springs Utilities seek to revise City Code, Chapter 12, Article 4, Part 4, "Connection and Installation of System" to address the following: 1. Clarification of customer responsibilities for repair/replacement of water service lines, meter pits, and curb stops. 2. Updates to meet existing and upcoming requirements related to lead and copper service lines under the Lead and Copper Rules Revision program implemented by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). See Draft City Code Revisions attached.		
Benefits:	These revisions will codify Colorado Springs Utilities' existing policy for water service line repair responsibility and timelines and ensure compliance with existing and upcoming State requirements for lead and copper service lines.		
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	N/A		
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	Colorado Springs Utilities will maintain a capital budget of \$500,000 for galvanized service line replacement for Springs Utilities' owned portion of water service lines.		
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	Colorado Springs Utilities' customers with leaking service lines on the customer side of the water service line will be impacted by the proposed timelines for repair. Springs Utilities' staff have completed an initial survey of water service lines in accordance with CDPHE requirement. Springs Utilities has found no evidence of lead service lines in the system. Springs Utilities will continue to survey water service lines through daily operations and will be required to address lead service lines in accordance with the proposed code revisions if discovered.		
Alternatives:	Not applicable		
Submitter:	Tara McGowan	Email Address:	tmcgowan@csu.org
Division:	Systems Planning and Projects	Phone Number:	719-491-2717
Department:	Engineering Design	Date Submitted:	October 4, 2024
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☐ Yes ☒ No		Item Number 09

ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT UTILITIES BOARD MEETING.



City Code Changes – Water Service Lines

October 2025

City Code Changes - Background

Service Line Requirement Revisions

- Clarify Utilities'/Customer's responsibility and timelines for repair of water service lines and associated infrastructure.
- Address existing and upcoming requirements related to lead services lines under existing and upcoming State regulations related to water service lines.
 - Utilities completed an initial water service line survey and have found no lead water service lines.
 - Utilities will continue to survey water service lines and require code provisions if lead service lines are discovered.

City Code Changes - Summary

Summary of Changes

- Add clear distinctions of curb stop, meter pit, and service line ownership and clarified maintenance responsibilities of Utilities and the customer.
- Introduces timelines for customer required repair and/or replacement of leaking and damaged service lines once notified by Colorado Springs Utilities.
- Incorporate notification and replacement requirements for any leaded service lines discovered per state regulation.
- Rearranged sections to improve consistency; updates in language and definitions.

City Code Changes – Key Impacts

Impacts to Customers

- Consideration of repair and replacement timelines and cost to customers.
- If lead service lines are discovered, however unlikely, customer is recommended, but not required, to replace their side of the service line.

Impacts to Colorado Springs Utilities – Lead and Copper Plan Requirements

- Utilities is required to notify customers annually of discovered leaded service lines until they are replaced.
- Utilities is required to replace its side of lead service lines between main and curb stop at its cost.

City Code Changes – Adoption Schedule

Milestone	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26
Communication/Outreach						
Working Committee			◆ Oct 20			
Utility Board Meeting			Oct 22 ◆			
City Council 1 st Reading			Nov 10 ◆			
City Council 2 nd Reading (Adoption)				Nov 25 ◆		
Effective Date					Jan 1	◆



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ORDINANCE NO. 25-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 4 (CONNECTION AND INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM) OF ARTICLE 4 (WATER CODE) OF CHAPTER 12 (UTILITIES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO CONNECTION TO COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES WATER SYSTEM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Part 4 (Connection and Installation of System) of Article 4 (Water Code) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

12.4.401: CONNECTION REQUIRED:

The owner of any ~~house~~**premises that is** or ~~other building~~**will be** occupied for ~~business~~**commercial, industrial, or residence**~~residential~~ purposes, situated within the City and abutting any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a water distribution main, is hereby required at the **premises** owner's expense to connect the building by means of a service line directly with the distribution main in accord with the provisions of this ~~article~~**part**. The point or points at which connection is made to the distribution main shall be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

12.4.402: CONNECTION REQUIREMENT; EXCEPTION:

A. Connection to the water supply system shall not be required for any ~~property~~**premises** which is served by an existing well or other water supply system, which system is approved by the El Paso County Health Department and which system serves the ~~property~~**premises** in substantially the same manner as it would be served by the water supply system.

B. This section shall apply solely to ~~property~~**premises** served by an existing well or other water supply system prior to connection to the water supply system, and shall not be construed to permit any ~~person~~**premises** already connected to the water supply system, ~~whose property~~**which premises** may subsequently be served by a well or other water supply system, to disconnect from the water supply system.

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12.4.403: CONNECTION REQUIREMENT; VIOLATION:

It shall be unlawful for any person who owns any ~~house~~**premises that is** occupied or ~~other building will be used~~ for ~~business~~**commercial, industrial,** or ~~residence~~**residential** purposes situated within the City to fail to connect the ~~house or building~~**premises** to ~~the~~ water supply system in accord with the requirements of this part.

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12.4.405: CONNECTION TO SYSTEM; EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY:

The City and Utilities shall not be subjected to any liability for any **damage**, deficiency, in ~~the~~ **or defect associated with the premises owner's** installation, **maintenance, repair, replacement or operation of or the premises owner's failure to install, maintain, repair, replace or operate the infrastructure required by this part for connection of the premises to the water supply system** for which **the premises owner** is ~~not discovered by inspection~~**responsible**, nor shall ~~the owner of the such~~ **premises owner** be absolved from **any** liability for ~~the deficiency and any damage resulting damage or from responsibility~~ **a premises owner's installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of or failure to install, maintain, repair, replace or operate such infrastructure for which they are responsible or any liability** to correct ~~the~~ **a deficiency or defect in such infrastructure.**

12.4.406: INSTALLATION; EXCAVATIONS FOR:

All excavations for water service installation or repair shall be performed in accord with this Code, ~~and~~ **the rules and regulations of Utilities, and service standards and specifications related to connection to the water supply system**, as applicable. The excavations shall meet all applicable safety standards, including any requirements as to barricades and lights. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Department of Public Works of the City.

12.4.407: CONNECTION TO SYSTEM; CONFORMANCE TO CODE RULES AND REGULATIONS:

All infrastructure for connection of a premises to the water supply system including, but not limited to, service lines, main lines, meter pits and appurtenances thereto required by this part shall be designed, installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, replaced, and connected and disconnected from the water supply system in accord with this Code, Utilities' tariffs and service standards and specifications related to connection to the water supply system and water quality, as well as the requirements of the Regional Building Code. Additionally, all existing and new infrastructure and appurtenances thereto including, but not limited to, service lines, main lines and meter pits shall conform to the requirements of Utilities, Federal or State water quality control laws and regulations.

12.4.4078: SERVICE LINE; SEPARATE FOR EACH BUILDING; EXCEPTIONS:

A. The **premises** owner shall provide a separate and independent domestic service line, and an individual meter shall be provided from mains for each and every structurally independent residential, commercial, or industrial building, whether or not they are on a

single platted lot under common ownership unless the Utilities, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, may determine that other means are more suitable in the operation of its system.

B. ~~Where~~ **For or lots used for single-family residential purposes where** one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot which cannot be subdivided, the domestic service line from the front building may, upon application to Utilities, be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one water service **connection**. If the buildings become separately owned, Utilities will be under no obligation to furnish water to independent metered connections without payment of charges required by ~~applicable tariffs or this Code~~. **Utilities' applicable tariffs or this Code. For lots used for commercial purposes, Utilities may, upon application and at its sole discretion, allow extension of the service line from the primary building to another building on the same parcel in which the use of water is fundamental to the commercial use of the primary building unless otherwise prohibited by Utilities' tariffs and service standards and specifications related to connection to the water supply system, as well as the requirements of the Regional Building and Plumbing Codes 1.**

C. ~~When a water main extension must be made onto private property for the installation of fire protection facilities, the installation plans shall be submitted to the Colorado Springs Fire Department and Utilities for approval. The main extension and all other appurtenant fire safety systems installed by the owner/developer of the property shall remain the property of the property owner/developer and shall be maintained in accord with section 12.4.410 of this part. Upon approval by Utilities and the Colorado Springs Fire Department, these lines may also be used as private water service lines to furnish one or more buildings with their domestic water supply.~~

D. ~~The City does not assume any obligation nor acquire any liability whatsoever for damage to the connecting property or any portion thereof or to any other properties caused by or resulting from any connection to the water supply system as aforementioned, or from the failure of the service line, except as specifically set forth in the water service standard specifications.~~

12.4.4098: SERVICE LINE; CONFORMANCE TO RULES AND REGULATIONS MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT, AND REPAIR OF:

A. ~~The size, slope, alignment and materials of construction of a service line, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, backfilling and inspection of a trench shall all conform to the requirements of the Building and Plumbing Codes 1 and water service standard specifications and other applicable rules and regulations of the City. Additionally, all existing and new service lines shall conform to the requirements of the water service quality control regulations.~~ **The demarcation point between Utilities' and the premises owner's responsibility for the maintenance, repair or replacement of a service line is the right of way or public utility easement line adjacent to the distribution main where the service line tap is located.**

B. **A curb stop shall be installed at the demarcation point to enable operation and maintenance of the service line. All curb stops shall be jointly owned by the premises owner and Utilities. Only Utilities may operate, maintain, repair and/or replace a curb stop. Utilities is solely responsible for the operation and maintenance thereof. Utilities is**

responsible for repairing and replacing all curb stops that are damaged by Utilities, or that Utilities has determined is defective or at the end of its useful life. The premises owner is responsible for reimbursing Utilities for the costs Utilities incurs in repairing and replacing curb stops that are damaged as a result of the premises owner's installation, operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of a service line or any appurtenances thereto.

C. Where an existing service line does not have an installed curb stop, has a curb stop that is not located on or near the demarcation point, or has a curb stop that Utilities has determined is defective or at the end of its useful life, Utilities shall install a curb stop on or near the demarcation point meeting the requirements of this part at the expense of Utilities as funds are determined to be available by the Chief Executive Officer and in the manner determined by the Chief Executive Officer. Upon completion of the installation, the new curb stops shall be jointly owned by Utilities and the premises owner. The requirements of this section shall not create any duty of care on behalf of Utilities or the City for the benefit of any person.

D. Utilities shall be solely responsible, financially or otherwise, for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the portions of the service line and all appurtenances thereto located within public rights-of-way, between the connection to the distribution main and the point of demarcation described in subsection A of this section. The premises owner shall be solely responsible, financially and otherwise, for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the service line and all appurtenances thereto located from the point of demarcation to the structure served by the service line. The premises owner shall maintain and keep the portion of the service line for which they are responsible in good condition and shall repair or replace, at the premises owner's expense, any portion thereof which is leaking. Where more than one premises is connected to a single service line, the owners of the respective premises shall be jointly and severally responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement of the portion of the service line for which they are responsible. Maintenance, repair and replacement of service lines within private rights-of-way or private easements is the responsibility of the premises owner. All repaired or replaced service lines must be inspected by Utilities for compliance with this section prior to use. Utilities shall have the right to access and operate service lines and valves located within private property, private rights-of-way or private easements. Utilities shall repair and/or replace any such service lines or valves damaged by Utilities.

E. Lead service lines are not permitted to be connected to the water supply system. Responsibility for replacing lead service lines shall be allocated amongst Utilities and the premises owner(s) as described in subsection C of this section.

F. If Utilities becomes aware that a portion of a service line contains lead, Utilities will provide notice pursuant to section 12.4.417 to the premises owner that the service line contains lead. Utilities will continue to provide such notice to the premises owner and record a copy of such notice in the records of the El Paso County Recorder annually until the entire lead service line is replaced. The premises owner is not obligated to replace the portion of the lead service line for which they are responsible.

G. If a premises owner or user discovers that the service line serving a premises is leaking, they shall inform Utilities of the leak within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery by contacting Utilities' Customer Service Department.

H. If Utilities discovers a leak on the portion of a service line for which the premises owner is responsible it shall provide notice of same pursuant to section 12.4.417.

I. If a service line that is greater than one inch (1") in diameter is leaking, the premises owner shall have seventy-two (72) hours to repair or replace the portion of the leaking service line for which they are responsible. The seventy-two (72) hour period shall begin at the earlier of when Utilities is notified of the leak by the premises owner or when Utilities provides notice of the leak pursuant to section 12.4.417.

J. If a service line that is less than or equal to one inch (1") in diameter is leaking, the premises owner shall have forty-five (45) days to repair or replace the portion of the leaking service line for which they are responsible. The forty-five (45) day period shall begin at the earlier of when Utilities is notified of the leak by the premises owner or when Utilities provides notice of the leak pursuant to section 12.4.417.

K. If a premises owner does not repair or replace the leaking service line within the timeframes set forth in subsections I and J of this section, Utilities may suspend water service to the premises served by the leaking service line under section 12.1.115 until the service line is repaired or replaced as required by this section.

K. The Chief Executive Officer may order the emergency suspension of water service to a premises served by a leaking service line under section 12.1.117 of this chapter for as long as the suspension is necessary when, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, such suspension is necessary to protect any person or the water supply system including, but not limited to, when the Chief Executive Officer determines that a service line leak:

- 1. Poses an imminent safety concern;**
- 2. Is causing water to pool on the ground surface and temperatures are below or are expected to fall below thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit;**
- 3. Will result in a violation of any Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, resolutions, regulations, policies and rules including, but not limited to, those relating to water quality or stormwater control; or**
- 4. Is causing damage to adjacent streets, property or structures.**

Utilities will make reasonable efforts to notify the affected premises owner and customer(s) of record of the emergency suspension within a reasonable period after it occurs and what steps are necessary for water service to be restored to the premises.

L. The premises owner shall be responsible for compliance with this section. In the event of an alleged violation with regard to a leaking service line, proof of the existence of the leak together with (1) proof that the leak originated from a service line serving the owner's premises, (2) proof that the premises owner was aware of the leak or that notice of the leak was served by Utilities, and (3) proof that the premises owner did not repair or

replace the service line within the required timeframe shall constitute prima facie evidence that the premises owner has violated this section.

Notes

1. For Plumbing Code, see the City's Zoning Code, chapter 7 of this Code.

12.4.41009: SERVICE LINES; STANDARDS FOR METER PITS; INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE:

A. ~~All service lines for connection to the water supply system shall be installed in accord with the provisions of this article and of water service standard specifications.~~ **The premises owner shall be responsible for designing, installing, maintaining and replacing all meter pits and appurtenances thereto necessary for provision of water service to the premises, except as provided in subsection B of this section.**

B. ~~All service lines and pipes appurtenant thereto which are laid in streets, alleys or other public grounds shall be of type "K" copper, unless otherwise provided in the water service standard specifications.~~ **Existing meter pits not originally constructed in compliance with this section which contain five-eighths inch ($\frac{5}{8}$ ") through one inch (1") water meters, shall be replaced with new meter pits meeting the requirements of this section by Utilities and at the expense of Utilities as funds are determined to be available by the Chief Executive Officer and in the manner determined by the Chief Executive Officer, provided, however, that the replacement of the meter pits shall be accomplished only with the consent of the premises owner. Subsections C, D, and E of this section shall not apply to such existing meter pits until they have been replaced by Utilities. Upon completion of the replacement by Utilities, the replacement pits shall become property of the premises owner, who shall thereafter be responsible for maintenance, repair, and replacement of the meter pit. If the premises owner does not consent to the replacement, the customer's water service may be subject to termination. The requirements of this section shall not create any duty of care on behalf of Utilities or the City for benefit of any person.**

C. ~~All service lines shall be connected to a curb stopcock so that water may be shut off from the service line at any time. The stopcock shall be level with the adjacent ground surface and shall be protected by an adjustable iron box or cylinder not less than five feet (5') in length. All stopcocks shall be furnished by the City and paid for by the applicant for water service.~~ **Utilities shall provide notice pursuant to section 12.4.417 if Utilities discovers a meter pit to be out of compliance with the requirements of this section.**

D. ~~A water pressure regulator shall be installed in each service line connected to a distribution main owned by Utilities.~~ **The premises owner shall have sixty (60) days to bring the meter pit into compliance with the requirements of this section. The sixty (60) days shall begin when Utilities provides notice pursuant to section 12.4.417 that the meter pit is out of compliance with this section.**

E. If a premises owner does not bring the meter pit into compliance within the timeframe set forth in subsection D of this section, Utilities may suspend water service to the premises served by the meter pit pursuant to section 12.1.115 until the meter pit is brought into compliance with this section.

F. In the event of an alleged violation of this section, proof that the meter pit is not in compliance together with (1) proof that the meter pit serves the owner's premises, (2) proof that notice of the non-compliance was provided by Utilities, and (3) proof that the premises owner did not bring the meter pit into compliance within the required timeframe shall constitute prima facie evidence that the premises owner has violated this section.

G. In order for the water service to be reconnected to the premises where the meter pit has not been brought into compliance with the requirements of this section, the customer(s), user or premises owner shall first make arrangements satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer for bringing the meter pit into compliance and shall pay the following charges to Utilities prior to reinstatement:

- 1. The cost of repairing or replacing any damaged Utilities equipment;**
- 2. Actual or estimated damages incurred by Utilities or the City as a result of the meter pit's noncompliance; and**
- 3. Cost of investigation and enforcement.**

~~12.4.410: SERVICE LINE; MAINTENANCE OF:~~

~~Responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of the service line and appurtenances thereto, in public rights of way, generally between the connection to the distribution main and the property line or the curb stop if the curb stop is on or near the property line, shall be borne by Utilities. Responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of the service line and appurtenances thereto, from the property line or curb stop if the curb stop is on or near the property line, shall be borne by the owner of the premises. The owner shall keep the service line and all pipes and fixtures on the owner's premises in good repair so as to prevent waste of water. Where more than one premises are connected to a single service line, the owners of the respective premises shall be jointly and severally responsible for maintenance and repair of the service line which is the owner's responsibility. Maintenance and replacement of the service line within private rights of way or private easements is the responsibility of the owner.~~

~~12.4.411: METER PITS; INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE:~~

~~A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, all meter pits shall be constructed and maintained by the property owner in compliance with the requirements of the water service standard specifications.~~

~~B. Existing meter pits not originally constructed in compliance with the requirements of the water service standard specifications, which contain five eighths inch ($\frac{5}{8}$ ") through one inch (1") water meters, shall be replaced with new meter pits meeting the requirements of the water service standard specifications at the expense of Utilities as~~

~~funds are determined to be available by the Chief Executive Officer and in the manner determined by the Chief Executive Officer, provided, however, that the replacement of the meter pits shall be accomplished only with the consent of the affected customer. Upon completion of the installation, the replacement pits shall become property of the affected customer, who shall thereafter be responsible for maintenance. If the customer does not consent to the replacement, the customer's water service may be subject to termination for violation of subsection A of this section. The requirements of this section shall not create any duty of care on behalf of Utilities or the City for benefit of any person.~~

~~12.4.412: NONCOMPLYING METER PITS; INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE AND RECONNECTION:~~

~~A.—— If Utilities discovers any meter pit to be out of compliance with the requirements of the water service standard specifications, written notice thereof shall be given to the property owner and customer of record by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the meter pit is not brought into compliance with the requirements of the water service standard specifications, water service to the premises served thereby may be interrupted as provided in applicable tariffs.~~

~~B.—— In order for the water service to be reconnected to the premises where the meter pit has not been brought into compliance with the requirements of the water service standard specifications, the customer, user or owner shall first make arrangements satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer for bringing the meter pit into compliance and shall pay the following charges to Utilities prior to reconnection:~~

- ~~1.—— The cost of repairing or replacing any damaged Utilities equipment;~~
- ~~2.—— Actual or estimated damages incurred by Utilities or the City as a result of the meter pit's noncompliance; and~~
- ~~3.—— Cost of investigation and enforcement.~~

~~12.4.113: MAINS AND LINES; MANNER OF EXTENSION:~~

A. Distribution mains to supply and distribute water to and throughout areas or additions shall be **installed and** extended by the owner ~~or developer of the~~ premises to be served by the ~~lines-main~~ from the existing distribution main to the point or points of the property line of the premises farthest from the existing distribution main. **in compliance with Utilities' tariffs.** The extension requirement may be waived by the Chief Executive Officer in the event that the Chief Executive Officer determines that extension to the farthest point from the existing distribution main is not necessary for the efficient expansion of the water supply system. In any event, distribution mains shall be extended by the owner ~~or developer of the~~ premises to be served by the mains to a point which permits the shortest possible service line between the distribution main and the property line of the premises served thereby. Thereafter the distribution mains shall be extended to adjoining premises in compliance with the latest edition of ~~"Standard Specifications For Water Main Installations" as promulgated, supplemented and amended by the Chief Executive Officer~~ **Utilities' service standards and specifications related to connection to the water supply system.** Extensions shall not be made for remote or isolated service unless the applicant requesting the service shall provide for the cost of the extension to the point of service and the extension is approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

B. When a distribution main extension must be made onto private property for the installation of fire protection facilities, the installation plans shall be submitted to the Colorado Springs Fire Department and Utilities for approval. The main extension and all other appurtenant fire safety systems installed by the owner of the premises shall remain the property of the owner and shall be maintained, repaired or replaced in accord with this part. Upon approval by Utilities and the Colorado Springs Fire Department, the distribution mains may also be used as private water service lines to furnish one or more buildings with their domestic water supply in accordance with this Code, Utilities' tariffs and service standards and specifications related to connection to the water supply system.

12.4.4142: WATER MAINS AND FACILITIES; COMPLIANCE WITH SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS:

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12.4.4153: EXISTING LINES; CONDITIONS FOR USE:

Existing service lines ~~and/or~~, distribution mains, **and meter pits** may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found by the Chief Executive Officer to meet all requirements of this ~~article~~ **part**.

12.4.4164: CONSTRUCTION; REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION:

Approval of a building permit or a utility service plan (when a building permit is not required) for any premises to be served by a connection to the water supply system of the City, including connections to all private water systems, shall be obtained within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of payment of the charges set out in Utilities' tariffs. Construction of the premises or facility to be served by the connection must begin within one hundred eighty (180) days from building permit issuance or utility service plan approval and the construction shall be pursued to completion without suspension or abandonment, ~~as provided in the City's Building Code or as provided in Utilities' tariffs or service standards and specifications.~~ Failure to comply with the above requirements shall result in cancellation of Utilities' approval of the connection permit. The refund or the application of credit of the connection charges shall be as provided in Utilities' tariffs.

12.4.415: ENTRY AND INSPECTION:

Whenever necessary for the purposes of this part, the Chief Executive Officer has the power, upon the presentation of proper credentials, to enter and inspect at any reasonable time and in any reasonable manner any property, premises, or place for the purpose of ascertaining noncompliance with this part, or assuring proper repair, replacement, or maintenance of a distribution main, meter pit or service line. Any entry shall be at reasonable times unless an emergency situation exists. The premises owner or the occupant of the premises shall render all proper assistance in entry and inspection activities. If entry or inspection to any premises is denied, the Chief Executive Officer is empowered to obtain a warrant to enter any property, premises, or place from the Colorado Springs Municipal Court. Nothing in this section shall limit Utilities' ability to enter a premises in the emergency situations described in this part.

12.4.417: DISCONNECTION:

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B. Disconnection, ~~Customer Responsibility~~; Transfer of Water Development Charge: ~~In the event that If the a premises of a customer is disconnected from the water system, the premises ownercustomer shall be responsible for all costs of the disconnection. Transfer of credit associated with a water development charge is generally prohibited; however, transfers may be permitted in limited circumstances in accordance with Utilities' tariffs.~~

C. Installation Of New Service Line: ~~In the event that If a premises ownercustomer~~ desires to install a new service line for ~~a premises for which an existing service line is available, the new service line shall not be connected until the existing service line is disconnected from the distribution main.~~

D. Failure To Use Service Line:

1. In the event that a previously used service line is not used for a continuous period of one year or more, Utilities may, at the **premises owner's** ~~customer's~~ expense, shut off the service line at the corporation stopcock; provided, however, the shutoff may be delayed if the ~~premises ownercustomer~~ states in writing that the service line will be in regular use within a specific time agreed to by Utilities. If a ~~premises ownercustomer~~ shall fail or refuse to pay the cost of the shutoff within thirty (30) days after billing, then in addition to any other remedies that may be available to Utilities, the cost may be assessed against the ~~property~~ **premises** formerly served in the same manner as water development charges may be assessed against the ~~property~~ **premises**.

2. Any service line classified as abandoned and/or inactive through previous City Code or Utilities' rules and regulations (**those that existed** prior to March 1, 2016) shall be returned to service upon request, payment of all applicable fees and costs, and compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

12.4.417: NOTICE:

All notices required by this part shall be provided to the premises owner and customer(s) of record, by posting the notice to the premises in a conspicuous place and by sending the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the premises owner and customer(s) of record. Service shall be deemed to have provided notice to the premises owner and customer(s) of record upon receipt of the notice by the property owner or customer(s) of record, or upon posting the notice to premises.

12.4.418: DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

Any premises owner's disputes with Utilities concerning this section shall be resolved in accord with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Utilities' tariffs.

12.4.419: METERS; INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE:

All water meters shall be furnished and installed by Utilities at the expense of Utilities and Utilities shall retain ownership of the meters. Utilities shall perform all necessary maintenance and/or repair of meters, including replacement of meters; provided, however, that the premises owner shall be responsible for protecting the meter against freezing and damage.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 3. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Finally passed: _____

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025		
To:	Utilities Board		
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer		
Subject:	Acquisition of Real Property owned by BNSF Railway Co. to be used for the Kelker to South Plant Transmission Project		
NARRATIVE:			
Desired Action: Choose only one	☒ Approval ☐ Discussion ☐ Information		
Executive Summary:	Utilities is requesting that Utilities Board move forward a resolution to City Council that will allow Utilities to purchase a parcel owned by BNSF Railway Co. for the Kelker to South Plant Transmission Project. The Kelker to South Plant Transmission Project is for a new overhead single circuit 115kV transmission line from Kelker Substation to South Plant Substation. Pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Springs City Charter, the City is empowered to acquire real property necessary for Utilities' projects. Section 9.6 of <i>The City of Colorado Springs Procedure Manual for the Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property Interests, Revised 2021</i> (the "RES Manual") provides that if the total acquisition amount is greater than \$100,000, City Council must approve the acquisition amount. Section 4.1 of the RES Manual provides that if an advisory board, such as Utilities Board, has oversight or advisory responsibilities for the property to be acquired that the board must review and make a recommendation to City Council prior to City Council's consideration of the acquisition.		
Benefits:	Utilities is modernizing the electric grid for sustainability and system resiliency and reliability.		
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.			
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	The total acquisition amount is \$1,043,000.		
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	Staff has been working with several private property owners, Colorado Department of Transportation, Union Pacific and BNSF Railway Co., and City departments to acquire the property rights needed for the project.		
Alternatives:	N/A		
Submitter:	Jessica Davis	Email Address:	jedavis@csu.org
Division:	SPP	Phone Number:	719-668-7581
Department:	TFM	Date Submitted:	October 2, 2025
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☐ Yes ☒ No		Item Number 10

ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT UTILITIES BOARD MEETING.



A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property From BNSF Railway Co. to be Used for the Kelker to South Plant Transmission Project

Jessica Davis

Land Resource Manager

October 23, 2025

Kelker-South Plant Transmission Project

- Single circuit 115kV transmission line
 - ~5 miles long
- Supports Drake decommissioning
- Ensure reliability of system

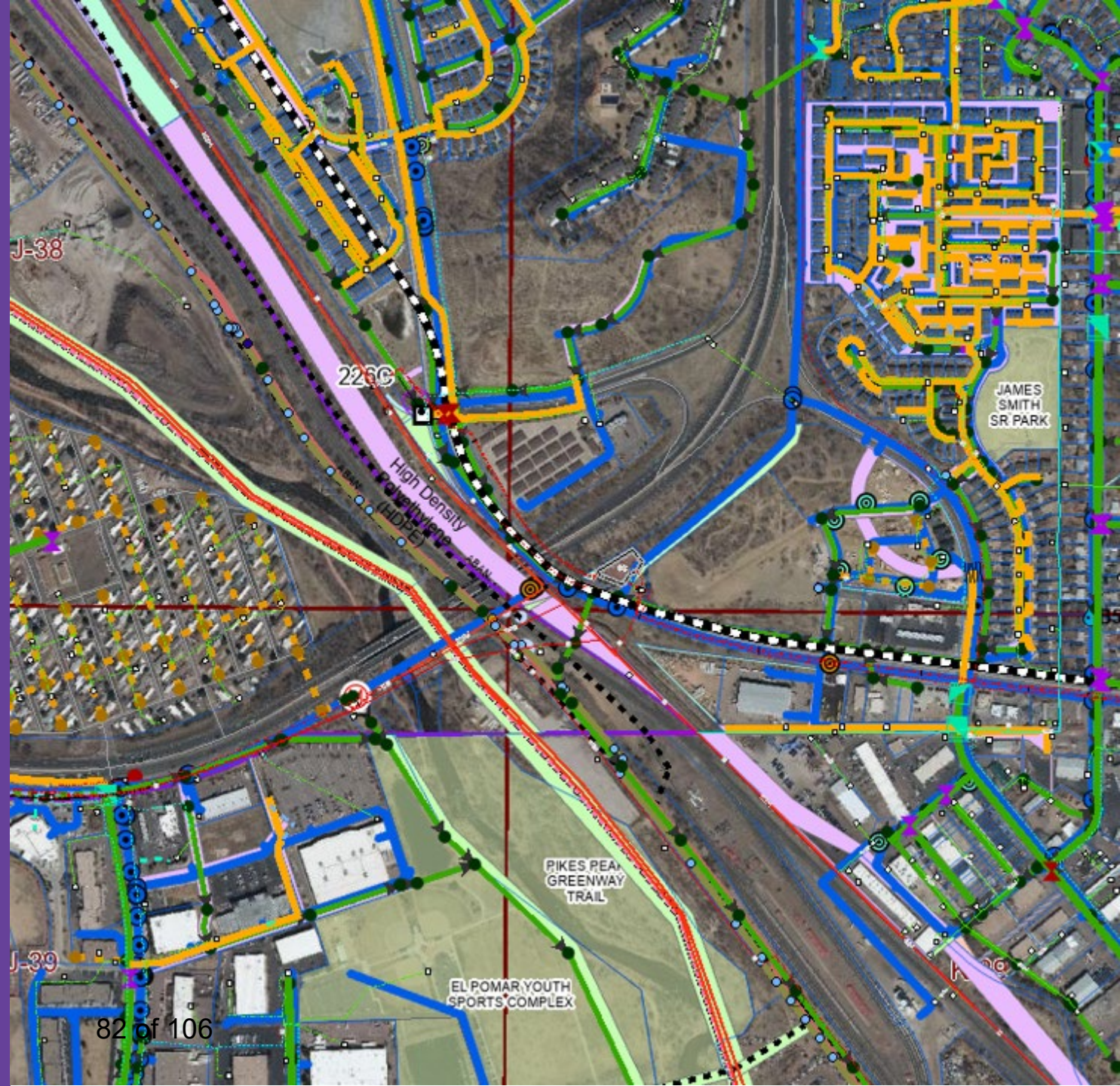


Vicinity Map



Property Information

- Owner: BNSF Railway Co.
- APN: 6428300037
- 6.981 acres
- Appraisal value: \$1,043,000
- Utilities requested the purchase of an easement and BNSF asked Utilities to purchase the entire parcel.
- Easement covered majority of parcel. Staff agreed with purchase in fee.



Action Requested

- Request for item to be added to the Nov. 10, 2025, formal City Council agenda.
- Request for item to be added to the consent agenda for the formal meeting.



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Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025
To:	Utilities Board
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Disposal of Property near Ponder Heights Drive
NARRATIVE:	
Desired Action: Choose only one	☒ Approval ☐ Discussion ☐ Information
Executive Summary:	In 1991, Colorado Springs (the City) took over the Grand View Water Users Association water service territory. The City received all of Grand View's assets, including water rights, infrastructure, and real property. As a result, the City connected the Grand View system to the City's water system and agreed to upgrade the existing Grand View system to City standards, at the expense of the Grand View customers, over a 10-year period. The City's Water Department believed that such an arrangement would be in the best interest of the City as a whole and would rectify the situation where the City citizens/taxpayers receive water from another supplier. Also, potential physical and legal conflicts between the two systems would be eliminated. On Aug. 27, 1991, City Council approved the incorporation of the Grand View Water Users Association into the Colorado Springs Water Distribution System. This parcel ("Property") is a remanent of the Grand View Water Users Association system. The Property is 20,600 square feet and located in the Ponderosa Heights subdivision in Colorado Springs. The tax schedule number for the Property is 7427205013. The City of Colorado Springs Procedure Manual for the Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property Interest, Revised 2021, (the "Manual") allows for the disposition of surplus property to One Logical Purchaser. Springs Utilities determined that it does not need fee ownership of the Property for operational or business purposes, provided that it retains a utility easement over the Property for future utility needs. The adjacent property owner, Mark Hassen, qualifies as the One Logical Purchaser under the Manual, because the Property is not independently developable and the value is less than \$100,000. In addition, the Property is adjacent to only two properties. The potential purchaser, Mark Hassen is the only adjacent property owner interested and willing to purchase the Property. Utilities is in support of disposing of the Property to Mark Hassen as the One Logical Purchaser.
Benefits:	That Springs Utilities will retain a utility easement over the Property and relief from monetary obligations.
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	N/A
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	Anticipate selling the Property for \$25,000
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities,	Colorado Springs Utilities, City of Colorado Springs Real Estate Services Office

nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.			
Alternatives:		Do not approve and retain ownership of the property.	
Submitter:	Jessica Davis	Email Address:	jedavis@csu.org
Division:	System Planning and Projects	Phone Number:	719-668-7581
Department:	Land Resource Management	Date Submitted:	October 6, 2025
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☒ Yes ☐ No		Item Number 11
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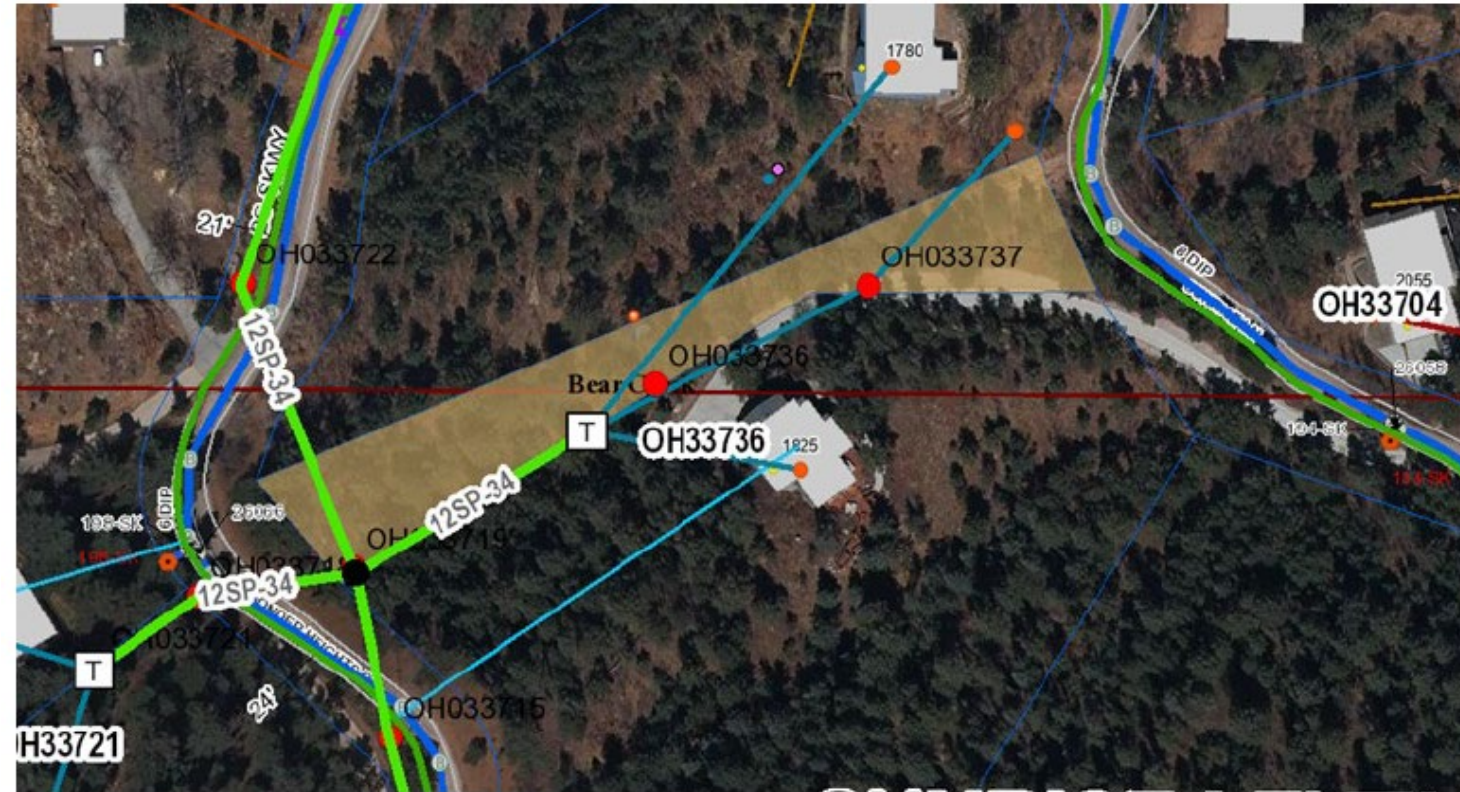


Request to Dispose of Real Property at Ponder Heights Drive to One Logical Purchaser

Jessica Davis
Land Resource Manager
October 22, 2025

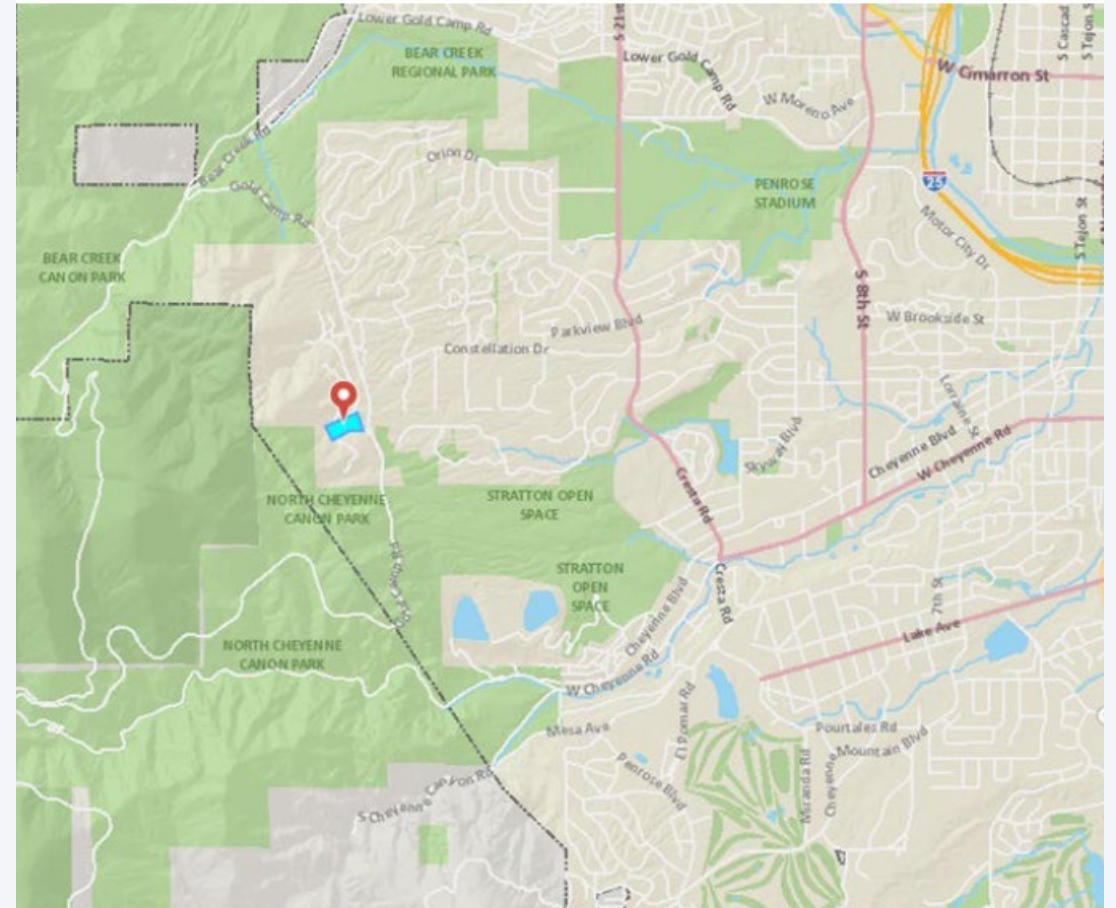
Background

- Property – Ponder Heights Drive
 - TSN: 7427205013
- Granted to Utilities as part of an agreement with Grand View Water Users Association when they were incorporated into Utilities' water system in 1991.
- Adjacent property owner would like to acquire property because his driveway is on a portion of the parcel and squares off property boundary.



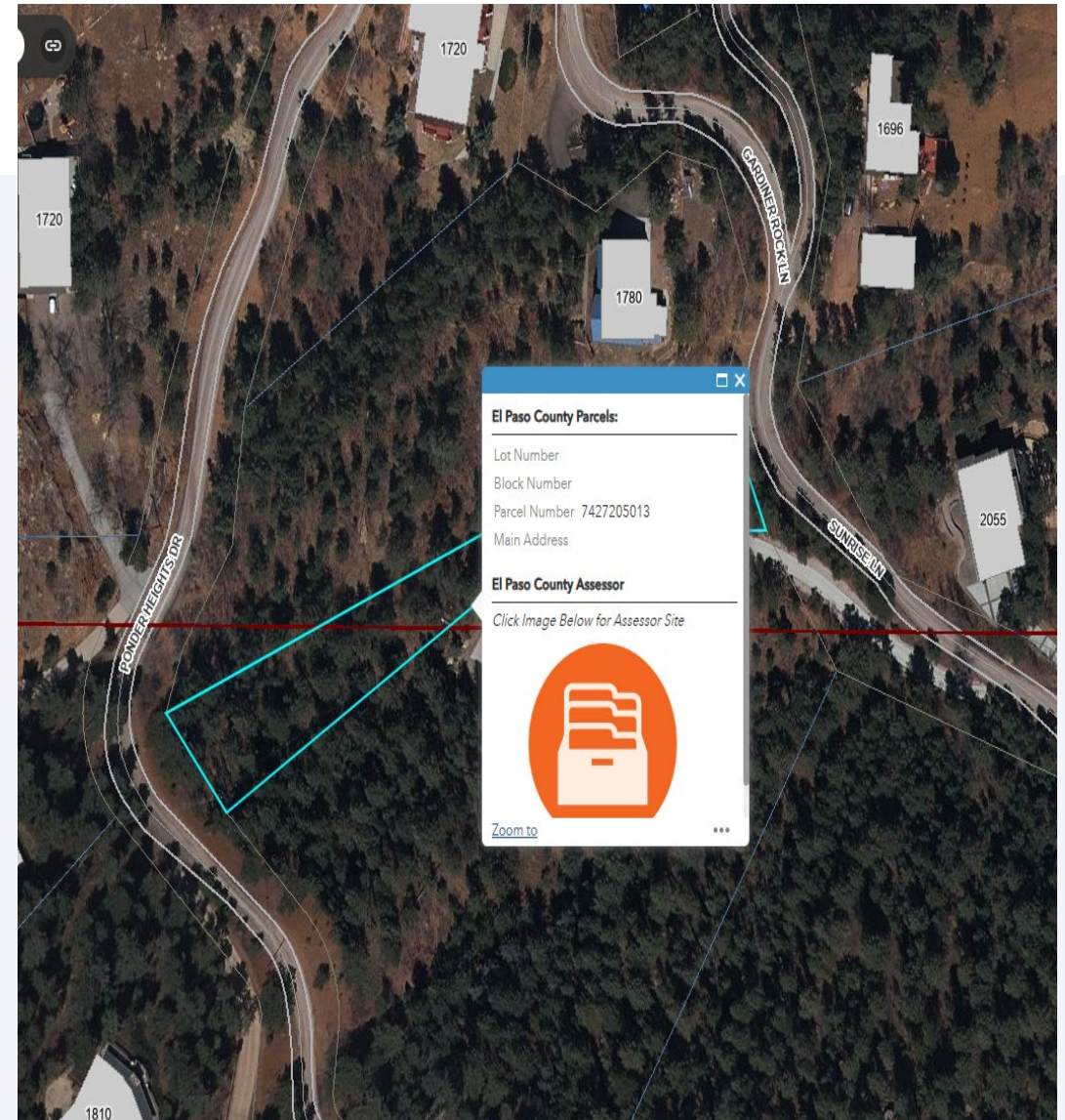
Disposition

- Declare property Surplus
 - Required under RES Manual 5.3
- Disposal property is 0.51 acres and is not independently developable
- Reservation of utility easement covering entire parcel
 - Current and future Utilities needs would be possible with the reserved easement



Disposition

- One Logical Purchaser
 - Location:
 - Property is not independently developable and
 - Property could reasonably be owned or maintained by only one adjacent property owner
 - There are two adjacent Property owners. They were both noticed that this property was for sale, but only one of them responded to the notice by the deadline.
- De Minimis Transaction
 - Fair Market Value of Property is less than \$100,000



Next Steps

- Forward a Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing Disposal to One Logical Purchaser to City Council for Approval
- Timing:
 - Nov. 10, 2025 – Formal City Council Meeting



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Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025		
To:	Utilities Board		
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer		
Subject:	Disposal of Property on Charcas Road		
NARRATIVE:			
Desired Action: Choose only one	☒ Approval ☐ Discussion ☐ Information		
Executive Summary:	Colorado Springs Utilities staff is recommending the disposal of a 2.3-acre property located on Charcas Road in Manitou Springs. Utilities purchased this property in 1928 for \$300. Springs Utilities has an electric line on the property. Due to the location of the property, nearby property owners have requested fire mitigation to be done on the property for insurance purposes. The property's maintenance has cost Springs Utilities approximately \$40,000 over the last five years. Utilities does not need the entire parcel and only needs an easement for our existing electric infrastructure. Staff recommends disposing of the property and reserving an easement for the electric line. Springs Utilities would like to list the property for sale with a real estate consultant in accordance with section 5.7 of the RES Manual.		
Benefits:	Springs Utilities will retain an easement over the southern portion of the property to accommodate Springs Utilities' electric infrastructure. Pursuant to Chapters 5 and 9 of the RES Manual, an independent appraiser determined the Fair Market Value of the Disposal Property to be \$175,000. If authorized, the property will be listed for no less than \$175,000.		
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	N/A		
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	Utilities will receive approximately \$175,000 from the sale of the property.		
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	Colorado Springs Utilities, City of Colorado Springs Real Estate Services Office		
Alternatives:	Do not approve of the disposal and retain ownership of the property.		
Submitter:	Jessica Davis	Email Address	jedavis@csu.org
Division:	System Planning and Projects	Phone Number:	719-668-7581
Department:	Land Resource Management	Date Submitted:	Oct. 6, 2025
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☒ Yes ☐ No		Item Number 12
ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT UTILITIES BOARD MEETING.			



Request to Dispose of Real Property at Charcas Road

Jessica Davis
Land Resource Manager
October 22, 2025

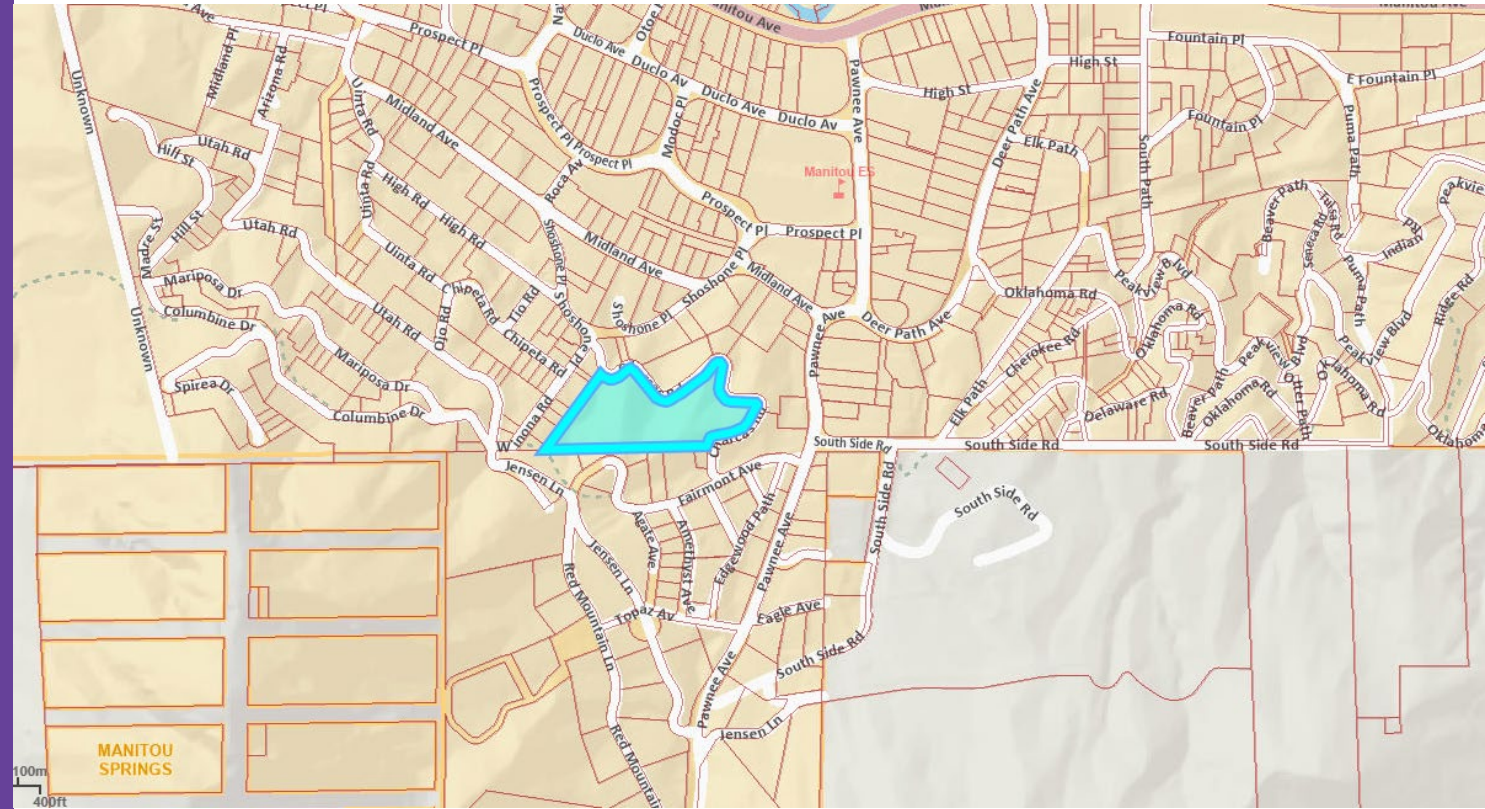
Background

- Property – Charcas Road, Manitou Springs
TSN: 7405331001
- Purchased in 1928 for \$300
- 2.3 acres
- Fire mitigation on property has cost approximately \$40,000 over the last five years



Disposition

- Declare property Surplus
 - Required under RES Manual 5.3
- Reserving utility easement for existing electric lines
- Staff recommends listing the Property on the open market with a real estate agent for not less than \$175,000



Next Steps

- Forward a Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing Disposal to City Council for Approval
- Timing:
 - Nov. 10 – Formal City Council Meeting



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Board Memo Agenda Item

Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 22, 2025		
To:	Utilities Board		
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer		
Subject:	Large Load Tariff Review		
NARRATIVE:			
Desired Action: Choose only one	☐ Approval ☐ Discussion ☒ Information		
Executive Summary:	Reviewing summary information on the Large Load rate which is part of the items for the current rate case.		
Benefits:	This new rate applies to industrial customers with electrical loads at or above 10 MW. This rate will be important to help insulate all other customers from the cost of stranded assets and ensure large load customers pay for their infrastructure needs.		
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	Pricing of Services, I-1		
Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.	N/A		
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.	Industrial customers with electrical loads at or above 10 MW		
Alternatives:	N/A		
Submitter:	Tristan Gearhart	Email Address:	tgearhart@csu.org
Division:	Planning and Finance Division	Phone Number:	719-668-7162
Department:	N/A	Date Submitted:	October 21, 2025
SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar ☐ Yes ☒ No		Item Number 13
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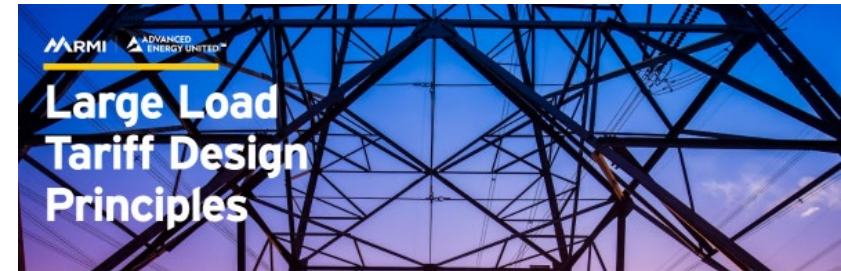
Electric Large Load Rate Schedule

October 22, 2025

Large Load Background



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Customer Eligibility

The tariff should be non-discriminatory, should encourage participation from a diversity of large-load customers with different load shapes and geographic footprints, and should focus on load characteristics such as minimum demand or load factor.

Cost Allocation

The cost allocation methodology should fairly allocate costs among customer classes, ensuring that each customer class is paying its full cost of service.

Cost Control

The tariff should include price signals or other terms that encourage optimal siting, utility operational behavior, and customer

Ratepayer Protections

The tariff should include ratepayer protections to reduce risk to other customer classes if the load either fails to materialize or comes online more rapidly than anticipated. This can be done through contract minimums, term lengths, collateral, load ramps, exit fees, capacity reassignment terms, and more.

Eligible Resources

The tariff should specify the resource characteristics that large-load customers are seeking, including generation, transmission, and distribution resources that are sourced or supported via utility procurements, bilateral or trilateral contracting, behind-the-meter and front-of-meter co-location arrangements, or other sourcing processes.

Grid Flexibility

The tariff should consider options for investments in programs that can create headroom on the transmission and distribution system to lower the cost and increase the speed of connecting new loads. These can include energy efficiency, demand response, grid-enhancing technologies, and demand flexibility programs that deliver broader grid benefits.

As tariff design continues to evolve and innovate, RMI and Advanced Energy United are committed to developing further resources to complement these principles.

For more information, please contact Charles Cannon (ccannon@rmi.org), Sarah Wang (sarah.wang@rmi.org).

Alignment with Grid Planning

The tariff should align with robust and transparent grid planning processes. This includes striving to ensure that eligible resources sourced or supported via the tariff are evaluated in long-term planning or similar dockets to determine whether they provide optimal system benefits and align with existing public policy goals impacting the grid. This includes ensuring the risk minimization measures in the tariff are evaluated and optimized in load forecasting processes.

Emissions Impact Assessment

When sourcing to support new large loads, either via the terms of the tariff or via a separate process, there should be a methodology to ensure that the new large load does not increase net emissions over the lifetime of the load and is aligned with voluntary or regulatory reporting requirements.



TECHNICAL BRIEF 1 |

January 2025

Electricity Rate Designs for Large Loads: Evolving Practices and Opportunities

Andrew Satchwell, Natalie Mims Frick, and Peter Cappers (Berkeley Lab)
Sanem Sergici, Ryan Hledik, and Goksin Kavlak (The Brattle Group)
Glenda Oskar (U.S. Department of Energy)

Electricity demand from large-load customers such as data centers is projected to grow significantly in the near term. While these large loads play an important role in advancing technology innovation and economic growth in the United States, meeting their energy needs requires utilities and regulators to consider important financial and operational risks from underutilized investments or insufficient energy supply, infrastructure, and operational capabilities, with implications for all ratepayers. This paper provides an overview of how utilities and regulators are managing these risks through different tariffs, including rate structures and service agreements. Utilities, regulators, customers, and other stakeholders can use this paper as a foundation when discussing issues and sharing perspectives on developing new large load tariffs or reviewing existing ones.

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Generation T&D Grid Reliability Electrification

OPINION

The US is facing unprecedented load growth. Here's how we ensure resource adequacy.

Adding sufficient resources fast enough to reliably meet the growth will require an array of demand- and supply-side resources as well as stronger transmission interconnection planning.

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Large Load Background

Sample of proposed or approved Large Load related tariffs:

- American Electric Power
- Appalachian Power Company
- Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company
- Duke Energy
- Entergy
- Georgia Power
- Idaho Power
- Indiana Michigan Power
- Kentucky Power Company
- Montana-Dakota Utilities
- Northern States Power Company
- NV Energy
- Ohio Power
- Omaha Public Power District
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Portland General Electric Company
- Tucson Electric Power Company
- Xcel Energy Minnesota
- Dominion Energy

Large Load Tariff Principles

- Support economic development and rate competitiveness
- Ensure resource and infrastructure adequacy
- Minimize cost shift to existing customers
- Mitigate stranded asset risks
- Protect Utilities' financial health
- Support consistency with RTO provisions
- Economic Development Special Contract provisions may be available

Electric Rate Schedule (Effective 1/1/26)

- Propose addition of Industrial Service - Large Load Rate Schedule
 - Applicable to customers with load equal to or greater than 10MW
 - Service considerations include:
 - 10-year initial contract period
 - Customer responsible for the cost of infrastructure extensions and/or modifications
 - Subject to applicable studies, conditions, and resulting costs from:
 - Colorado Springs Utilities
 - Regional Transmission Organization
 - Interim service through purchase power agreements (PPA) until resource adequacy is obtained
 - Minimum monthly bill provisions
 - Bill components include, but are not limited to, the following charges:
 - Access and facilities per day, Demand, Resource Adequacy, System Support, Pass through of PPA costs
 - Collateral requirements
 - Late payment fee

Electric Rate Schedule (Effective 1/1/26)

Description	<u>Current 4MW+ Loads</u> Industrial Service - Large Power and Light (ELG)	<u>Proposed 10MW+ Loads</u> Industrial Service - Large Load (ELL)
Access and facilities charge, per day*	\$8.9065	\$8.9065
Demand charge secondary, per kW, per day* (primary or transmission discounts may apply)	\$0.8593	\$0.8593
System support charge, per kW, per day*	N/A	\$0.0859
Resource adequacy charge, per kW, per day*	N/A	\$0.4110
Pass through Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) charges, per kWh	N/A	by contract
Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA), per kWh	\$0.0263	\$0.0263
Electric Capacity Charge (ECC), per kWh	\$0.0036	\$0.0036

* Rate components subject to other credits through terms of an Economic Development Special Contract



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