



1037 NW Grebe Street
 Seal Rock, Oregon 97376
 Phone: 541.563.3529 – Fax: 541.563.4246
www.srwd.org



Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:
 Board Meeting – July 9, 2026

This report provides an executive-level update on district operations, source water management, staffing, and ongoing initiatives. Additional details and supporting documentation are available in the full agenda packet.

Water Treatment Plant Operation:

As we move into the summer months, the Seal Rock Water District (SRWD) is experiencing the effects of warmer temperatures and below-average precipitation across our region. These conditions have resulted in lower streamflows in Beaver Creek, our primary drinking water source, and are expected to continue throughout the summer.

During periods of hot, dry weather, naturally occurring organic materials become more concentrated in the source water while water temperatures increase. These seasonal changes can make the taste or smell of chlorine—our primary disinfectant—more noticeable to some customers, even though the amount of chlorine added to the water changes very little.

Like all public water systems, SRWD is required to meet strict drinking water standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The EPA allows up to 4.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of chlorine in drinking water. Throughout the SRWD distribution system, chlorine residuals consistently remain well below this limit, typically ranging between 0.98 mg/L and 1.54 mg/L, depending on your location within the district.

Chlorine has been used safely to disinfect drinking water for more than a century and remains one of the most effective tools for protecting public health. It prevents the spread of waterborne diseases by inactivating harmful bacteria, viruses, and other microorganisms. As chlorine reacts with naturally occurring organic matter in the source water, a portion of the disinfectant is consumed before a protective residual can be maintained throughout the distribution system. As a result, seasonal changes in water quality may require slight operational adjustments to maintain consistent disinfection.

Although chlorine levels remain safe and well within regulatory standards, some customers may notice a stronger chlorine taste or odor during periods of warmer weather and prolonged dry conditions. These changes are primarily the result of natural environmental conditions and do not indicate that unsafe levels of chlorine are present in your drinking water.

SRWD's licensed operators continuously monitor water quality around the clock and carefully adjust treatment processes to respond to changing source water conditions. Chlorine residuals are monitored 24

hours a day at the treatment facility and are verified through routine sampling at locations throughout the distribution system each month to ensure your drinking water remains safe and reliable.

As summer progresses, operators will continue to closely monitor weather patterns, stream conditions, and water quality to ensure we provide the highest quality drinking water possible while meeting all state and federal drinking water standards.

Summer Drought Conditions Update:

Staff continue to closely monitor developing drought conditions affecting the Oregon Coast and the Beaver Creek watershed. Higher-than-normal temperatures, below-average precipitation, and declining streamflows have increased the potential for drought impacts throughout the region as we enter the peak summer season. While current water supplies remain adequate to meet customer demand, staff are carefully tracking weather forecasts, stream conditions, and system demands on a daily basis.

SRWD is actively coordinating with local, regional, and state partners, including the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), OWRD Watermaster, Lincoln County Emergency Management, and neighboring water providers through the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium. These agencies are sharing information and monitoring conditions to determine whether circumstances may warrant a formal drought declaration or emergency response later this summer.

At this time, SRWD remains in the voluntary conservation phase outlined in the District's Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP). Customers are encouraged to use water wisely and practice voluntary conservation measures, particularly for outdoor irrigation and other non-essential water uses. These voluntary efforts help preserve water supplies, reduce system demands during periods of peak consumption, and support healthy streamflows for fish and wildlife.

Staff will continue to evaluate hydrologic conditions, source water availability, and customer demand throughout the summer. Should conditions deteriorate or if a drought emergency is declared by state or local authorities, staff will promptly notify the Board of Commissioners and provide recommendations regarding any additional conservation measures that may be appropriate under the District's WMCP.

At this time, SRWD's water treatment and distribution systems continue to operate normally, and there are no mandatory water use restrictions in effect. Staff will continue to provide regular updates to the Board as conditions develop.

Additional District Activities & Updates:

Staff/Safety Meeting: Continued emphasis on safety culture and best operational practices.

Water Conservation Coordination: Participated in discussions with the Lincoln County Water Conservation Committee.

Drinking Water Protection Plan: Staff continue to work with Oregon Health Authority and Department of Environmental Quality on the Drinking Water Protection Plan.

Pay Equity Evaluation: District staff continue working with consultants from HR Answers in an effort to perform a Pay Equity Evaluation for the district.

Water Master Plan: Staff met with engineers to discuss progress on the development of the WMP.

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership: Participated in the monthly regional partnership meeting.

Seal Rock Water District is an Equal Opportunity Service Provider and Employer.

Adam Denlinger, General Manager

adenlinger@srwd.org

www.srwd.org

Oregon Water Utility Council: SRWD hosted the June 25th OWUC monthly meeting.

SDAO Legislative Committee Meeting: Participated in the SDAO legislative update.

SDAO Board Meeting: Participated in the June 9th SDAO Board Meeting.

Lincoln County Drought Committee: Participated in the Drought Committee discussion on June 23rd with state and local stakeholders in the region.

Destination Resort Pre-Application Meeting: Participated in a preliminary consultation with developer considering the development of a destination resort in the district.

Water Treatment Plant: Attended a meeting with engineers to discuss restarting the engineers' monitoring period for the WTP operation.

SRWD continues to actively manage operational challenges, regulatory responsibilities, and infrastructure needs while maintaining our commitment to delivering safe, reliable water service to the community. Staff remain focused on continuous improvement and advancement of district goals.