



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Craig Leseberg, Public Works Director

DATE: March 17, 2026

RE: Recommendation to Amend Annual Dig Date

Background:

The Town of Alpine traditionally observes an annual dig restriction through the winter months, with the restriction **ending on April 15**, at which time excavation within town rights-of-way and other affected areas is permitted to resume.

Discussion:

Due to **lower-than-average snowpack this winter**, ground conditions are expected to thaw earlier than in a typical year. Public Works Director **Craig Leseberg** has evaluated current conditions and believes excavation activities can safely begin sooner than the standard date.

Adjusting the dig date would allow contractors, utility work, and construction projects to begin earlier, helping maintain project timelines and improve efficiency for the upcoming construction season

Recommendation:

Public Works Director **Craig Leseberg** recommends modifying the annual dig date so that the seasonal dig restriction **ends April 1 instead of April 15** for this year due to the reduced snowpack and earlier ground thaw conditions.
