



# City of Dripping Springs

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## Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

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| <b>Commission Meeting Date:</b> | 03/12/2026  |
| <b>Item Wording:</b>            | Update on Utilities for the month of February, 2026 |
| <b>Agenda Item Requestor:</b>   | Utility Commission                                  |

### Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood 150 TE and Sewer – Under Construction.

Heritage – Phase 4 homes on hold until discharge plant is operation.

Village Grove - Construction has started; pump and haul final startup 3/4/26. Expect to see flows soon.

Carter Ranch – Construction started; Utility is being installed.

Big Sky Ranch WWTP– TLAP Interim Phase III Accepted 54,300 gpd. New building permits have been released.

Howard Ranch Effluent – Halted due to design issues. Still moving forward. Waiting on contractual documentation from HOA.

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station/ Heritage Lift Station – Design and easements. This will divert flows to the East Interceptor. Plan is to build this during phase 2 of the new Discharge Plant. Easements needed for interim route.

Cannon Ranch – Phase 3 and 4 under review.

Anarene (Double L) – Phase 1 Construction has started. Discussion with Engineers being had on design of irrigation fields. This will be a 321 plant that converts to TLAP at certain LUE. No movement on WWTP plan acceptance. Lacking design criteria for engineering.

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review. Site work has begun.

West Interceptor Segment 2 – Trenching has begun. Creek crossing design is still being finalized. On schedule.

Fellers – Tri point – New development with 18 homes. Requesting pump and haul permission. Will eventually be on West Interceptor line.

**South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:**

Design of discharge plant is currently being finalized. Contract engineers have identified last design elements that need updating. We are in discussions about various methods of sludge processing and what storage tanks will be holding this sludge before it is dried or thickened. Pushed to end of April for final design. This will prevent the need for change orders.

**Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:**

Stage 1 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers. Rate Study being performed to be proposed to City Council.

**South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.**

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had violations for the month of February 2026. Average flow of 325,000 gpd. We lost solids due to hydraulic washout from high flows and may have over wasted creating young sludge conditions. Working to increase sludge age to solve issues.

**Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:**

GST is still under construction.

Arrowhead Treatment Facility had no violations for the month of February 2026. Average flow was 60,100 gpd.

**Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:**

Big Sky Treatment Plant operated with violations for the month of February 2026. Average flow of 34,500 gpd. Plant is currently meeting permit.

Interim phase III drip field construction is complete. This permit to 54,300 gpd.

**Update on Reclaimed Water:**

71,200 gallons were hauled from the effluent fill station this month. Sports Park 1,226,810 gallons. Founders Park 314,500 gallons. Village Grove construction 209,000 gallons. Total 1,822,000 gallons in reclaimed water was used this month for irrigation and construction purposes.

**Texas Water Development Board Funding**

The City has submitted application to the board for additional funding request for \$53,000,000.

Since initial funding was received in 2019, construction costs have increased and the City will be building out the entire plant in phase 1 and 2. The city has also added additional infrastructure. Notification of this award is expected soon.