



Rockwood Water
People's Utility District

ROCKWOOD WATERLINES

QUARTER 3 - 2024

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET

At the June 26, 2024 Rockwood Water PUD Board of Directors meeting, the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year budget and rate plan was approved. This includes a 5% overall rate adjustment to help offset the impacts of inflation on our groundwater infrastructure construction and operating costs. For the average customer that uses 12 units of water every 2 months, this will be an increase of approximately \$3.48 on a bimonthly bill.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and Budget Committee members for their work this year. If you are interested in getting involved with the budget process next year please reach out to Government Affairs Coordinator, Nyla Clark at nclark@rwpud.org to get more information.

[View the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year budget including updated rates and fees at:](https://rwpud.org/rates/)

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ROCKWOOD WATER BOARD ELECTIONS

Sub-Districts 1, 3 & 4 will have elections for members to serve as Board of Directors for Rockwood Water People's Utility District. Interested candidates can begin to file for the open positions on July 18, 2024. The filing deadline is August 27, 2024. Visit multco.us/elections for further information about voting and candidate information.

PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Rockwood Water's financial assistance program for qualifying customers is a one-time crisis assistance payment of \$150 or a bi-monthly discount of \$25 on water bills for one year (six bills). To get started visit rwpud.org/payment-assistance/ or pick up an application in person at our District offices, 19601 NE Halsey St.

AMI (AUTOMATED METER INFRASTRUCTURE)

AMI is coming to Rockwood! Beginning July 2024, The District will begin a multi-year project to replace and upgrade more than 13,000 water meters. These upgraded meters are a key component for the implementation of an AMI. AMI enables Rockwood Water staff to remotely read water meters. Learn More: <https://rwpud.org/ami/>

2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT - NOW AVAILABLE



The Water Quality Report, also called the Consumer Confidence Report, is now available!

How to get a copy of the report:

- View on our website at: rwpud.org/ccr2024.pdf
- Pick up printed copies in English or Spanish at the District office (19601 NE Halsey) during open business hours
- Request a printed copy to be mailed to you by calling 971.563.9503



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CASCADE GROUNDWATER ALLIANCE

The Cascade Groundwater Alliance (CGA), a partnership between the City of Gresham and Rockwood People's Utility District, is making considerable progress on expanding the groundwater system for East Multnomah County. This expansion will provide a more resilient water supply for the community in the face of severe weather, climate change, earthquakes, and other emergencies.

Emergency preparedness is a top priority for the new system. The pipelines, reservoirs, and other components of the system are all being designed and built to meet modern seismic standards to limit damage to the system after an earthquake or other emergency. This will enable water service to be restored more quickly after an emergency so the community can recover faster.

The new system will draw water from the Sand and Gravel Aquifer. This deep and naturally protected aquifer offers a reliable and abundant groundwater supply more resilient to severe storms, flooding, droughts, wildfires, and other extreme events. The new system will increase the number and capacity of regional water supply sources and reduce reliance on a single regional source of supply. Expanding the region's water supply infrastructure and providing redundant supplies increases our ability to respond to emergencies.

Construction of the system is progressing steadily, with completion expected in 2026. Once online, the new expanded system will provide a safe and reliable water supply with enough capacity of high-quality water to service our community for generations. See project schedule for more details.

| GROUNDWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Groundwater Projects | Current Project Status | | |
| | IN DESIGN | IN CONSTRUCTION | COMPLETE |
| 1 Cascade Reservoirs 1 & 2 and Well 7 | | ● | |
| 2 Water Transmission Pipes | | ● | |
| 3 Cascade Well 8, Reservoir and Treatment Facility | | ● | |
| 4 Cascade Water Treatment Facility and Pump Station | | ● | |
| 5 Cascade Well 6 and Treatment Facility | ● | | |
| 6 Cascade Well 9 | | ● | |
| 7 Cascade Well 10 and Water Transmission Pipe | ● | | |
| 8 Water System Meter Connection | | ● | |
| 9 Water System Meter Connection | | ● | |



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Take the guesswork out of watering and sign up for the FREE Weekly Watering Number! The Weekly Watering Number is free and tells you how much to water each week based on your zip code. You can sign up to get it via text or email, and you'll also get tips and information on other resources that will help you save even more water outdoors. Sign Up At: regionalh20.org.