

Bishop Creek Water Association  
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda  
April 14, 2026  
7:00 pm

1. Opening and Introduction
2. Acceptance of January 26, 2026 Annual Meeting Summary
3. Approved 2026 Budget (attached)
4. Approval of the February and March 2026 Financial Reports
5. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow, and Storage Report
6. Appointment of Water and Arbitration Committee
7. Appointment of Finance Committee
8. Old Business
  - a. Street Culverts:
    - i. 3028 Laurel Rd Culvert
    - ii. Culvert Survey
  - b. Sierra Hwy widening project
  - c. Leakage from Waterson Area Ditch onto LADWP
  - d. Ditch Relocation at NW corner of Carol Ln. (parcel no 011-510-27)
  - e. Collection of Past Due Assessments (attachment)
  - f. Water Rights filing
  - g. Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Project
  - h. Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership?
9. Watermaster Report
10. New Business
  - a. Low flows on Mt Tom Rd and Vista Rd
  - b. Other (by Board or members in good standing)
9. Next Monthly Board Meetings: May 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm at GLCC
10. Adjournment

Bishop Creek Water Association  
Monthly Board Meeting Summary  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7:00 pm

**1. Opening and Introduction**

BWCA Monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Trustees in attendance: Gene Coufal, Merry Armstrong, Mark Frumkin, Eric Tillemans and Don Kunze. Watermaster Indigo Ganoung was not present.

**2. Acceptance of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Annual Board Meeting Summary**

The January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Annual Board Meeting Summary was accepted as written.

**3. Approved 2026 Budget Attached**

The budget included in packet was approved by membership at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Approval of January and February 2026 Financial Reports**

The January report was approved unanimously. The February report was tabled.

**5. Snowpack, Precipitation and Bishop Creek Flow and Storage Report**

The current snowpack is 110% of normal to date for the Bishop Creek Drainage.

**6. Election of Board Officers:**

- i. **President:** Gene Coufal was nominated by Eric, seconded by Don and unanimously approved.
- ii. **Secretary:** LADWP (Eric Tillemans) was approved to continue as Secretary.
- iii. **Treasurer:** Mark Frumkin was nominated by Merry, seconded by Don and approved unanimously.

**7. Appointment of Water and Arbitration Committee Chairperson**

Merry was nominated by Don, seconded by Mark and was unanimously approved.

**8. Appointment of Finance Committee Chairperson**

Gene appointed Mark as Finance Committee Chairperson.

**9. Water Rights Filing**

The California State Water Resources Control Board has not yet responded to the initial filing submitted by the BCWA.

**10. Old Business**

- a. Street Culverts

- i. 138 Shepherd Lane: the culvert was installed on 3-10-26
  - ii. 3028 Laurel Rd Culvert: culvert is scheduled to be the next BCWA priority
- b. Sierra Highway Widening project: Gene gave an update, which is posted on the BCWA website. Flow in the Mattlick Ditch is not scheduled to be back on till the end of April.
- c. Leakage from Watterson Area Ditch onto LADWP: DWP will follow up.
- d. Ditch Relocation at NW corner of Carol Ln. (Parcel no 011-510-27): No update
- e. Collection of Past Dues: Discussion centered around where to start process. The semi-annual report of non-payers was attached to the meeting package.
- f. Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Project: No Update
- g. Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership: No Update

**11. Watermaster Report**

27 calls and 23 texts; Report of low ditch flow on Mt. Tom Road which will be investigated.

**12. New Business**

- a. None


**13. Next Meetings**

- a. The next monthly Board meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Inyo County Board of Education Facility, Lozito Conference Center (GLCC), 166 Grandview Dr., Bishop.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Tillemans  
Secretary  
Bishop Creek Water Association

BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION  
2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR
BEGINNING SAVINGS BALANCE	87130.77												
BEGINNING CHECKING BALANCE	11122.13												
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS TO CHECKING													
WORKERS COMP REFUND													
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS TO SAVINGS													
INTEREST INCOME TO SAVINGS	214.86												
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>214.86</b>												
TRANSFER FROM SAVING													
<b>EXPENSES</b>													
WATERMASTER PAY	3668.97												
TRUCK ALLOWANCE	900.00												
WATERMASTER VACATION PAY													
WATERMASTER PHONE	96.42												
PAYROLL TAXES - IRS	1646.90												
PAYROLL TAXES - STATE													
PAYROLL - TAXES UNEMPLOYMENT	205.31												
STATE FUND - WORKERS COMP INS.													
CAL RURAL SPECIAL DISTRICT INS.													
HOLLAND & ALLRED CPA'S	753.77												
USPS - STAMP/ BOX RENT													
PRINTING													
LEGAL FEES													
WEBSITE & ZOOM													
DITCH COLVERT FACILITY REPAIR/ MAINT.													
BANK CHARGES	6.50												
Dinner													
BROWN'S													
RETURNED CHECKS/BANK CHARGES													
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7277.87</b>												
ENDING CHECKING BALANCE	3844.26												
ENDING SAVING ACCT. BALANCE/CD'	87345.63												
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>91189.89</b>												

3/9/2026

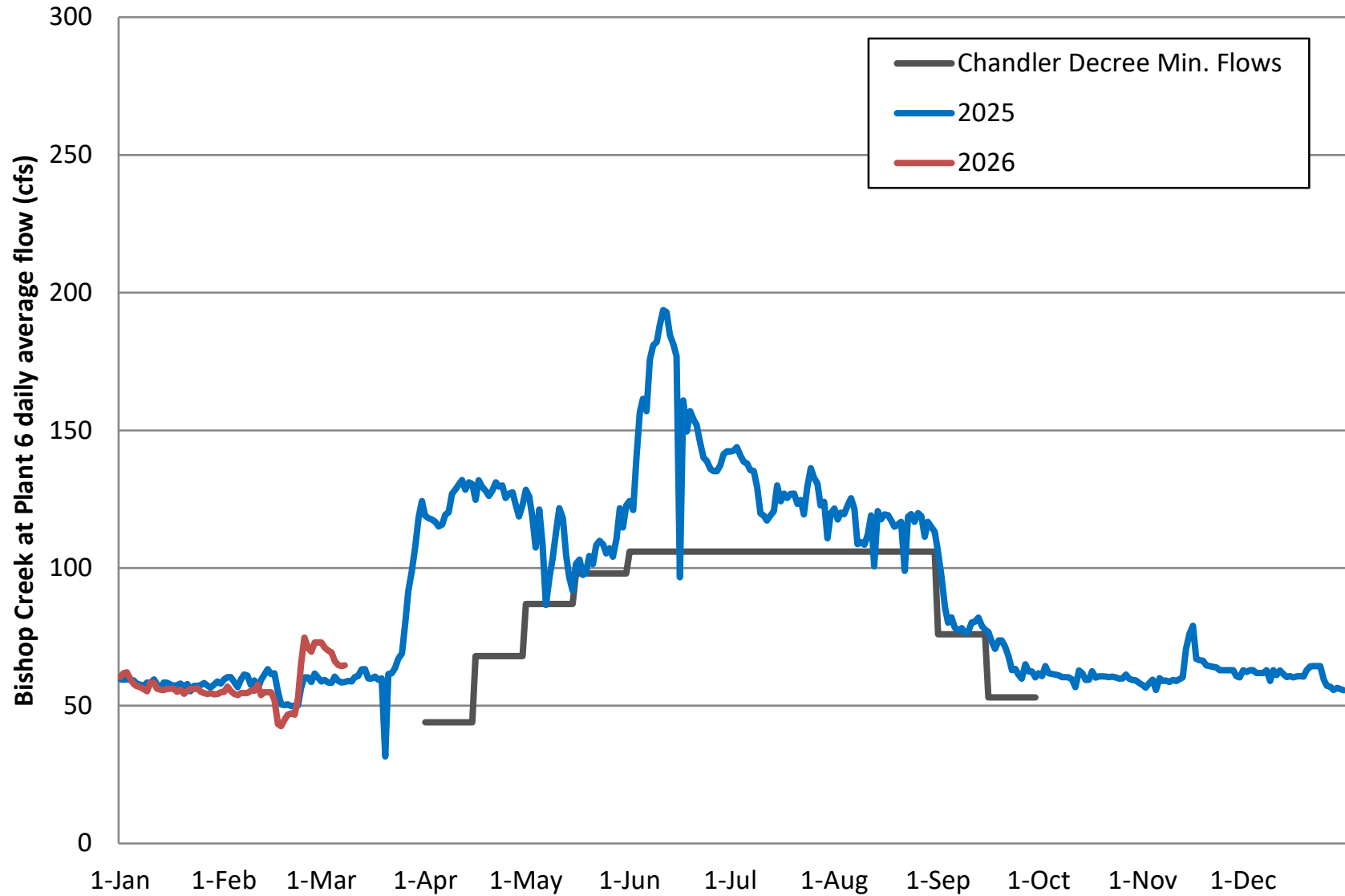
BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

Approved 2026 Budget

INCOME	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Approved	2025 Actual	2026 Approved
Assessment Rates	\$40/\$2.90	\$40/\$2.90	\$40/\$2.50	\$40/\$2.50	\$40/\$2.50
Parcels (Plus late & past due fees)	\$36,897.00	\$40,781.65	\$35,900.00	\$38,276.00	\$35,900.00
DWP (7775)	\$18,777.90	\$18,777.90	\$19,437.50	\$19,437.50	\$19,437.50
Highland Mobile Home Park (76)	\$278.00	\$278.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00
Glenwood Trailer Park (21)			\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50
Workers Comp. Refund	\$198.00	\$209.04	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$413.31	\$3,111.08	\$1,800.00	\$2,737.82	\$1,800.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$56,564.21</b>	<b>\$63,157.67</b>	<b>\$57,500.00</b>	<b>\$60,693.82</b>	<b>\$57,380.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Watermaster Cost - Wage	\$21,031.03	\$23,624.33	\$26,250.00	\$21,517.56	\$26,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$4,051.49	\$4,215.16	\$4,500.00	\$5,295.54	\$4,400.00
Workers Comp. Ins.	\$1,784.27	\$2,190.91	\$2,400.00	\$1,561.30	\$2,400.00
Truck Allowance	\$5,175.00	\$5,625.00	\$5,700.00	\$4,837.50	\$5,700.00
Phone	\$890.58	\$932.65	\$900.00	\$1,016.11	\$950.00
Temp. Watermaster-Wage		\$962.39	\$1,754.00	\$726.15	\$1,000.00
Accounting - Holland & Allred	\$4,002.18	\$3,470.97	\$3,650.00	\$3,224.02	\$3,800.00
Cal Rural Water Ass. Dues				\$265.00	\$265.00
Insurance CRWRMA	\$5,837.00	\$6,214.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,636.00	\$6,400.00
Printing	\$1,361.31	\$1,210.93	\$1,400.00	\$294.17	\$1,400.00
U.S.P.S.	\$1,289.00	\$812.00	\$1,100.00	\$867.00	\$1,100.00
Bank Service Charge	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.27	\$150.00
Website		\$490.00	\$500.00	\$490.00	\$500.00
Annual Board/Employee Dinner		\$1,750.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
Attorney Fees		\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$800.00	\$5,000.00
Street Culvert Repair/ Ditch Cleaning & Gate Repair	\$1,246.83	\$2,787.50	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Zoom		\$350.77			
Improvement Projects			\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00
High Country Lumber/Browns		\$65.22	\$100.00	\$7.18	\$100.00
Bad Checks	\$82.00			\$0.00	
Misc.				\$259.50	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$46,766.69</b>	<b>\$57,201.83</b>	<b>\$93,054.00</b>	<b>\$48,157.30</b>	<b>\$93,065.00</b>
<b>YEAR END BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$78,995.55</b>	<b>\$85,615.40</b>	<b>\$50,214.40</b>	<b>\$98,252.90</b>	<b>\$62,567.90</b>

3/5/26

# Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



**2026 EASTERN SIERRA  
RUNOFF FORECAST  
March 1, 2026**

**APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER RUNOFF**

	<b>MOST PROBABLE VALUE</b>		<b>REASONABLE MAXIMUM</b>		<b>REASONABLE MINIMUM</b>	<b>LONG-TERM MEAN (1971 - 2020)</b>
	<b>(Acre-feet)</b>	<b>(% of Avg.)</b>	<b>(% of Avg.)</b>		<b>(% of Avg.)</b>	<b>(Acre-feet)</b>
<b>MONO BASIN:</b>	<b>92,200</b>	<b>92%</b>	104%		79%	100,307
<b>OWENS RIVER BASIN:</b>	<b>298,300</b>	<b>100%</b>	113%		87%	298,891

**APRIL THROUGH MARCH RUNOFF**

	<b>MOST PROBABLE VALUE</b>		<b>REASONABLE MAXIMUM</b>		<b>REASONABLE MINIMUM</b>	<b>LONG-TERM MEAN (1971 - 2020)</b>
	<b>(Acre-feet)</b>	<b>(% of Avg.)</b>	<b>(% of Avg.)</b>		<b>(% of Avg.)</b>	<b>(Acre-feet)</b>
<b>MONO BASIN:</b>	<b>108,100</b>	<b>91%</b>	105%		77%	118,600
<b>OWENS RIVER BASIN:</b>	<b>406,800</b>	<b>100%</b>	113%		87%	406,552

NOTE - Owens River Basin includes Long, Round, and Owens Valleys

MOST PROBABLE - That runoff which is expected if median precipitation occurs after the forecast date.

REASONABLE MAXIMUM - That runoff which is expected to occur if precipitation subsequent to the forecast is equal to the amount which is exceeded on the average once in 10 years.

REASONABLE MINIMUM - That runoff which is expected to occur if precipitation subsequent to the forecast is equal to the amount which is exceeded on the average 9 out of 10 years.

# MONTHLY UNIMPAIRED RUNOFF FORECAST

## Mono and Owens River Basins

Most Probable

March 1, 2026

2026	Apr-Jul	Apr-Sep	Apr-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>Lee Vining</b>	30,300	34,500	39,500	2,710	8,010	12,750	6,800	2,760	1,510	810	790	830	870	760	930
% Normal	91%	89%	85%	102%	91%	100%	76%	72%	82%	67%	66%	66%	66%	67%	67%
<b>Walker</b>	2,600	3,200	4,500	190	490	1,150	790	370	240	220	300	190	190	160	190
% Normal	84%	83%	86%	80%	71%	94%	85%	76%	90%	88%	88%	89%	89%	87%	89%
<b>Parker</b>	5,100	6,800	8,400	380	960	1,900	1,880	1,120	570	330	270	260	260	230	300
% Normal	94%	95%	94%	83%	89%	98%	95%	97%	97%	96%	96%	97%	95%	94%	94%
<b>Rush</b>	44,500	47,600	55,600	3,990	13,850	18,790	7,920	2,230	840	980	1,170	1,210	1,430	1,250	1,960
% Normal	97%	94%	96%	90%	97%	107%	80%	70%	67%	111%	111%	112%	111%	111%	111%
<b>Mono Total</b>	<b>82,600</b>	<b>92,200</b>	<b>108,100</b>	<b>7,270</b>	<b>23,310</b>	<b>34,590</b>	<b>17,390</b>	<b>6,490</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>3,290</b>
% Normal	<b>94%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Long Valley</b>	48,600	63,200	93,700	6,360	11,360	17,630	13,240	8,420	6,140	5,750	5,170	5,090	5,120	4,490	4,950
% Normal	83%	83%	83%	95%	83%	83%	76%	81%	83%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
<b>Round Valley</b>	32,100	39,400	54,200	3,330	7,840	12,180	8,740	4,400	2,950	2,750	2,470	2,450	2,450	2,170	2,510
% Normal	81%	79%	82%	92%	84%	82%	74%	71%	78%	90%	91%	91%	91%	90%	91%
<b>Bishop-Laws Area</b>	50,500	63,700	85,900	4,830	11,060	18,320	16,250	8,490	4,710	4,050	3,510	3,650	3,760	3,430	3,870
% Normal	108%	106%	110%	107%	103%	108%	110%	104%	98%	121%	121%	121%	121%	121%	121%
<b>Big Pine Area</b>	29,900	41,500	54,900	2,560	5,500	10,220	11,660	7,700	3,910	2,670	2,260	2,170	2,120	1,910	2,230
% Normal	105%	107%	109%	103%	103%	102%	109%	116%	106%	115%	115%	115%	115%	115%	115%
<b>Tinemaha-Haiwee</b>	71,700	90,500	118,000	7,540	18,790	25,580	19,780	11,890	6,890	5,240	4,460	4,300	4,340	4,020	5,130
% Normal	122%	122%	119%	108%	121%	125%	126%	129%	114%	108%	108%	108%	108%	108%	108%
<b>Owens Total</b>	<b>232,800</b>	<b>298,300</b>	<b>406,800</b>	<b>24,620</b>	<b>54,550</b>	<b>83,930</b>	<b>69,670</b>	<b>40,920</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>17,920</b>	<b>17,690</b>	<b>17,800</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>18,600</b>
% Normal	<b>100%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>315,300</b>	<b>390,500</b>	<b>514,900</b>	<b>31,890</b>	<b>77,860</b>	<b>118,520</b>	<b>87,060</b>	<b>47,400</b>	<b>27,750</b>	<b>22,790</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>20,190</b>	<b>20,560</b>	<b>18,410</b>	<b>21,960</b>
% Normal	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>

**Inyo County / Bishop Creek Water Association Culvert MOU**

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Address	Distance	Inspection Date	Observations Upstream (grated?)	Observations Downstream (free flowing?)
207 S. Mountain View Rd.	454' N/Line St. (Nelligan Ditch)			
101 McLaren Rd.	59' N/Line St.			
283 S. Mountain View Rd.	Ranch Rd, 118' W/Mountain View Rd.			
112 McLaren Rd.	Brookside Dr. 45' E/Mountain View Rd.			
185 Mountain View Rd.	500' N/W. Line St. (Bishop Creek)			
371 Ranch Rd.	142' N/Majestic Way			
301 Ranch Rd.	Majestic Way 140' W/Ranch Rd.			
3780 Ranch Rd.	17' E/Vista Rd.			
3792 Ranch Rd.	155' E/Mt. Tom Rd.			
3656 Ranch Rd	Crosses Ranch Rd			
401 Ranch Rd.	65' S/Ranch View Ln.			
306 McLaren Rd	In McLaren Rd.			
306 McLaren Rd	In McLaren Rd.			
372 McLaren Rd	In McLaren Rd.			
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186 McLaren Ln.	30' E/Mountain View Rd.			
249 McLaren Ln.	287' E/Mountain View Rd.			
299 McLaren Ln	Crosses McLaren Ln			
348 McLaren Ln.	Crosses McLaren Ln			
255 Mt. Tom Rd	Crosses Mt. Tom			
510 Watterson Rd.	1 Street S/Fairview Cr. 15' E/Watterson Rd.			
480 Watterson Rd.	Fairview Cr. 15' E/Watterson Rd.			
777 Orinda Dr.	Underwood Ln. 34' W/Orinda Dr.			
747 Orinda Dr.	190' N/Underwood Ln.			
723 Orinda Dr.	184' S/Sierra Vista Way			
2727 Sierra Vista Way	Sarah View 32' N/Sierra Vista Way			
807 Sarah View	239' N/Sierra Vista Way			
595 S. Barlow Ln.	Sunset Rd.			
710 S. Barlow Ln.	109' N/Sunrise Dr.			
800 S. Barlow Ln.	Sunrise Dr. 35' E/S. Barlow Ln.			
817 S. Barlow Ln.	Sierra Vista Way 46' W/S. Barlow Ln.			
852 S. Barlow Ln.	Longview Dr. 38' E/S. Barlow Ln.			
817 S. Barlow Ln.	116' N/Sierra Vista Way			
807 S. Barlow Ln.	211 N/Sierra Vista Way			
625 S. Barlow Ln.	S. Barlow Ln & Sunset Dr. (SW to NW Cor.)			
628 S. Barlow Ln.	Sunset Dr. 30'/E S. Barlow Ln.			
2766 Sunset Rd.	2234' W/S. Barlow Ln.			
2625 Sunset Rd.	In Sunset Rd.			
2594 Highland Dr.	20' W/S. Barlow Ln.			
3011 Morningside Dr.	Grandview Rd. 157' S/Laurel Rd.			
2511 Longview Dr.	665' E/S.Barlow Ln.			

**Inyo County / Bishop Creek Water Association Culvert MOU**

(Page 2)		Inspection Date	Observations Upstream (grated?)	Observations Downstream (free flowing?)
Address	Distance			
2698 Irene Way	205' S/Carol Ln.			
2760 Audrey Ln.	190' W/Sarah Ln. East edge of Property			
2762 Sierra Vista Way	324' W/ Sarah Ln.			
2606 Glenbrook Way	50' W/S. Barlow Ln.			
3029 E. Cedar St.	159' W/ Grandview Rd.			
3028 Laurel Rd.	170' W/Grandview Rd.			
3041 Morningside Dr.	Mesquite Rd. 150' N/Morningside Dr.			
405 S. Tumbleweed Rd.	200' S/Tumbleweed Rd. (Terminus)			
236 Pa Me Ln.	183' S/Birch St.			
234 Wildrose Ln.	185' N/Morningside Dr.			
366 Wildrose Ln.	180' S/Birch St.			
310 Sunland Dr.	827' S/W. Line St.			
595 Brockman Ln.	1005' N/Diaz Ln.			
138 Shepard Ln. (ES prop.)	344' N/W. Line St.			
375 Shepard Ln.	1604' N/W. Line St.			
325 Shepard Ln	In Shepard Ln.			
261 Shepard Ln	In Shepard Ln.			
213 Shepard Ln	In Shepard Ln.			
225 Shepard Ln	In Shepard Ln.			
201 Shepard Ln	In Shepard Ln.			
213 Mountain View Rd.	~700 ft No o/Line St @ No end of property			
2801 Underwood Ln	in Underwood Ln at Orinda Dr.			
485 S Barlow Ln	Barlow Ln No of Highland Dr. (No Ind. Ditch)			



COUNTY of INYO  
PUBLIC WORKS  
ROAD DEPARTMENT  
P.O. DRAWER Q  
INDEPENDENCE, CALIFORNIA 93526  
(760) 878-0212

Michael Errante, Public Works Director  
Fred Aubrey, Assistant Director  
Shannon Platt, Deputy Director - Roads

March 4, 2026

RE: Upcoming Road Work on Shepard Lane

Dear Resident,

You are receiving this notice because your street is scheduled to be close **March 10 and 11th** for road work. In collaboration with the **Bishop Creek Water Association**, the Inyo County Road Department will be replacing a culvert on Shepard Lane.

To help the project run smoothly, we kindly ask for your cooperation with the following:

- **Vehicle Removal:** Please ensure that any long-term parked vehicles are moved off the roadway prior to the start of work. Once construction begins, there will be **no access** on the street-except emergency vehicles-from **9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.**
- **Water Control:** Please be aware that the water flow will be very limited during the time of the project.

We appreciate your attention to these matters and your continued partnership in helping us maintain safe, reliable and long-lasting roads in your community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Roads office at (760)-878-0212.

Sincerely,  
Inyo County Road Department.

# BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 1273  
Bishop, California 93515

January 26, 2026

Dear Bishop Creek Water Association Member,

You have annually received letters and billings regarding your Bishop Creek Water Association (BCWA) assessments. The Board of Trustees of BCWA has authorized, directed and instructed its officers to pursue collection of unpaid assessments as provided for in the BCWA By-Laws. Your account now has an overdue balance as shown on the attached invoice. This letter is being sent to you to notify you that unless you pay your overdue balance within the next 30 days it will be necessary for the BCWA to initiate an action in small claims court. In the recent past the BCWA took several non-paying members to Small Claims Court to recover past due assessment fees. This effort resulted in court judgments favorable to the BCWA. Settlements and court ruling judgments consisted of the amount of past due assessments plus court fees.

One of the common threads in questions/issues that kept coming up in the court proceedings is "why do I have to pay?" The response to that is twofold:

- 1) **There is management and operations need.** The BCWA is responsible for distribution and regulating water to all association members in the Bishop area (approximately 965 members). The association is managed and operated under the guidance of Articles and By-Laws (available on the BCWA website, [www.bishopcreekwater.org](http://www.bishopcreekwater.org)).

Membership to the association is automatic by virtue of having Bishop Creek water flowing on one's property (BCWA By-Laws, Article VII, Section 2). Provisions for membership are found in Article VIII, Sections 1-3 (pages 6-7) of the By-Laws. Following is a key applicable provision:

*Section 2 – " Any owner of real property whose property is traversed by, borders on, or has access to any stream, canal, or ditch carrying the water of Bishop Creek, and located within the boundaries as shown on Exhibit A, shall automatically be a member of this Association and shall be entitled to the benefits and burdened by the duties imposed herein. Any question of membership shall be referred to the Arbitration Committee, shall be binding upon all parties. "*

Management and operation of the BCWA requires the employment of a Watermaster to ensure every member receives their equitable share of water. Without a Watermaster the flow of Bishop Creek would not be equitably distributed. The Watermaster, on a regular basis, is in the field, patrolling, monitoring, adjusting flows, and cleaning debris from gates to ensure that the water keeps flowing and is distributed properly. The BCWA also pays for bookkeeping services to maintain membership records and do billing. These costs are itemized in the annual BCWA budget. The budget is approved at the BCWA annual meeting held on the last Monday of January each year. If you go to the BCWA website and look up the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting summary, you will find the membership approved budget for 2025. Payment of the Watermaster's salary, bookkeeping, insurance, and maintenance of an aging distribution system relies solely on the fees paid by the BCWA membership. The association, as a community entity, cannot maintain the necessary distribution facilities and

**BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION**

Founded in 1897

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provide for equitable distribution of water unless everyone utilizing and enjoying these waters pays their assessments.

- 2) **There is a legal obligation.** In 1905 the BCWA was formed as an unincorporated association by the users and appropriators of the waters of Bishop Creek for use on lands located on the Bishop Cone for the purposes of protecting their rights to the waters of Bishop Creek, and to apportion said waters among the users.

To determine the rights of users to the waters of Bishop Creek, an action was filed in the United States District Court in and for the Southern District of California, Northern Division, Case No. B-16 in Equity. On January 27, 1922, a Final Decree determining the respective rights to the waters of Bishop Creek was filed. This decree is commonly known as the *Chandler Decree*. Article IX of the *Chandler Decree* determined that the users "*at their own expense, shall pro-rate, rotate, divide, distribute the waters of Bishop Creek among themselves, and their lands, and the several ditches, supplying the same in such amounts and at such times as they see fit*". Article XI of the *Chandler Decree* made that decree binding upon the parties and *their respective successors in interest and assigns*.

Since then, the BCWA has regulated the equitable diversion of water from the main canals to the lands of the members of its association. Association members include all owners of land described in Paragraph 1 of the *Chandler Decree*. The Articles and By-Laws include a map showing the area of land requiring mandatory membership. The Articles and By-Laws specifically authorize BCWA to levy assessments against its members to pay its expenses. Pursuant to this authority, BCWA has levied assessments and bills its members annually.

Hopefully this explanation answers your questions/concerns and helps you understanding the importance of each member fulfilling their obligation in order to enjoy the privilege of utilizing the waters of Bishop Creek. Paying your past due assessments will avoid the negative, time-consuming, money-wasting legal process. In fairness to the entire BCWA membership please comply and bring your account up to date.

If you have any other questions or have a specific issue regarding payment of a past due assessment, please contact me or any Board member at one of the numbers below.

Sincerely,



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BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

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**Customer Phone List**  
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<u>Balance Total</u>	<u>Account No.</u>
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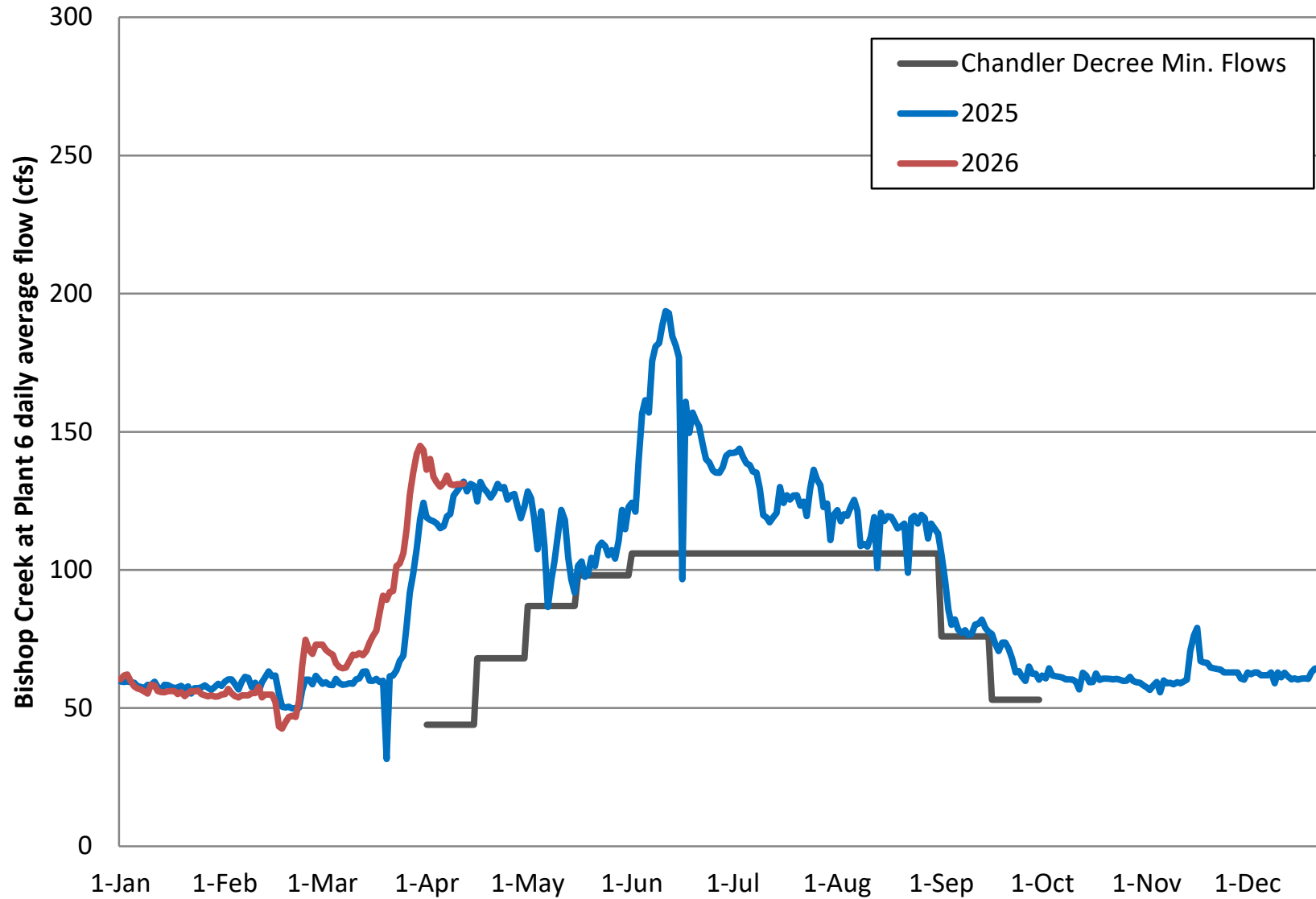
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# Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



## 2026 EASTERN SIERRA RUNOFF FORECAST April 1, 2026

### APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER RUNOFF

	<b>MOST PROBABLE VALUE</b> <u>(Acre-feet)</u> <u>(% of Avg.)</u>	<b>REASONABLE MAXIMUM</b> <u>(% of Avg.)</u>	<b>REASONABLE MINIMUM</b> <u>(% of Avg.)</u>	<b>LONG-TERM MEAN (1971 - 2020)</b> <u>(Acre-feet)</u>
<b>MONO BASIN:</b>	71,400      71%	84%	59%	100,307
<b>OWENS RIVER BASIN:</b>	217,100      73%	86%	59%	298,780

### APRIL THROUGH MARCH RUNOFF

	<b>MOST PROBABLE VALUE</b> <u>(Acre-feet)</u> <u>(% of Avg.)</u>	<b>REASONABLE MAXIMUM</b> <u>(% of Avg.)</u>	<b>REASONABLE MINIMUM</b> <u>(% of Avg.)</u>	<b>LONG-TERM MEAN (1971 - 2020)</b> <u>(Acre-feet)</u>
<b>MONO BASIN:</b>	84,300      71%	85%	58%	118,600
<b>OWENS RIVER BASIN:</b>	322,300      79%	92%	67%	406,308

NOTE - Owens River Basin includes Long, Round, and Owens Valleys

MOST PROBABLE - That runoff which is expected if median precipitation occurs after the forecast date.

REASONABLE MAXIMUM - That runoff which is expected to occur if precipitation subsequent to the forecast is equal to the amount which is exceeded on the average once in 10 years.

REASONABLE MINIMUM - That runoff which is expected to occur if precipitation subsequent to the forecast is equal to the amount which is exceeded on the average 9 out of 10 years.

# MONTHLY UNIMPAIRED RUNOFF FORECAST

## Mono and Owens River Basins

Most Probable

April 1, 2026

2026	Apr-Jul	Apr-Sep	Apr-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>Lee Vining</b>	23,500	26,600	29,200	2,520	7,000	9,470	4,550	2,070	1,030	410	400	420	440	380	470
% Normal	71%	69%	63%	95%	79%	74%	51%	54%	56%	34%	34%	34%	34%	33%	34%
<b>Walker</b>	1,900	2,400	3,500	160	350	900	530	280	190	190	260	160	170	140	160
% Normal	62%	63%	67%	68%	51%	73%	57%	58%	71%	76%	76%	75%	79%	76%	75%
<b>Parker</b>	4,200	5,500	6,900	330	800	1,610	1,460	870	450	290	230	220	230	200	260
% Normal	77%	77%	78%	72%	75%	83%	74%	76%	77%	84%	81%	82%	84%	82%	82%
<b>Rush</b>	34,700	36,900	44,700	4,030	11,920	13,870	4,880	1,540	600	960	1,150	1,180	1,410	1,230	1,930
% Normal	75%	73%	77%	91%	84%	79%	49%	49%	48%	109%	109%	109%	109%	110%	109%
<b>Mono Total</b>	<b>64,400</b>	<b>71,400</b>	<b>84,300</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>20,070</b>	<b>25,850</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>2,670</b>
% Normal	<b>73%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>Long Valley</b>	38,300	49,700	78,600	5,620	9,430	13,710	9,540	6,430	4,980	5,440	4,890	4,820	4,840	4,250	4,680
% Normal	65%	65%	70%	84%	69%	65%	55%	62%	67%	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%
<b>Round Valley</b>	23,400	29,100	43,700	2,920	6,060	8,910	5,520	3,310	2,400	2,720	2,430	2,420	2,410	2,140	2,470
% Normal	59%	59%	66%	81%	65%	60%	46%	54%	64%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%
<b>Bishop-Laws Area</b>	38,300	48,100	70,500	4,510	8,910	13,950	10,970	6,120	3,680	4,070	3,530	3,670	3,780	3,450	3,900
% Normal	82%	80%	90%	100%	83%	82%	74%	75%	77%	122%	122%	122%	122%	122%	122%
<b>Big Pine Area</b>	26,800	37,400	51,100	2,440	4,950	9,180	10,290	6,920	3,610	2,750	2,330	2,230	2,180	1,970	2,300
% Normal	94%	96%	101%	99%	92%	92%	96%	104%	98%	118%	118%	118%	118%	118%	118%
<b>Tinemaha-Haiwee</b>	41,500	52,700	78,200	5,710	10,940	14,230	10,630	6,640	4,580	4,870	4,140	3,990	4,020	3,720	4,770
% Normal	71%	71%	79%	83%	70%	69%	68%	72%	76%	101%	101%	101%	101%	101%	101%
<b>Owens Total</b>	<b>168,400</b>	<b>217,100</b>	<b>322,300</b>	<b>21,200</b>	<b>40,290</b>	<b>59,980</b>	<b>46,940</b>	<b>29,410</b>	<b>19,250</b>	<b>19,840</b>	<b>17,370</b>	<b>17,150</b>	<b>17,260</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>18,040</b>
% Normal	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232,800</b>	<b>288,500</b>	<b>406,600</b>	<b>28,240</b>	<b>60,360</b>	<b>85,830</b>	<b>58,360</b>	<b>34,160</b>	<b>21,530</b>	<b>21,630</b>	<b>19,430</b>	<b>19,170</b>	<b>19,520</b>	<b>17,480</b>	<b>20,850</b>
% Normal	<b>73%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>