

WHAT YOU PAY FOR: WATER FEES

The Bear Valley CSD operates and maintains more than 100 miles of water pipelines, 36 booster stations, water tanks, wells, pumps, fire hydrants, and other infrastructure to deliver reliable water service throughout Bear Valley Springs.

Water Department Staff

- 1 Water Supervisor
- 6 Water Operators
- 1 Meter Reader

NEED A BOOST?

Bear Valley's altitude ranges from just over 4,000 feet on the valley floor to nearly 7,000 feet on the upper elevations.

All water starts at the lowest level. So how do we get it to you?



Across Bear Valley Springs are 36 booster stations. They are essentially large pumps that send water uphill.

To maintain water supplies and pressure at all homes, these boosters operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Electricity costs alone for our booster stations are projected to hit \$290,000 in the coming fiscal year.

THE COST OF WATER

Water is expensive. Approximately 10-15% of the community's water supply is produced locally, while the remainder is purchased from Cummings Valley Water District.

To meet our community's needs, we're planning to spend \$400,000 on water purchases from Cummings Valley over the course of the coming fiscal year.

But that's far from the only cost. We'll need to spend about \$250,000 on electricity to keep our own wells operating, and annual water tank maintenance costs exceed \$300,000.

2026/2027 Planned Spending

Total Budget: \$4.11 Million

- Salaries and Benefits - \$1.23M
- Equipment and Facilities - \$99,000
- Water Tank Maintenance - \$310,000
- Purchased Water - \$400,000
- Other operations costs - \$303,000
- Administrative Support - \$338,000
- Fleet and Facility Maintenance - \$414,000
- Fire Hydrant Flow Testing - \$140,000
- Other Professional Services - \$161,000
- Utilities - \$547,000
- Debt Services - \$164,000



AN AGING FLEET

The Water Department is working with an aging fleet of vehicles and equipment that are frequently in need of repair. Those disruptions create delays when responding to water leaks and hamper the CSD's ability to perform maintenance on the water system.

Recent water fee adjustments will help fund critical vehicle and equipment replacements in future years.