### **Annual Letter**



#### Agenda Items:

- 1. Water system status, connections, usage, 2024 recap and 2025 initiatives.
- 2. FY 2024 final budget.
- 3. FY 2025 proposed budget.
- 4. Proposed rate adjustment
- 5. Shareholder Q&A.
- 6. Board member election (if needed) MW, LB, BT, TI, JJ.
- 7. Shareholder Adjourn.
- 8. November 2024 board meeting.

**Recommendations:** 

- 1. If needed, use portion of \$10 & \$5 base rate to cover any budget shortfall in fiscal year 2024.
- 2. Add Cross Connection Control Administrator position
- 3. Approve proposed rate increase.

#### EAWC Overview:

In FY 2024 EAWC finances experienced significant pressure, only one new connection, influenced by macro economy and Comcast issues. Board elected to pay-off Nelson well generator. Resulting in a net loss in FY 2024. FY 2025 budget proposal includes new rate structure.

FY 2024 included a continued slowdown in new construction (only one new connection).

In 2020 EAW started using our chlorination system. The system has operated with no major issues for almost 5 years. Upgrade to add chlorination to the Scada system pushed to FY 2025.

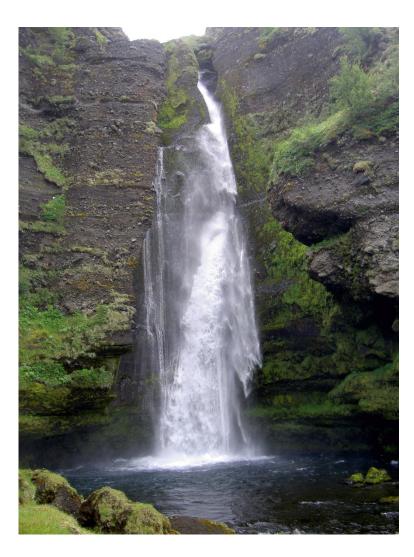
The water system, which includes a storage tank, two wells, two water pumps, a booster station, a two generators and a distribution system. All are functioning properly. Repairs and upgrades to the system are consistently required to address meter reading issues, leaks, and operation of fire hydrants. Erda Acres has established a regular maintenance schedule to ensure proper functionality and increase asset longevity.

Erda Acres continues efforts to identify shareholders with backflow prevention devices connected to their irrigation systems. Federal and State laws require water companies to identify installed backflow devices and track annual certified inspections.

The proposed budget for 2024- 2025, the minutes from last year's Shareholder Meeting, the voting proxy form and this year's meeting agenda are posted at www.erdawater.com.



## Fiscal Year 2024 Highlights





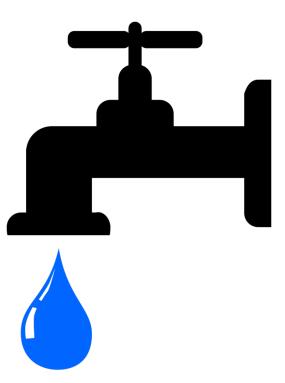
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- 1. Completed Sanitary Survey no negative points awarded.
- 2. Tank cleaning completed.
- 3. Continued construction slowdown in 2024 one new connection added to Erda Acres Water.
- 4. Cross Connection Control Program is functioning (upgrade meters, irrigation backflow).
- 5. Working on adding to chlorination system to the Scada system.
- 6. Routine maintenance and service to the Campbell well Clavalve.
- 7. Nelson well generator paid in full
- 8. GIS system functional.
- 9. All water tests completed and passed.
- 10. Lead and Copper service line inventory project (EPA requirement) completed.
- 11. Water Usage
- 12. New billing/accounting system AVR and Quickbooks operating for over a year.
- 13. Continued interest in using remaining connections commercial and residential.
- 14. Hired an operator to replace Alan Clark Levi Mele
- 15. Comcast problems

## 2024 Water Usage

2024 FY Water Usage Sumn	nary		
Average Number of Connections	321		
Total Gallons Pumped	108,280,232		
Total Gallons Metered	103,481,022		
Billing Efficiency	96%		
Average Gallons used per connection	322,371		
Average Gallons Used per Month	9,023,353		
Average Acre Ft/Year	332		
Average Acre Ft/Connection	0.99		
Gallons in 1.5 Acre Feet	488,777		
Gallons in 1 Acre Feet	325,851		





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#### Water Usage Summary



		Fiscal Year									
Metric	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Average Number of Connections	321	318	316	295	293	285	279	253	220	202	
Total Gallons Pumped	108,280,232	92,492,171	91,393,293	97,149,115	106,875,483	77,811,339	89,888,073	76,208,775	75,062,919	53,653,620	
Total Gallons Metered	103,481,022	89,341,751	90,534,380	93,391,660	102,743,110	74,319,160	82,838,310	69,371,390	64,526,298	45,666,880	
Billing Efficiency	96%	97%	99%	96%	96%	96%	92%	91%	86%	85%	
Average Gallons used per connectior	322,371	280,949	286,501	316,582	350,659	260,769	296,912	274,195	293,301	226,074	
Average Gallons Used per Month	9,023,353	7,707,681	7,616,108	8,095,760	8,906,290	6,484,278	7,490,673	6,350,731	6,255,243	4,471,135	
Average Acre Ft/year	332	284	280	298	328	239	276	234	230	165	
Average Acre Ft/Connection	0.99	0.86	0.88	0.97	1.08	0.80	0.91	0.84	0.90	0.69	
Gallons in 1.5 Acre Feet	488,777	488,777	488,777	488,777	488,777	488,777	488,777	488,777	488,777	488,777	
Gallons in 1 Acre Feet	325,851	325,851	325,851	325,851	325,851	325,851	325,851	325,851	325,851	325,851	



#### Water Usage Summary



Monthly Usage	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 22-23	Highest	Daily Usage p	er Month
Months	Pumped	Metered	Metered	Well	Nelson	Campbell
Oct	5,802,084	4,870,280	8,044,760	Oct	200,160	201,600
Nov	2,365,223	1,948,210	1,926,030	Nov	126,720	79,200
Dec	2,236,092	1,825,900	1,685,420	Dec	116,640	172,800
Jan	2,547,166	1,944,840	2,033,400	Jan	118,080	162,720
Feb	2,526,566	1,945,230	1,839,647	Feb	123,840	165,600
Mar	2,353,021	1,798,730	1,382,415	Mar	139,680	190,080
Apr	3,053,671	2,597,860	2,432,470	Apr	168,480	144,000
May	8,045,812	8,432,320	7,761,860	May	508,320	203,040
Jun	18,261,700	21,192,282	12,158,694	Jun	766,080	210,240
Jul	25,251,579	22,297,200	22,363,625	Jul	790,560	208,800
Aug	19,442,830	19,458,470	15,568,390	Aug	629,280	210,240
Sept	16,394,488	15,169,700	12,145,040	Sept	558,720	210,240
Total	108,280,232	103,481,022	89,341,751			



2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year project list.

- Replace 6 Meter Boxes \$4,000
- Retro Setter 20 Units \$10,000
- Replace 3-6 Fire Hydrants \$32,000
- Scada Upgrade \$8,000
- Line Detector \$2,500
- Parts for 8" line break (2) \$1,200
- Source Protection Plan \$2,000
- Total \$59,700







#### **Project Explanation**

- $\infty$  Scada Importance.
  - Chlorine system is not visible on Scada.
  - Increases efficiency of operating water system and helps reduce expenses.
  - Vital for operational efficiency (operator and state reporting).
  - o Scada provider has been working on this in FY 2024 not completed
- $\infty$  Cross Connection.
  - State allows gradual improvement.
  - State requires back flow prevention device at meter connection.
  - Retrosetter allows upgrade to a backflow prevention, avoids complete replacement
  - o 6 meter boxes
  - o 3-6 fire hydrants.
- $_\infty$  2 Connectors 8" MJ L/P SLV C153 IMP-4 Megalug
  - Start building inventory for any future leak.
- $\infty$  Line Detector Equipment.
  - Current device is over 10 years old, outdated technology
- $\infty$  Source Protection Plan Implementation.
- Tasks from SPP submitted 3 years ago.



### Loan Schedule



Year	Principal_	<u>Loan balance</u>
2010	\$21,000	\$1,599,000
2011	\$22,000	\$1,577,000
2012	\$24,000	\$1,553,000
2013	\$26,000	\$1,527,000
2014	\$27,000	\$1,500,000
2015	\$29,000	\$1,471,000
2016	\$30,000	\$1,441,000
2017	\$33,000	\$1,408,000
2018	\$36,000	\$1,372,000
2019	\$39,000	\$1,333,000
2020	\$42,000	\$1,291,000
2021	\$45,000	\$1,246,000
2022	\$48,000	\$1,198,000
2023	\$51,000	\$1,147,000
2024	\$54,000	\$1,093,000
2025	\$57,000	\$1,036,000
2026	\$59 <i>,</i> 000	\$977,000
2027	\$61,000	\$916,000
2028	\$63,000	\$853,000
2029	\$65,000	\$788,000
2030	\$67,000	\$721,000
2031	\$70,000	\$651,000
2032	\$72,000	\$579 <i>,</i> 000
2033	\$75,000	\$504,000
2034	\$77,000	\$427,000
2035	\$79,000	\$348,000
2036	\$82,000	\$266,000
2037	\$85,000	\$181,000
2038	\$88,000	\$93,000
2039	\$93,000	\$-
Total	\$1,620,000	

Loan Amount is \$2,120,000, of which \$1,620,000 is the Loan Proceeds and \$500,000 shall be Principal Forgiveness if payments are made on time.

Total of 30 year payment schedule \$1,620,000

Balance as of 9/30/2024 was \$542,030

Balance as of 10/10/2024 was \$488,030



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Water rate increase proposal.

The Board is recommending a water rate increase to occur during fiscal year 2018-2019.

- 1. EAWC has not increased rates tier rates since 2018.
- 2. The stability of our water rates is due to the increased number of connections.
- 3. Cost of expenses has increased.
  - Comcast damage added almost \$19K
- 4. Compared SPID, Tooele City and Granstville Rates
- 5. Current water rates:
  - \$55.00 monthly base fee
  - \$0.75 for each 1,000 gallons of water used up to 70,000 gallons
  - \$1.25 for each 1,000 gallons of water used over 70,000 gallons up to 140,000 gallons
  - \$1.75 for each 1,000 gallons of water used over 140,000 gallons
- 6. Proposed water rate structure (prorated tiers):
  - \$55.00 monthly base fee
  - \$1.00 for each 1,000 gallons of water used up to 50,000 gallons
  - \$1.60 for each 1,000 gallons of water used over 50,000 gallons up to 100,000 gallons
  - \$2.25 for each 1,000 gallons of water used over 100,000 gallons up to 150,000 gallons
  - \$3.25 for each 1,000 gallons of water used over 150,000 gallons



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#### Water rate increase Example

Water Bill Example

	Tiers	Rate	Calculation	Bill Amount	Gallons - O	Gallons - N	Bill Amount	Calculation	Rate	Tiers
Example 1	Base 0-70,000 70,001-140,000 >140,000	\$55 \$0.75/1,00 0 \$1.25/1,00 0 \$1.75/1,00 0	(67821/1000)*0.75	\$ 55.00 \$ 50.87	67,821	50,000 17,821	\$	(50000/1000)*1.00 (17821/1000)*1.60	\$1.60/1,00	Base 0-50,000 50,001-100,000 100,001-150,00 0 >150,000
			Total	\$ 105.87	67,821	67,821	\$ 133.51	Total		

		Tiers	Rate	Calculation	Bill Amount	Gallons - O	Gallons - N	Bill Amount	Calculation	Rate	Tiers
1		Base	\$55		\$ 55.00			\$ 55.00		\$55	Base
	Example 2	0-70,000	\$0.75/1,00 0	(67821/1000)*0.75	\$ 37.50	70,000	50,000	\$ 50.00	(50000/1000)*1.00		0-50,000
		70,001-140,000	\$1.25/1,00 0	(70000/1000)*1.25	\$ 87.50	70,000	50,000	\$ 80.00	(50000/1000)*1.60		50,001-100,000
		>140,000	\$1.75/1,00 0	(43413/1000)*1.75	\$ 75.97	43413	50,000	\$ 112.50	(50000/1000)*2.25		100,001-150,00 0
							33,413	\$ 108.59	(33413/1000)*3.25	\$3.25/1,00 0	>150,000
				Total	\$ 255.97	183,413	183,413	\$ 406.09	Total		

# Serda Acres

#### Example supporting rate increase

Billing	Current 4 Tier	Current 5 Tier	Proposed rate change	SPID	Grantsville	Tooele City
23-Sep	\$30,232.17	\$31,495.88	\$40,881.61	\$18,621.64	\$ 36,940.63	\$ 39,615.03
23-Oct	\$27,072.06	\$27,664.00	\$36,608.33	\$16,675.16	\$ 33,079.30	\$ 35,474.15
23-Nov	\$21,267.10	\$21,305.48	\$28,758.54	\$13,099.56	\$ 25,986.23	\$ 27,867.56
23-Dec	\$19,053.66	\$19,054.81	\$25,765.41	\$11,736.19	\$ 23,281.63	\$ 24,967.16
24-Jan	\$18,969.43	\$18,969.43	\$25,651.51	\$11,684.30	\$ 23,178.71	\$ 24,856.79
24-Feb	\$19,058.63	\$19,064.40	\$25,772.13	\$11,739.25	\$ 23,287.70	\$ 24,973.67
24-Mar	\$19,123.86	\$19,182.72	\$25,860.34	\$11,779.43	\$ 23,367.41	\$ 25,059.14
24-Apr	\$18,949.05	\$18,957.49	\$25,623.95	\$11,671.75	\$ 23,153.81	\$ 24,830.08
24-May	\$19,548.40	\$19,552.15	\$26,434.42	\$12,040.92	\$ 23,886.15	\$ 25,615.44
24-Jun	\$24,052.03	\$24,280.36	\$32,524.48	\$14,814.96	\$ 29,389.13	\$ 31,516.82
24-Jul	\$36,212.69	\$38,751.70	\$48,968.79	\$22,305.37	\$ 44,248.21	\$ 47,451.67
24-Aug	\$37,395.20	\$40,205.65	\$50,567.85	\$23,033.74	\$ 45,693.12	\$ 49,001.18
Total	\$290,934.28	\$298,484.07	\$393,417.36	\$179,202.27	\$ 355,492.01	\$ 381,228.69
Difference		\$7,549.79	\$102,483.08			
Base (55*12*321)	\$ 211,860.00	\$ 211,860.00	\$ 211,860.00	\$ 109,204.20	\$ 92,833.20	\$ 61,978.68
Water (row 14 - 16)	\$ 79,074.28	\$ 86,624.07	\$181,557.36	\$ 69,998.07	\$ 262,658.81	\$ 319,250.01
Use Shrinkage			13%	0%	14%	15%
Adjusted H2O		\$ 86,624.07	\$157,954.91	\$ 69,998.07	\$ 225,886.58	\$ 271,362.51
(row 16 + row 19)	\$290,934.28	\$ 298,484.07	\$369,814.91	\$ 179,202.27	\$ 318,719.78	\$ 333,341.19
(row 20 - cell B14)	0	\$ 7,549.79	\$78,880.63	(\$111,732.01)	\$ 27,785.50	\$ 42,406.91
Result	(\$61,406.72)	(\$53,856.93)	\$41,076.36	(\$173,138.73)	\$3,151.01	\$28,887.69
Result w/ shrinkage	(\$61,406.72)	(\$53,856.93)	\$17,473.91	(\$173,138.73)	(\$33,621.22)	(\$18,999.81)
For row 24 and 25 use	d proposed fisc	cal year 2025 expenses of \$	352,341			

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#### **Rate Comparison**



Water Company	EAW Current	Tiers	EAW 5 Tier	Tiers	EAW Proposal	Tiers	SPID	Tiers	Grantsville	Tiers	Tooele City	Tiers
Base	\$55 \$55			\$55		\$28.35		\$24.10		\$16.09		
Usage	\$0.75/1000	0-70,000	\$0.75/1000	0-50,000	\$1.00/1000	0-50,000	\$0	0-25,000	\$0.59/1000	0-10,000	\$0.77/750	0-7,500
	\$1.25/1000	70,000-140,000	\$1.25/1000	50,000-100,000	\$1.60/1000	50,000-100,000	\$0.75/1000	25,000-50,000	\$1.18/1000	10,000-30,000	\$1.02/750	7,500-22,500
	\$1.75/1000	>140,000	\$1.75/1000	100,000-150,000	\$2.25/1000	100,000-150,000	\$1.05/1000	>50,000	\$1.77/1000	30,000-50,000	\$1.28/750	22,500-37,500
			\$2.25/1000	>150,000	\$3.25/1000	>150,000			\$2.35/1000	>50,000	\$1.53/750	37,500-52,500
											\$1.79/750	52,500-67,500
											\$2.04/750	>67,500



## Directory

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• Please reach out if contact of additional board members is needed.

Additional Board Members: Brian Townley (position is open) Larry Brown (position is open) Jake Jacobson (position is open) Dave Gunderson Phyllis Kimpel





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# Erda Acres Water Company

## Looking ahead to 2025

- 1. Board changes need to replace 6 positions
  - a. President
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Treasurer/Bookeeper (replacement found)
  - d. 3 board positions (one replacement found)
- 2. Rate structure
- 3. County wide development
- 4. Is there Shareholder interest in becoming a licensed operator (primary or non-primary)?
- 5. Continued integration of new billing/account system
- 6. Meter Box upgrades (cross connection program)
- 7. Replace up to 6 Fire Hydrants
- 8. Input data into GIS system
- 9. 2025 Rural Water Conference
- 10. Interest in development around Excelsior (commercial and residential).









#### **Cross Connection Reminder**

Backflow prevention.

Remember water can flow two directions in a hose or irrigation system.

An unexpected drop in water pressure may reverse water flow from a hose into your home.

Some helpful hints.

Ensure water leaving a hose runs through an air space gap of at least 2 inches before it enters into a container.

Another tip is to make sure there is a hose-bib vacuum breaker attached to all outdoor spigots.

As a reminder state law and the plumbing code require a certified backflow preventer. All lawn irrigation systems installed since 2006 are required to have either a Reduced Pressure Principle (RP) Backflow Prevention Assembly (most common) or a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) Backflow Prevention Assembly.

Both of these are installed above ground and are testable.