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Smart About Water Quick Fact:

October 1st Began the New Water Year

The 2026-2027 water year began this month on Oct. 1st, marking the start of a new cycle for assessing runoff, snowpack, reservoir storage and drought conditions. Used by hydrologists and water managers to evaluate water supply conditions, a water year is a 12-month period running from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Throughout the year, TMWA monitors hydrologic conditions and water supply forecasts to support informed management decisions. This analysis is one of the ways TMWA ensures water supply reliability, regardless of what the winter season may bring.

Creating Water-Supply Resiliency for the Community:

Advanced Purified Water Facility Breaks Ground

The City of Reno and TMWA celebrated construction beginning on the Advanced Purified Water Facility (APWF) with a groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 31. Located in Stead, the APWF will be Nevada's first indirect potable reuse facility, creating a new, drought-proof water resource for the community.



TMWA Board members celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony, from left: Alexis Hill, Chair Paul Anderson, Clara Andriola, Naomi Duerr and Vice Chair Miguel Martinez.

Operating under the OneWater Nevada program, the facility will produce A+ Advanced Purified Water under the rigorous quality guidelines established in 2016 by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. Once complete, the plant will be capable of producing up to two million gallons per day. This will increase the sustainability of our regional water supply by supplementing groundwater resources.

This new, locally controlled resource will also reduce the region's reliance on the Truckee River system, strengthening long-term drought resilience.

"This is what regional partnership and stewardship looks like," said Paul Anderson, Chairman of TMWA's Board of Directors. "And I believe the people who stand here years from now will look back on the decision to build this facility as yet another important milestone in the long history of thoughtful water resource management in the Truckee Meadows."

TMWA Seeks Customer Input On Proposed 3-Year Rate Plan

Public meetings set for November; a typical customer would see about a $3 increase in their monthly bill each year.

On September 16, TMWA's Board of Directors authorized staff to begin gathering customer input on a proposed three-year rate plan for fiscal years 2027 through 2029.

The proposal calls for increases of 7 percent in 2027, 7 percent in 2028 and

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5 percent in 2029; each taking effect on or about May 1 of their respective years. For a TMWA residential customer with average water use, the monthly bill would increase by roughly $3 in 2027, 2028 and 2029.

The proposed rate increases are needed to maintain the reliability of TMWA's water system by allowing it to continue to invest in critical existing infrastructure (water treatment plants, booster pump stations, water tanks, and wells). The plan would fund roughly $210 million in rehabilitation and replacement work over five years. As part of the plan, TMWA would also issue $50 million in new debt. The debt would allow TMWA to meet its infrastructure rehabilitation plan without placing more burden on customers in terms of higher rate increases.

The TMWA Board has not approved the rate plan and has only authorized staff to gather customer input. Any Board decision would not occur until February and March 2027. Between now and then, we want to hear from you. TMWA will host four public meetings in November — two in-person open houses and two Zoom sessions. Dates, times and locations will be posted here **tmwa.com/RatesInfo** as they are confirmed.

Learn more, read answers to common questions, and share your comments at tmwa.com/RatesInfo.

Community Update: Temporary Closure on Tahoe Pyramid Trail until Spring 2027

A section of the Tahoe Pyramid Trail (TPT), running from Quilici Ranch to Farad, has been temporarily closed as TMWA hydroelectric facilities in this area undergo needed maintenance and improvements. TMWA appreciates the community's patience while crews complete these projects.

The planned maintenance is vital to keeping the facilities efficient and fully functional. Hydroelectric power significantly offsets TMWA's operational costs.

The easement agreement allowing the TPT to cross TMWA property also allows TMWA to restrict access when necessary. Unfortunately, a closure is necessary for the current work to be done. We understand this is an inconvenience for trail users, and we will do everything we can to complete work and reopen the section as quickly as possible. A media release announcing the trail reopening will be distributed when work is complete. Announcements will be also posted at **tmwa.com**, **tahoepyramidtrail.org** and shared on social media channels.

Like what you see in our newsletters? Have changes to suggest?

Take this 30-second survey to directly shape the topics, format and updates we'll bring to you in the coming year. We want to hear from you!

Where to Call

General Inquiries	775-834-8080
Emergency Repair	775-834-8090
Water Conservation	775-834-8005
Water Quality	775-834-8118
Water Rights	775-834-8029
Ombudsman	775-848-0813

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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 in November

Holiday: Veterans Day
November 11, TMWA Offices Closed

Holiday: Thanksgiving and Family Day
November 26 & 27, TMWA Offices Closed

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