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A semi-annual publication from Wolf Creek Water & Sewer Improvement District to promote water conservation and to keep customers aware or issues in our District.

## Message from the Water & Sewer Utility Management

## WE WILL BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13th THROUGH OCTOBER 17th WEATHER PERMITTING

THE ANNUAL OPEN BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

We are pleased to share that Wolf Creek Water & Sewer Improvement District has successfully completed several important infrastructure projects this year. These upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to enhancing the reliability of our systems and maintaining the highest standards of service for our customers.

Among the completed projects in 2025 are both water and sewer infrastructure. These include the finalization of the East Well and the installation of the Eagle Ridge Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV), which will help regulate water pressure and ensure consistent service.

On the Sewer side, the successful rerouting of the Villages Sewer Line and the installation of the Reuse Pond Pipeline represent major advancements in system efficiency and environmental stewardship. Additionally, the completion of the Lower Pump Station marks a significant step in boosting overall reuse water system performance. Together, these projects support our long-term goal of building a resilient infrastructure that meets the needs of our current customers.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude for your understanding and support regarding the implementation of the Legal Defense Fund, as discussed and adopted at the September 30<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing.

## Thank you for your continued trust and partnership!

As members of the Board of Trustees and Staff Members, we would like to wish you a happy and safe Winter Season.

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## The Drought In The Western U.S.

What Impacts has the Megadrought Had? The biggest impact has been on water resources, the environment, and multiple socio-economic factors. These impacts are already seen in Lake Mead and Lake Powell, where the water level reached the lowest level on record. Groundwater is most vulnerable during megadrought due to limited recharge associated with reduced rainfall and an increase in temperatures.

This megadrought is causing drinking water shortages in some areas as well as reducing the amount of water available for crops, industries, and households. This drought has had huge negative effects, not only on reduced agricultural outputs, resulting in increased food costs. It has also affected the economy in terms of lost jobs, not to mention impacts on human nutrition.

The impacts on wildlife are also pervasive, from the salmon migration to the many plants, migratory water birds, and animals that rely on lakes and streams to survive.

The longer the drought persists, the more our resources will have to be restricted and prioritized in how it gets allocated.

