

July 2026 Community Water System Update
Brazos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
July 24, 2026

Good afternoon, Brazos MDWCA Members,

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you to those who have reached out requesting updates on our water system. We appreciate your patience, your conservation efforts, and your continued support as we work through a challenging period for our Association.

Current System Status

Our water system remains operational but continues to be in a very fragile condition. The infrastructure is aging, and many components require repair, maintenance, or replacement to improve long-term reliability. While recent emergency efforts have helped stabilize the system, significant work remains.

Throughout July, the Board, volunteers, contractors, and our technical partners have been working together to address immediate concerns while also identifying long-term improvements.

Progress Made This Month

Some of the key efforts completed or currently underway include:

- **Emergency Water Supply:** Approximately **18,000 gallons of potable water** were delivered directly into the water system during July to help maintain adequate system pressure during a critical period. In addition, a **6,000-gallon community water tanker** remains available for members to use as needed.
- **Technical Assistance:** The Association has received extensive support from the **New Mexico Rural Water Association**, whose technical staff have spent many hours evaluating the system, identifying priorities, and helping develop solutions to improve operations and reliability.
- **System Repairs and Maintenance:** Crews and volunteers continue working to identify and repair maintenance issues throughout the system. This work includes troubleshooting equipment, evaluating infrastructure, and addressing operational concerns as they are discovered.
- **Locating Critical Infrastructure:** A significant effort is underway to locate and evaluate water shutoff valves throughout the

distribution system. Many of these valves have been inaccessible or their locations unknown for years. Restoring access to these valves will greatly improve our ability to isolate leaks, perform repairs efficiently, and respond to future emergencies.

- **Boil Water Advisory:** The **Precautionary Boil Water Notice** issued on **July 3, 2026** remains in effect as a protective measure while system conditions continue to be monitored. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in following the advisory.
- **Financial Compliance:** The Association has successfully completed the required financial reporting and compliance requirements for the **2025–2026 Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP)** and submitted the necessary reports and resolutions to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. Returning the Association to compliance is an important milestone because it restores eligibility to pursue grants, infrastructure funding, and other financial assistance programs that will be critical to improving our water system.

How You Can Help

Your cooperation continues to make a meaningful difference.

Please continue to:

- Use water conservatively whenever possible.
- Delay outdoor watering until system conditions improve.
- If you have another residence available, consider showering or doing laundry there when practical.
- Use the community water tanker when appropriate to reduce demand on the distribution system.
- If you previously turned off your stop-and-waste valve, please ensure it has been properly returned to service if your cabin is occupied. If you are leaving your property, remember to shut the valve off correctly before departing.

If you have questions regarding your stop-and-waste valve, please contact **Community Liaison Chris Dennison at (303) 956-0468**.

Looking Ahead

The Board recognizes that restoring the long-term health of our water system will require significant planning, investment, and continued

cooperation from our membership. Although the work ahead will be substantial, important progress has already been made.

By continuing to conserve water, maintaining financial compliance, and pursuing available grant opportunities—including the Association’s current TAP Grant—we are building a stronger foundation for the future of the Brazos water system.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support as we work together to improve and protect this vital community resource. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors. Board contact information is available on the Association website at **upperbrazoswater.org**.

Respectfully,

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