

August 2026 Community Water System Update

Brazos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association

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Good afternoon, Brazos MDWCA Members,

I hope you are well. Thank you for your patience, conservation efforts, and continued support as our Association works through our renewal efforts.

Current System Status:

As in July, our water system remains operational, and we are encouraged by the progress being made, though conditions are still fragile. The middle storage tank has recovered to 10 feet of water, while the upper tank remains nearly empty.

Progress Made This Month:

- A second water tanker from the Albuquerque Water Authority has been delivered.
- The New Mexico Rural Water Association continues to provide significant assistance. Their fresh perspective and willingness to look beyond our usual “Brazos box” thinking have already led to a major system repair, and they continue to help us identify weaknesses and develop practical solutions.
- Thanks to the “looking beyond” mindset of several key Brazos Dream Team members, a valve above the pond was identified and repaired. The PRV (pressure release valve) appears to have been malfunctioning for some time and repairing it has been crucial to the system’s recent improvement. Because the valve is 26 years old, it will need to be fully replaced in the near future. This will be a major repair, estimated to cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000, we hope to secure grant funding to help support the work.
- Boil Water Advisory: NMED Compliance Officer Gordon Miller has confirmed that the Precautionary Boil Water Notice may remain in effect place out of an abundance of caution.

How You Can Help:

Please continue to:

- Use water as conservatively as possible.
- Avoid outdoor watering.
- When practical, consider showering or doing laundry at another available residence.
- Use the community water tanker when appropriate to reduce demand on the distribution system.

- Make sure your stop-and-waste valve is working properly and shut it off correctly before leaving.

For questions about your stop-and-waste valve, please contact Community Liaison Chris Dennison at (303) 956-0468.

Looking Ahead:

As always, the Board recognizes that restoring the long-term health of our water system will require significant planning, investment, and continued cooperation from our membership. By continuing to conserve water, maintaining financial compliance and pursuing available grant opportunities we are building a stronger foundation for the future of the Brazos water system. We will need to develop a long-term revitalization plan that will identify and evaluate all system components, estimate upgrade costs, and assess the time, labor, and impacts involved.

I sincerely appreciate the patience of Association members and the growing interest shown in becoming involved in the Brazos MDWCA during this challenging time. Fresh ideas and forward-looking thinking will be essential as we continue revitalizing the system.

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.

To coin a catch phrase “Please come enjoy the Brazos but enjoy responsibly.” 😊

Respectfully,

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