



City of Dripping Springs

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Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

Commission Meeting Date:	02/19/2026
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of January, 2026
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started (Clearing Easements Installing First Section)

Heritage – phase 4 homes on hold until discharge plant is operation

Village Grove –Construction has started; pump and haul Pre Construction Meeting held 1/7/26, Lift Station Final 2/9/26

Carter Ranch – Construction started; Utility is being installed

Big Sky – TLAP field Phase 2 under construction – Fields are close to completion. 2 - GSTs installed. Final Walk 2/10/2026.

Howard Ranch Effluent Tie-in– Halted due to design issues. Need to verify no cross connections.

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.

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.

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review

West Interceptor Segment 2 – Bid Awarded and pre-construction process are starting on site. Clearing complete and trenching will begin week starting 2/7/2026

Fellers – Tri point – New development with 18 homes. Requesting pump and haul permission. Will 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. We are on schedule to finalize design by end of February 2026, and construction should start in late 2026.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 1 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had no violations for the month of January 2026. Average flow of 335,000 gpd. Flows were high due to dripping faucets and diverted flows due to Big Sky winter weather issue with diffusers.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

Pad site for Ground Storage Tank has been completed. GST construction has started.

Phase III drip fields are complete, and revegetation is complete.

Arrowhead treatment facility had no violations for the month of January 2026. Average flow is 64,000 gpd

Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:

Big Sky Treatment Plant operated without any violations for the month of January 2026. Average flow of 39,000 gpd

Phase 2 drip field construction is complete. Waiting on final acceptance This will take permit to 54,300 gpd.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

212,000 gallons were hauled from the fill station this month. Sports Park 1,034,000 gallons. Founders Park 388,000 gallons. Village Grove construction 394,000 gallons. Total 2,029,000 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 of \$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 phases 1 and 2. The city has also added additional infrastructure. Notification of this award is expected in February 2026.