



City of Dripping Springs

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Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

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| Commission Meeting Date: | 01/15/2026 |
| Item Wording: | Update on Utilities for the month of December, 2025 |
| 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 1/7/26

Carter Ranch – Construction started; Utility is being installed

Big Sky – TLAP field Phase 2 under construction – Fields are close to completion. Waiting on GST

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.

Cannon Ranch – Phase 3 and 4 under review

Anarene (Double L) – Phase 1 Construction has started.

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

West Interceptor Segment 2 – Bid Awarded and pre-construction process are starting on site

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 December 2025. Average flow of 313,000 gpd.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

Pad site for Ground Storage Tank has been completed. Waiting on tank parts to arrive to build tank.

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

Arrowhead treatment facility had no violations for the month of December 2025. Average flow is 60,000 gpd

Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:

Big Sky Treatment Plant operated without any violations for the month of December 2025. Average flow of 36,000 gpd

Phase 2 drip field construction almost complete. GST parts to be in mid-January. This will take permit to 54,300 gpd.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

110 Hauls were taken from the effluent fill station this month totaling 382,000 gallons.

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 instead of building in phases. The city has also added additional infrastructure. Notification of this award will be in February 2026.