

ROARING FORK WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2026

Call to Order

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Ian Exelbert, President
Tom Sherman, Board Member
Carter Barger, Board Member

Staff Present

Tonya Uren, District Administrator
Brandyn Bair, District Engineer
Scott Grosscup, District Attorney
Alan Leslie, Operator

M/S/C Tom moved to excuse Brendan Matthias and Paul Goldstein. Carter second, all in favor.

Administrator's Report

March Minutes

M/S/C Tom moved to approve the March 17, 2026, minutes. Carter second, all in favor.

Accounts Payable

M/S/C Tom moved to approve the April accounts payable as presented. Carter second, all in favor.

Past Due Account Hearings

All past due customer accounts were paid before the board meeting.

Audit Approval Schedule

The 2025 Draft Audit is being prepared by Paul D. Miller of Blair and Associates, P.C. Paul completed the physical review of the records at the plant. Tonya is working with Alan and Brandyn to review items on the depreciation schedule. Paul provided a draft to Tonya for review and addition of managerial comment. Scott will review the report before it is presented to the Board at the May meeting. The audit is due July 31, 2026.

Rules and Regulations: Update Penalty Schedule for Water Use Regulations

According to the Rules and Regulations, the District has the authority to impose voluntary and/or mandatory water use restrictions. There is a schedule of penalties for violation of

mandatory water restrictions. Tonya presented the penalty schedule from 2007 and proposed the Board update the fines.

Water Use Restriction Penalty Schedule:

Current:		For Consideration:
First Violation:	Warning	Warning
Second Violation:	\$25	\$100
Third Violation:	\$50	\$200
Fourth Violation:	\$100	\$400
Fifth Violation:	\$500	\$2,000

With low snowpack this winter, extreme drought conditions persist. Well levels are currently stable but generally drop after soil absorption diminishes after the spring run-off. The west side of Aspen Glen’s ditches come from the Crystal River, which may run low so that water can’t feed through the head gate. This would present issues for homeowners that irrigate from the ditch system. If customers who irrigate using raw water begin to use District potable water, it could stress the system. It’s challenging to police restrictions in Aspen Glen because not all customers irrigate with District water. Ian presented a copy of email communication from the Ironbridge POA Board of Directors imposing water restrictions on the community irrigation system using The Robertson Ditch.

The Board discussed concerns to protect the potable water supply for domestic use and fire response. The Board would like to begin with voluntary watering restrictions and monitor drought conditions and well levels. Increasing the penalty schedule for mandatory restrictions now, allows for more effective enforcement. The Board asked Tonya to distribute door hangers to customers notifying of voluntary restrictions immediately. They requested stern language advising of the District’s right to impose mandatory restrictions on watering, but encouraging conservation now to avoid that requirement. The Board asked Tonya to email a draft for their review. Tonya will also email customers regarding the watering restrictions. The notices will go to all customers and advise raw water users their role in conservation. **M/S/C** Tom moved to approve immediate voluntary outdoor water restrictions and notification to customers by door hanger and email. Carter second, all in favor. **M/S/C** Carter moved to begin the process to modify the District’s Rules and Regulations and increase Water Use Restriction Penalty Schedule as presented. Tom second, all in favor. Tonya will notice a hearing for the next board meeting on May 19, 2026 to ratify this change.

Zebra Mussels

Carter presented an Aspen Daily News article regarding invasive zebra mussel’s presence discovered in the Colorado River last October. The article described the impactful damage to water systems as zebra mussels can form a crust and clog intake pipes to water treatment plants and municipal water supplies. Alan has heard of the issues. The mussels haven’t been detected in the Roaring Fork River yet. They are in the Colorado River from Parachute west. The District’s water supply is from groundwater wells. CDPHE hasn’t provided guidance yet, but staff will monitor the issue.

Operator's Report

Water Leak Repair

Two areas of concern identified by American Leak Detection were repaired. First, a fire hydrant valve was replaced on River's Bend by the lift station. Next, a main line valve was replaced at the intersection of Golden Stone and Bald Eagle Way. Alan is concerned because the Mueller Valves that were industry standard when these lines were installed, don't have stainless steel bolts. The District has replaced four water line valves in recent years because of failure from rusted bolts. These valves are all original to the development of Aspen Glen approximately thirty years ago. Alan will begin to inspect valves by camera where accessible to document and identify areas of future concern. Also, the District could schedule American Leak Detection to annually inspect the District to target issues.

Coryell Well #11

Alan camera inspected the well and determined that three feet of the ten foot well screen were covered in silt. Samuelson Pump air jetted the well and blasted out the silt from the length of the screen, exposing eight feet. The well is producing now, and Samuelson Pump will work with Alan to monitor the well. The lowest groundwater is generally in March and comes up as the soils are saturated with ground water during run-off and recharge the well. The well was drilled in 2001 and tested at 1,000 gallons/minute. Both well #11 and #13 produce 400-425 gallons/minute now. As Alan monitors the wells, he will consider whether the District needs to implement a flushing schedule to clear silt from well screens.

During the well test and the water leak repairs in Aspen Glen, Alan and Mike successfully ran water from the Coryell Wells across the river to Aspen Glen and then down the Zancanella Loop to Roaring Form Mesa. This ability to bypass the Coryell Tank allows flexibility of response to push Coryell well water into the system during high demand.

Eastbank Lift Station

The Gorman-Rupp pump at the lift station is over-heating. Alan will pull the pump components for inspection.

WWTP Inspection

The last time CDPHE inspected the plant, there wasn't an effluent flow meter in place. An effluent flow meter is now installed, and CDPHE is questioning the effluent flow readings based on the weir plate, which is a steel plate that goes across the basin. Brandyn will need to discuss the calculations and provide detail to CDPHE. Ultimately if CDPHE doesn't agree to its use to measure effluent flows, the District may need to revise the design.

Engineer's Report

Developer Updates

- Harvest Roaring Fork withdrew its PUD application with Garfield County after Planning and Zoning's denial. The developer plans to address the concerns and resubmit. Brandyn believes they are still moving forward with installing the piping across the river this summer.

- Brandyn met with a developer that may buy the Sages development from Cary Glickstein. The buyer is in Due Diligence phase and has questions regarding the lift station.
- Aspen Glen Reserve is moving forward with development plans, but with fewer homes. 21 EQR's are available for the parcel, so the developer may construct ten homes, each with property with an ADU. Each property would have two water taps and a single sewer line.
- No further activity with Hardwick Crossing.

Attorney's Report

Water Court Application

Scott filed a Water Court diligence application for rights of exchange for the District's existing wells. The District must demonstrate reasonable diligence on the development of the conditional water right every six years. The District received a favorable report from the Division Engineer and will be submitting a proposed decree requesting the conditional rights be continued for another six years.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 3pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Read and approved this 19th day of May 2026.

Signed: _____

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Attest: _____