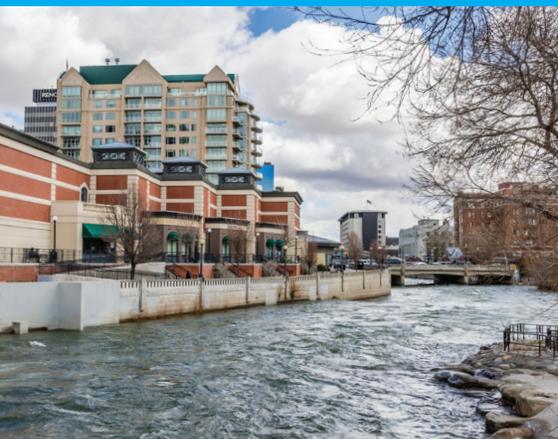


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Smart About Water Quick Fact:

Our Truckee River System is Unique

TMWA has a diverse portfolio of water resources stored in groundwater aquifers and six large upstream reservoirs—two of which are directly managed by TMWA. This system of upstream reservoirs provides our community with a significant level of drought resiliency. In addition, TMWA stores surface water underground in several basins located throughout our service territory. These sources of supply are used to meet customer demand during peak-use periods in the summer or drought years when needed. This network of surface and groundwater storage is the result of extensive planning and decades of investments to help secure our community's water future.

The Importance of TMWA's Water Tanks: Quietly Supporting Reliable Water Service

TMWA's water tanks are such an established part of the local landscape, most people never give them a second thought. But they play a vital role in delivering safe, reliable water throughout our community. TMWA's tanks help maintain steady water pressure, provide emergency storage and support efficient operations around the clock.

Most tanks are on hillsides, using gravity to deliver water to customers with minimal pumping. This improves reliability while reducing energy use. Tanks are often filled at night when demand is minimal and energy costs are low. TMWA's system of tanks is online every day to meet demand. In addition, the system is insurance: storing water for use if a treatment plant has an outage or if a pump goes offline. This essential backup ensures uninterrupted service and critical reserves for emergencies—including fire.



TMWA maintains about 100 tanks, and like all infrastructure, they require scheduled inspections and maintenance to protect against corrosion and to extend their service life. Each year, a few tanks are taken offline during the low-demand winter months for inspections and repairs. While customers may not be aware of this work, ongoing maintenance helps ensure reliable, cost-effective water service, now and in the future.

Cost-Saving Innovation

Present-day tank projects within TMWA's distribution system include a new design innovation called bent-plate roofing. Traditional tank roofs use internal beams that are hard to coat and are prone to corrosion, typically taking 2–3 months to paint. The new bent plate roofing moves these structural elements to the outside of the tank, creating a smooth interior surface that can be painted in one or two weeks: saving time and money!



Community Update: TMWA's Annual Water Supply Outlook Scheduled for April 2 at 1 P.M.

What do recent snowpack measurements mean for our local water supply and for this summer's irrigation season? Attend TMWA's Zoom-based Water Supply Outlook on April 2 at 1 p.m. and stay informed. Hear directly from Kara Steeland, TMWA's Senior Hydrologist and Watershed Coordinator, who will provide context for the current snowpack, projected river flows and TMWA's integrated water management approach. Customers are encouraged to attend the 20-minute Zoom presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. (See event listing for Zoom link at tmwa.com/meetings).

Get a Great Summer Job! Join TMWA's Summer Conservation Staff



Annual hiring for TMWA's seasonal water conservation consultant team has begun. TMWA provides the training, vehicle and equipment; you become a true champion for water conservation in the Truckee Meadows.

Responsibilities include educating the public on TMWA's water conservation and assigned-day watering policies, as well as responding to water-waste reports. We've found that most people with yard leaks and other outdoor watering problems aren't aware and appreciate knowing they have them. Our conservation consultants' mission is to identify these problems and help our customers find solutions to save water.

If you're friendly, organized, a good communicator and have a safe driving record, this job may be for you. This is a seasonal, full-time position that starts in May and ends in early October. For more information, check out our website at jobs.tmwa.com.

SMART ABOUT WATER DAY

Fun for the Whole Family!

Come join us at Smart About Water Day on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for our family-friendly event at the California Building in Reno's Idlewild Park. This free event is geared to answer all your questions about water in our region. Kids can have fun exploring interactive displays including TMWA's big rigs! Families can learn all about water and then buy lunch from one of the local food trucks.



Where to Call

- General Inquiries775-834-8080
- Emergency Repair775-834-8090
- Water Conservation775-834-8005
- Water Quality775-834-8118
- Water Rights775-834-8029
- Ombudsman775-848-0813



Truckee Meadows Water Authority is a community-owned water utility, overseen by elected officials and citizen appointees from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.

TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 475,000 Truckee Meadows residents.

Events and Public Meetings

Annual Water Supply Update

Thursday, April 2, 1 p.m., on Zoom

Meeting: Standing Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 3 p.m., at TMWA Offices

Workshops: Irrigation System Start Up

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m. at TMWA offices

Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting: Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. – noon.

Sparks City Council Chamber

Find details for all workshops and meetings at tmwa.com/meeting.

