

BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

A QUASI MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION
AND POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION OF
THE STATE OF
COLORADO



Welcome

The District's mission is to provide high quality, reliable, sustainable water and treatment of wastewater in a manner that reduces the District's carbon footprint while balancing commitment to the highest standards of environmental protection and customer service in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

Welcome to the November Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District Newsletter!

We're pleased to bring you the latest updates, service tips, and news on recent events to keep you connected with all that's happening in the District.

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

Closed for lunch: 12:00-1:00 PM



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PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET and NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIX OR INCREASE FEES, RATES, TOLLS, PENALTIES OR CHARGES FOR WATER AND/OR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested parties of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, that a proposed 2025 Budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of said District and that copies of the proposed 2025 Budget have been filed at the District's office, 57 Baca Grant Way S, Crestone, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection. **The 2025 Budget will be considered at a regular public meeting of the Board of Directors of the District to be held via teleconference on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.** Any interested elector of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN pursuant to Section 32-1001(2) (a), C.R.S., that at the meeting described above, the District's Board of Directors will also consider fixing and/or increasing fees, rates, tolls, penalties or charges for water and/or sanitary sewer services, and that any customer or other interested person may appear at said time and place for the purpose of providing input, comments, or objections regarding any proposed increase. Information regarding any proposed increase may be obtained from the District office, Monday – Thursday during normal business hours. You may also call the District at 719-256-4310.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION
DISTRICT

Projects and Capital Improvements

The District successfully installed two distribution system meters to help us identify the areas with the highest water loss.

The District conducted several summer projects throughout the District including: fire hydrant maintenance, gate valve maintenance, cleaning and inspection of the sewer collection system and other various excavation projects. The District was able to rehabilitate a manhole instead of replacement. For more information please contact the District.

Holiday Reminder: Protect Your Drains This Season!

As you prepare your holiday meals, please remember to keep fats, oils, and grease out of your drains. Pouring these substances down the sink can lead to serious and costly blockages in your pipes. Instead, let them cool, then dispose of them in the trash. Simple steps like this help keep our system running smoothly and prevent plumbing issues down the line. Thank you for doing your part this season!

Check our [website](#) for updated news.

Join Us for Monthly Board Meetings – Your Voice Matters!

We invite you to attend our monthly Board of Directors meetings to learn about ongoing projects and future initiatives, and provide valuable feedback. Community participation is essential in shaping the future of our water and sanitation services.

When & Where

Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM, exclusively via Zoom for your convenience. Meetings are open to all, and agendas are posted 24 hours in advance on our website, www.bacawater.com.

Stay Connected

If you'd like to receive meeting agendas each month via email, please request to join our email distribution list by contacting us at info@bacawater.com.

For any water or sewer emergencies, please call **719-256-4310**.

Fence Project at South Crestone Tank

Below are photos of the newly completed fence project at the South Crestone Tank, designed to enhance the protection of District facilities. The next project will focus on repainting the tank to ensure its continued durability and appearance.



Help Us Help You! Keep in Touch

- Please give the district office at least 48 hours' notice of any turn ON/OFF non-emergency requests.
- If you rent or lease your home, please provide the District with a [Tenant form](#), which can be found on the District website.

Reminder:

As winter approaches, be sure to winterize your home's plumbing to prevent frozen pipes and costly repairs!

Availability of Service Charges (AOS) FAQ's

What is the Availability of Service (AOS) Charge?

The AOS fee is an annual charge of \$200 per lot for unimproved properties with access to water and sewer infrastructure within 100 feet of the property line.

When is the AOS Fee Due?

The fee will be billed at the end of January and is due by June 30. A late fee of \$20.00 will apply if not paid by this date.

Why is there an AOS Fee if I'm not connected to the system?

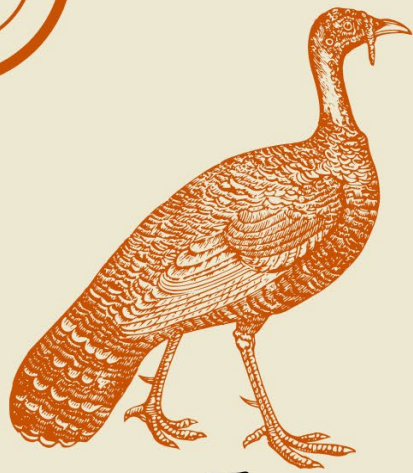
The AOS fee helps repay debt incurred for the capital infrastructure. Even if you are not connected, your lot benefits from the enhanced value and availability of the water and sewer infrastructure.

How extensive is the District's water and sewer system?

The District maintains 65 miles of water distribution and 45 miles of sewer collection system, designed to serve up to 2,360 lots with available water and sewer service.

Meet the BGWSD Team

Board of Directors	District Staff
Vivia Lawson President	Diego Martinez District Manager
Rick Hart Vice President	Chad Tate Director of Utilities
Mike Smith Treasurer	Natalie DeBon Administrative Services Manager
David Karas Secretary	Johann McKee Administrative Assistant
	Greg Hess Administrative Utility Assistant
	Roan Tikla Blankenship Administrative Assistant
	Bryan Howard Utility Maintenance Operator
	Mark Elliott Utility Maintenance Operator
	Cooper Goodhart Utility Maintenance Operator
	Tim Allen Utility Maintenance Operator
	Jim Vanderpool Utility Maintenance Operator



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IN OBSERVANCE OF
THANKSGIVING
OUR OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

Happy
Thanksgiving

The text is surrounded by various autumn-themed illustrations. Above the word 'Happy' are several colorful leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. Below the word 'Thanksgiving' is a central illustration of a pumpkin, flanked by more leaves and small sprigs of wheat or grain.