AGENDA
BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 9:00 AM
2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, WA

The meeting is also available via MS Teams
The conference call line (audio only) is:
1-323-553-2644; Conference ID: 359 861 969 #

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Agenda Review**

4. **Public Comment**
(Individuals desiring to provide public comment during the meeting on items relating to District business, whether in person or remotely will be recognized by the Commission President and provided an opportunity to speak. Comments are limited to five minutes. Public Comment can also be sent to the Clerk of the Board in advance of the meeting at commission@bentonpud.org. Guidelines for Public Participation can be found on the Benton PUD District website at https://www.bentonpud.org/About/Commission/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes.)

5. **Treasurer's Report** pg. 3

6. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
(All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Commission for reading and study are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Commission with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired by any member of the Commission, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.)

Executive Administration
a. Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of July 28, 2026 pg. 7
b. Travel Report dated August 11, 2026 pg. 11
Finance
c. Vouchers dated August 11, 2026 pg. 12
Operations/Engineering
d. Quit Claim – Les Schwab – WO# 751904 pg. 31

7. **Management Report**

8. **Business Agenda**

a. Performance Measurement Report – 2nd Quarter 2026 – Jon Meyer pg. 36

b. 2026-2030 Strategic Plan: Mid-Year Progress Report – Rick Dunn pg. 60

9. Other Business

10. Future Planning

11. Meeting Reports

12. Executive Session

13. Adjournment

(To request an accommodation to attend a commission meeting due to a disability, contact dunlapk@bentonpud.org or call (509) 582-1270, and the District will make every effort to reasonably accommodate identified needs.)

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON CO., WA.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO COMMISSION FOR JULY 2026

Aug 3, 2026

Final

REVENUE FUND:		RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
07/01/26	**Cash Balance**			$ 3,424,211.61
	Collections	$ 15,586,609.25		
	Bank Interest Earned	4,513.95		
	Investments Matured	4,508,285.77		
	Miscellaneous - BAB's Subsidy	-		
	Transfer from Debt Service Fund	-		
	EFT Taxes		$ 1,308,030.84	
	Checks Paid		448,037.33	
	Debt Service to Unrestricted		-	
	Debt Service to Restricted		508,285.77	
	Investments Purchased		7,599,664.02	
	Deferred Compensation		296,504.80	
	Department of Retirement Systems		266,572.53	
	Special Fund-Construction Funds		-	
	Purchased Power		6,973,564.95	
	Direct Deposit - Payroll & AP		4,802,564.12	
	Credit Card Fees		33,789.66	
	Miscellaneous		-	
	Sub-total	$ 20,099,408.97	$ 22,237,014.02	
07/31/26	**Cash Balance**			**$ 1,286,606.56**

	Balance 07/01/26	Purchased	Matured	LGIP Interest	Balance 07/31/26
Investment Activity	**$42,352,256.71**	8,008,285.77	4,508,285.77	$99,664.02	**$45,951,920.73**

	Balance 07/01/26	Issued	Redeemed	Cancelled*	Balance 07/31/26
Check Activity	**$90,917.05**	$696,806.19	$448,037.33	$2,350.00	**$337,335.91**

Unrestricted Reserves:	**07/01/26**	**07/31/26**	**Change**
Minimum Operating Reserves (90 DCOH) Incl. RSA[1]	$ 33,509,520.00	$ 33,509,520.00	$ -
Designated Reserves (Customer Deposits Account)	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	-
Designated Reserves (Power Market Volatility Account)	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Designated Reserves (Special Capital Account)	4,986,027.87	4,986,027.87	-
Undesignated Reserves (Climate Commitment Act)	2,516,558.84	2,516,558.84	-
Undesignated Reserves (DCOH -9 days) [2]	(4,617,209.93)	(3,663,436.73)	953,773.20
Unrestricted Reserves Total	**$ 43,294,896.78**	**$ 44,248,669.98**	**$ 953,773.20**
DCOH - Beginning and Ending of Month	116	119	
DCOH - Year-end Projection (Unrestricted $42.2M)	117	116	
DCOH - Year-end Projection (Construction $22.2M)	59	59	
Restricted Reserves:			
Bond Redemption Accounts	2,481,571.55	2,989,857.32	508,285.77
Construction Account	0.00	0.00	-
Restricted Reserves Total	**2,481,571.55**	**2,989,857.32**	**508,285.77**
TOTAL RESERVES	**$ 45,776,468.33**	**$ 47,238,527.30**	**$ 1,462,058.97**

(1) RSA (Rate Stabilization Account): $7,500,000.00

(2) Undesignated Reserves are periodically reviewed to reallocate to the Designated Reserve accounts

Prepared by: Keith Mercer
Keith Mercer, Treasurer

Certified by: Jon Meyer
Jon Meyer, Auditor

CASH & INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

as of July 31, 2026

Average Days to Maturity	**110**	Investments see below*	12,918,597
		LGIP**	33,033,325
Average Weighted Yield	**3.735%**	**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**	45,951,921
		CASH	1,286,607
** Held in custody at Principal Financial Group*		**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS**	**$ 47,238,528**
*** Local Government Investment Pool*			

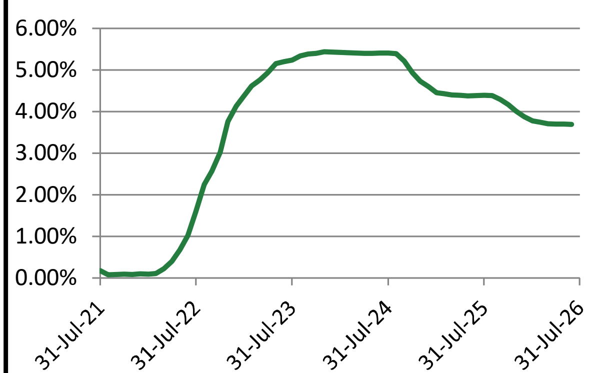
Investments by Type and Maturity

Amount	Type	Yield
944,590	-T-Note	4.28%
949,500	-T-Note	4.24%
1,009,810	-FHLB	3.95%
982,270	-TVA	3.96%
986,040	-T-Note	3.56%
1,013,660	-T-Note	3.55%
1,002,750	-FFCB	3.43%
1,057,177	-FHLB	3.40%
979,460	-FHLB	3.77%
1,002,500	-FFCB	3.74%
1,000,260	-T-Note	3.74%
997,520	-T-Note	3.88%
993,060	-T-Note	4.05%

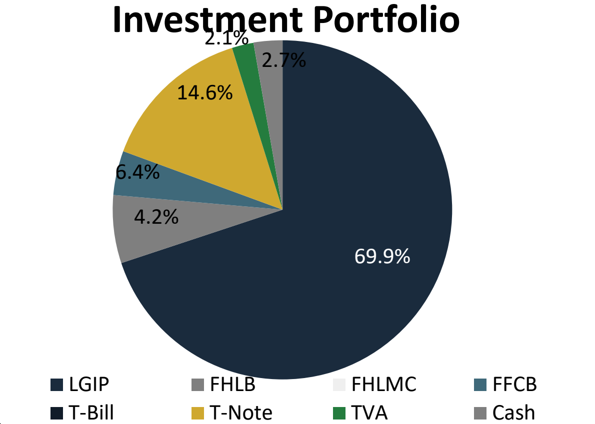
*Callable

Maturity timeline: 2026 | 2027 | 2028 — J F M A M J J A S O N D (each year)

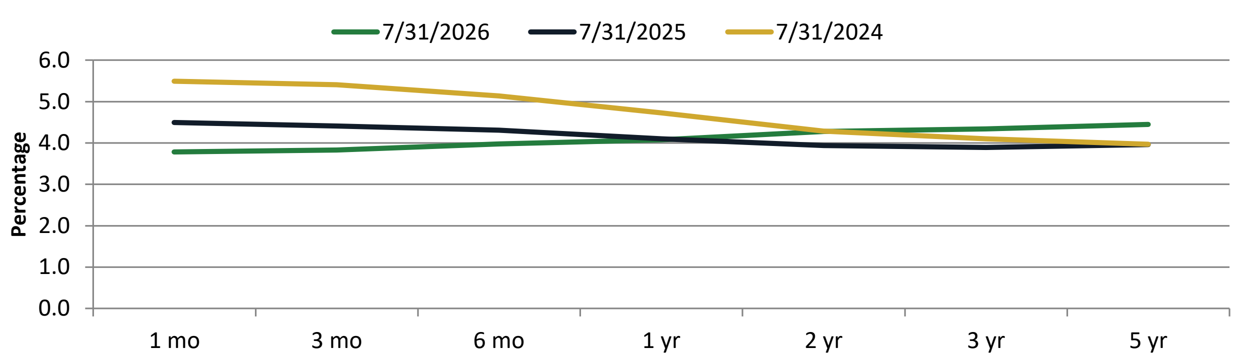
Historical LGIP Rate



Investment Portfolio



Daily Treasury Yield Curve



Source: http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/domestic-finance/debt-management/interest-rate/yield.shtml

Unrestricted Reserves and Days Cash on Hand (DCOH)

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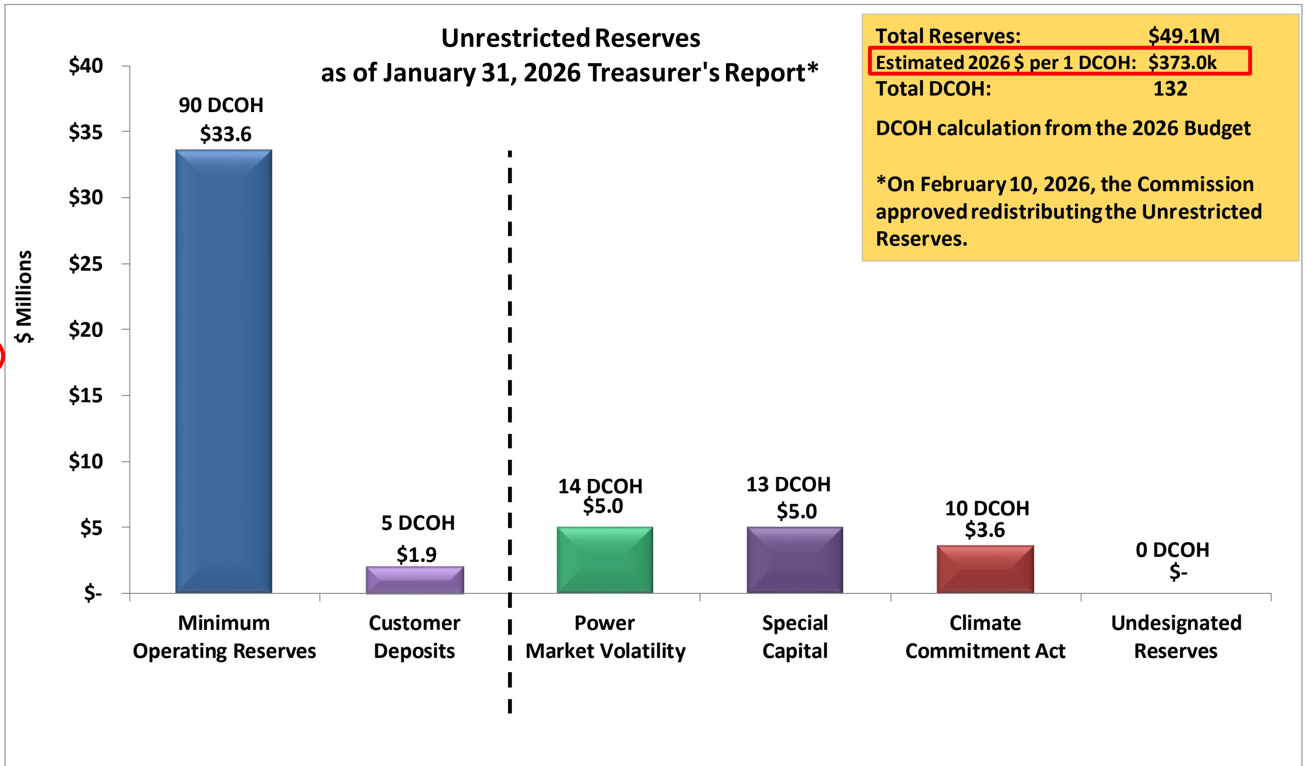

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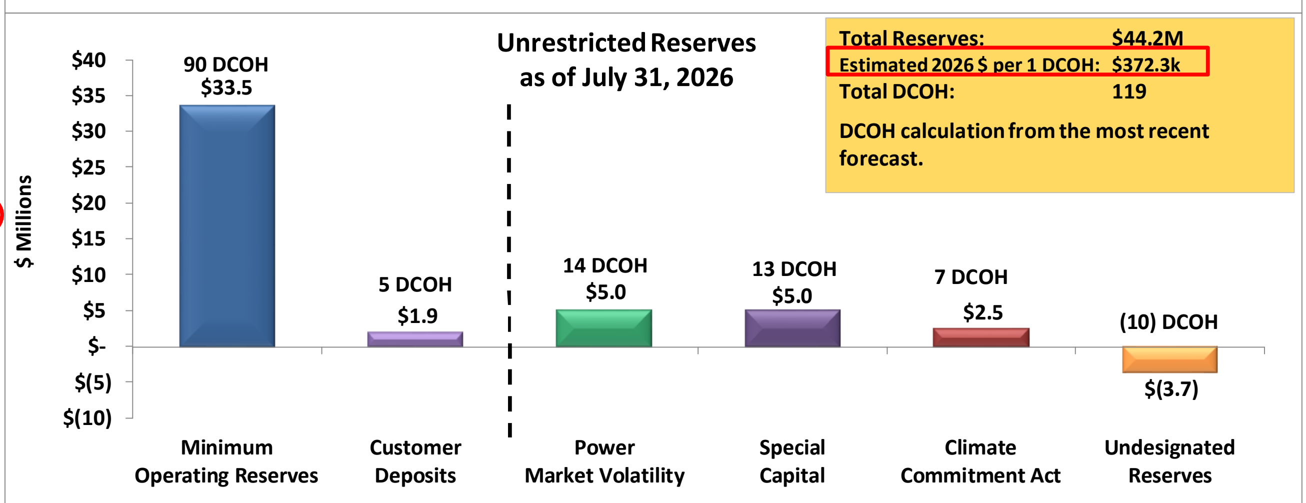

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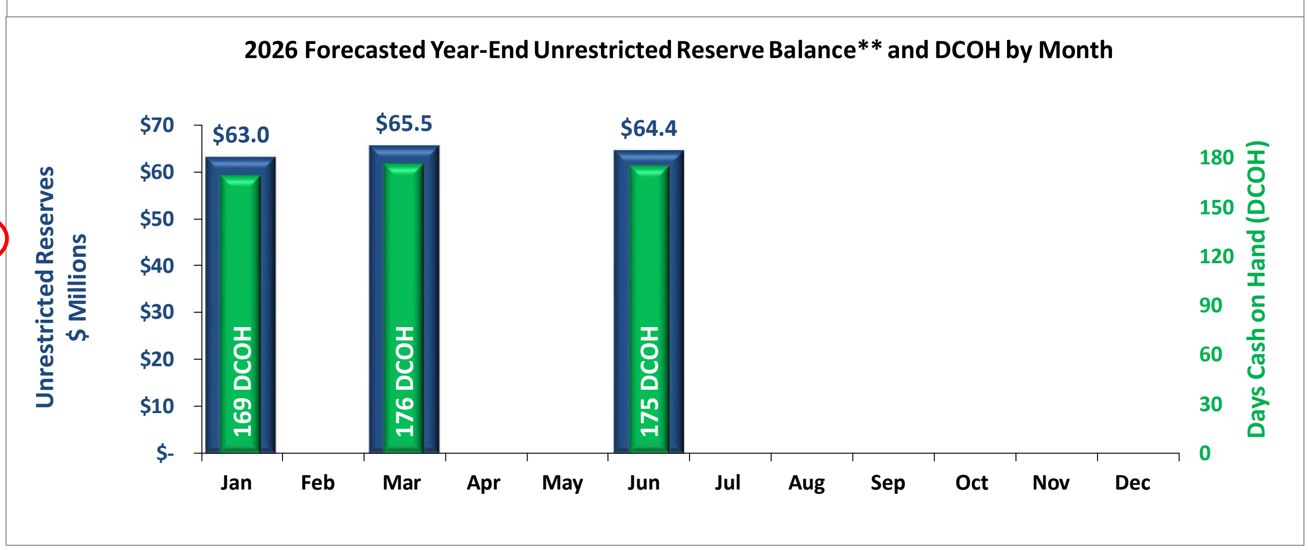
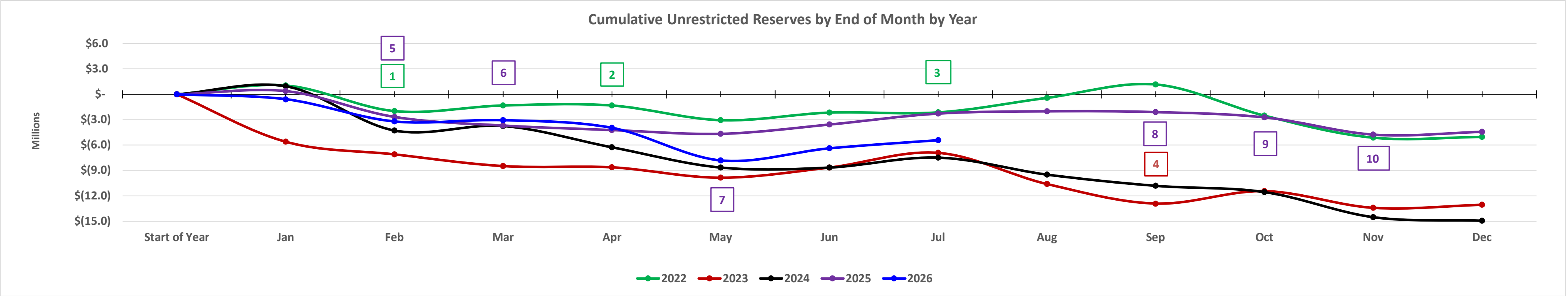


**Includes proceeds from the planned 2026 bond issuance, including amounts allocated to the Construction Account.



Note: Any money disbursed for a bid guarantee, received from the Climate Commitment Act auction proceeds, or received from issuing bonds was removed for comparison purposes (i.e. 2023 bond issue).

Other Notable Information:
Weather can play a major factor with customer loads (retail revenue) that can ultimately increase or decrease the District's Unrestricted Reserves.

1. (2022 - February) Adjusted balance down ~$6.3 million for January BPA invoices that were paid in March due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in February.
2. (2022 - April) Adjusted balance down ~$5.7 million for March BPA invoices that were paid in May due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in April.
3. (2022 - July) Adjusted balance down ~$4.3 million for June BPA Power invoice that was paid in August due to timing of when the invoice was issued. This invoice is typically paid in July.
4. (2023 - September) Adjusted balance down ~$5.3 million for August BPA power and transmission invoices that were paid in October due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoice would typically pay in September.
5. (2025 - February) Adjusted balance down ~$5.3 million for January BPA Invoices that were paid in March due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in February.
6. (2025 - March) Adjusted balance down ~$6.5 million for February BPA Invoices that were paid in April due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in March.
7. (2025 - May) Adjusted balance down ~5.4 million for April BPA Invoices that were paid in June due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in May.
8. (2025 - September) Adjusted balance down ~$10.0 million for August BPA invoices that were paid in October due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in September.
9. (2025 - October) Adjusted balance down ~7.2 million for September BPA invoices that were paid in November due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in October.
10. (2025 - November) Adjusted balance down ~$5.5 million for October BPA invoices that were paid in December due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in November.

MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Date: July 28, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: 2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington

Present: Commissioner Jeff Hall, President
Commissioner Lori Kays-Sanders, Vice-President
Commissioner Mike Massey, Secretary (via/TEAMS)
General Manager Rick Dunn
Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer
Chief Operating Officer Chris Folta
Director of IT & Broadband Services Jennifer Holbrook
Director of Human Resources & Communications Karen Dunlap
Director of Conservation & Distributed Energy Resources Chris Johnson
Director of Customer Service and Treasury Keith Mercer
Director of Engineering Evan Edwards
Supervisor of Executive Administration/Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie
Records Program Administrator II Nykki Drake
General Counsel Allyson Dahlhauser

Benton PUD employees present during all or a portion of the meeting, either in person or virtually: Annette Cobb, Manager of Customer Service; Eric Dahl, Communications Specialist II; Jenny Sparks, Manager of Communications & Customer Engagement; Jodi Henderson, Manager of Government & Community Relations; Katie Grandgeorge, Financial Analyst III; Kent Zirker, Manager of Accounting; Levi Lanphear, Procurement Administrator; Michelle Ness, Supervisor of Distribution Design; Michelle Ochweri, Manager of Procurement; Jessie Grad, Superintendent of Transmission & Distribution; Robert Frost, Supervisor of Energy Programs; Zach Underhill, Distribution Designer; Shawn Harper, Superintendent of Support Services

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Commission and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the Consent Agenda items "a" through "d". Commissioner Massey seconded and upon vote, the Commission unanimously approved the following:

a. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2026
b. Travel Report dated July 28, 2026
c. Vouchers (report dated July 28, 2026) audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing made available to the Commission and approved as follows for payment:
   Accounts Payable: Automated Clearing House (DD) Payments: 115873-115899 and 116059-116104 in the amount of $1,386,481.91.
   Checks & Customer Refund Payments (CHK): 92450-92534 in the amount of $308,780.03;
   Electronic Fund Transfer (WIRE) Payments: 7646-7658 in the amount of $632,742.51;
   Residential Conservation Rebates: Credits on Customer Accounts in the amount $1,060.00;
   Payroll: Direct Deposit – 07/16/2026: 115900-116058 in the amount $514,016.53;
   Voided checks (July, 2026) in the amount of $750.00;
   Grand total - $2,843,080.98
d. Contract Award – Operations Replacement of Stairs and Ramp, Contract # 26-38-06 – Moreno & Castillo Construction LLC

Management Report

Chief Operating Officer - Chris Folta

1. **BPA Horse Heaven 115-kv POD Outage**
   Chief Operating Officer Chris Folta reported on a BPA Horse Heaven 115-kV outage that occurred on July 16, affecting approximately 312 customers. He explained that a BPA breaker operated to lockout, prompting Benton PUD and Benton REA crews to patrol the line. No cause was identified, although heavy lightning activity was occurring in the area at the time. Service was restored after testing confirmed the line was stable.
2. **Mutual Aid – Big Bend and Benton REA**
   Chief Operating Officer Folta reported that Benton PUD responded to a mutual aid request from Big Bend Electric Cooperative following wildfire damage that resulted in approximately 50 downed poles. He noted that Benton PUD deployed two line crews, which replaced approximately 20 poles before returning home.
3. **Locust Grove Fire**
   Chief Operating Officer Folta provided an update on the Locust Grove Fire, which damaged portions of the District's electric system. He reported that Benton PUD crews proactively switched portions of the system to minimize customer outages during the incident and replaced 10 damaged poles. He noted that the fire was contained shortly after midnight. Mr. Folta also highlighted the District's ongoing wildfire mitigation efforts, including the installation of pole fire wrap to help protect infrastructure in high-risk areas.

4. **Sunheaven 3 Energization**
   Chief Operating Officer Folta reported that the Sunheaven #3 Substation was energized on July 22. He advised that Benton PUD's work on the project has been completed and that the District is awaiting Sunheaven's final activities before the project is fully operational. He also recognized Operations, Engineering, Procurement/Finance, and Information Technology staff for their contributions to the successful completion of the District's portion of the project.

Chief Financial Officer - Jon Meyer

1. **Financial Report**
   Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer provided the Commission with a financial report for June, 2026.
2. **Residential Demand Charge & Customers with Solar**
   Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer responded to Commissioner Massey's inquiry regarding a customer email expressing concerns about increased residential demand charges despite having solar generation. He explained that the customer's higher demand charge resulted from a high peak demand created by a residence and shop. It was noted that demand charges are based on a customer's highest level of electricity use during peak hours during the billing period and may be reduced by shifting high-energy activities outside peak usage times. General Manager Rick Dunn added that all customers, including those with solar, share in recovering the fixed costs of the equipment and line capacity required to meet the demand for electricity they place on the District's delivery systems. He further noted that solar customers receive retail credit for excess energy they deliver to the grid, which is well above the wholesale cost of electricity the District avoids paying on their behalf.

Manager of Government & Community Relations – Jodi Henderson

1. **Columbia River Treaty Update**
   Manager Jodi Henderson provided an update on the Columbia River Treaty. Ms. Henderson reviewed the history and purpose of the Treaty, including its role in coordinating hydropower generation and flood risk management between the United States and Canada. She also summarized the 2024 Agreement in Principle, including changes to flood risk management that transition from preplanned Canadian storage to a "called upon" approach. Ms. Henderson reported that the Columbia River Treaty Power Group recently urged the Trump Administration to complete its internal review and move forward with preparing a Treaty amendment for congressional ratification by the end of the year.

<u>Future Planning</u>

Commissioner Sanders reported that she plans to attend the upcoming TEA Partner Meeting and will participate remotely in the August 11 Commission meeting.

Meeting Reports

Commissioner Sanders also reported on the regional advocacy meeting, noting significant discussion regarding data center development in the Quincy area and the challenges posed by Washington's current clean energy policy environment. She noted that a representative from a Labor interest group indicated there is a desire to consider reopening the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) and Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) to allow for natural gas generation with carbon capture technology. General Manager Rick Dunn noted that for the CCA and CETA to be reopened will require leadership on the part of Puget Sound Energy, since they are being most harmed by CETA's 80% carbon-free electricity by 2030 mandate and the carbon tax of the CCA. Dunn further stated that while he believes natural gas should be on the table as an energy choice in Washington, the pipeline system is already at 95% capacity and without investor-owned utilities pushing for expansion, adding significant natural gas power generation is not going to happen. Dunn also said he does not think the Washington PUD Association should take the lead on proposing modifications to the CCA or CETA since public utility power supply portfolios are already over 90% carbon-free today. Dunn concluded by saying, yes public utilities are being impacted by the CCA and CETA through growing scarcity of dependable generation which shows up in the Bonneville Power Administration's Tier-2 rate, but the big cost impacts are in the future.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation

The Commission convened in executive session at 10:15 a.m. for 10 minutes with General Manger Rick Dunn, Attorney Allyson Dahlhauser, Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer, Chief Operating Officer Chris Folta, and Director of Customer & Treasury Service Keith Mercer to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Mike Massey also participated by telephone, connected through Commissioner Sanders' phone, which was placed on speaker.

The Commission reconvened in open session at approximately 10:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, President Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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Jeff Hall, President

ATTEST:

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Mike Massey, Secretary

Periodic Travel Report - August 11, 2026

Date Start	*Business Days*	*Name*	*City*	*Purpose*
7/30/2026	1	Kelly Cobb	Otis Orchards, WA	GLOVES
8/6/2026	1	Chris Folta	Spokane, WA	INLAND POWER & LIGHT SITE VISIT
8/6/2026	1	Jennifer Holbrook	Spokane, WA	INLAND POWER & LIGHT SITE VISIT
8/21/2026	1	Jodi Henderson	Seattle, WA	CRTPG
9/16/2026	2	Jodi Henderson	Olympia, WA	WPUDA MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER
9/20/2026	6	Thomas Wabaunsee	Sumner, WA	AVO SUBSTATION MAINTENANCE 1 CLASS

PAYMENT APPROVAL
August 11, 2026

The vouchers presented on this Payment Approval Report for approval by the Board of Commissioners have been audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims by officers and employees have been certified as required by RCW 42.24.090.

Type of Payment	Starting #		Ending #	Page #	Amount
Accounts Payable:					
Automated Clearing House (DD) Payments	116105	-	116156	1 - 6	
	116313	-	116339	6 - 9	
		-			$ 1,050,895.68
Checks & Customer Refund Payments (CHK)	92535	-	92625	10 - 15	
		-			
					$ 310,164.19
Electronic Fund Transfer (WIRE) Payments	7659	-	7668	16 - 17	
					$ 7,822,981.58
Residential Conservation Rebates:					
Credits on Customer Accounts				18	$ 100.00
Purchase Card Detail:					
Payroll:					
Direct Deposit - 07/30/2026	116157	-	116312		$ 552,969.94
TOTAL					**$ 9,737,111.39**
Void DD					$ -
Void Checks	July 2026			10	$ 1,600.00
Void Wires					$ -

I, the undersigned Auditor of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described, or that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claims identified in this report are just, due and unpaid obligations against the District and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claims.

Jon Meyer 8/3/2026

Jon L. Meyer, Auditor *Date*

Reviewed by:

Rick Dunn, General Manager

Approved by:

Jeffrey D. Hall, President

Lori Kays-Sanders, Vice-President

Michael D. Massey, Secretary

Accounts Payable
Check Register

07/20/2026 To 07/31/2026

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
116105	7/22/26	DD	2872	A W REHN & ASSOC	COBRA Specific Rights Letters	75.00
116106	7/22/26	DD	11230	ALLIANCE 2020 INC	Employment Background Screening	358.02
116107	7/22/26	DD	963	ANIXTER INC.	Fire Mititgation Arresters	9,377.47
					Conn, LV, CMC#NSM500-6SLIU 1" for 100kva	32.75
					Connectors	1,440.95
					Wood moulding for grd wire cover on pole	5,565.77
					BOLTS MACH 7/8 X 16	393.96
					Total for Check/Tran - 116107:	16,810.90
116108	7/22/26	DD	3828	BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	Test Sw.	803.68
116109	7/22/26	DD	3344	BOYD'S TREE SERVICE, LLC	Tree Trimming Svc	9,520.48
					Tree Trimming Svc	7,999.85
					Total for Check/Tran - 116109:	17,520.33
116110	7/22/26	DD	10837	CAMPBELL & COMPANY SERVICE COR	REEP	1,200.00
					REEP	400.00
					REEP	400.00
					REEP	400.00
					REEP	400.00
					Total for Check/Tran - 116110:	2,800.00
116111	7/22/26	DD	3520	CI INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	Onsite Destruction	29.15
116112	7/22/26	DD	2972	COMPUNET, INC.	Software Subscription/License	14,168.48
116113	7/22/26	DD	57	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIB	Cap, end, PVC, 2"	263.30
					Plug, PVC 3" Carlon #P258LT, K	295.94
					Total for Check/Tran - 116113:	559.24
116114	7/22/26	DD	3167	COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER, IN	CRCLink User Lic/Multispeak OMS	14,384.99
116115	7/22/26	DD	10896	CULLIGAN QUENCH	Ice/Water Machine Rental	575.55
116116	7/22/26	DD	10968	ERIC L DAHL	Mileage Per Diem Rate Change	5.95

Accounts Payable
Check Register

07/20/2026 To 07/31/2026

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
116117	7/22/26	DD	2757	RICK T DUNN	WPUDA		363.73
116118	7/22/26	DD	2898	ELECTRICAL CONSULTANTS, INC.	Professional Svc		144.50
116119	7/22/26	DD	75	FRANKLIN PUD	Fiber Lease		1,404.81
					Fiber Lease		1,197.90
					Fiber Lease		150.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 116119:	2,752.71
116120	7/22/26	DD	10810	GARY LEE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC	Joint Use Support		493.30
116121	7/22/26	DD	3969	GPS INSIGHT, LLC	Device Monitoring		2,370.53
116122	7/22/26	DD	2087	H2 PRECAST, INC.	Vault Base/Lid		33,184.00
116123	7/22/26	DD	724	HERITAGE PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAP	High Weed Mowing		1,876.80
116124	7/22/26	DD	4207	INFORMATION FIRST, INC.	Content Mgr		2,176.00
116125	7/22/26	DD	10660	IRBY ELECTRICAL UTILITIES	Machine Bolt		26.50
116126	7/22/26	DD	296	JOB'S NURSERY	Tree Replacment Prog		120.00
116127	7/22/26	DD	10162	LINGUISTICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.	Interpreting Svc		67.11
116128	7/22/26	DD	3644	LOOMIS	Safepoint Svc		1,599.93
					Drop Box/Kiosks		2,346.18
						Total for Check/Tran - 116128:	3,946.11
116129	7/22/26	DD	10563	MESSAGE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	IVR/SMS Svc		-92.84
					IVR/SMS Svc		1,147.84
						Total for Check/Tran - 116129:	1,055.00
116130	7/22/26	DD	3821	NISC	Postage/Online Pymts/ACH		249.62
					Postage/Online Pymts/ACH		73.96
					Postage/Online Pymts/ACH		1,056.85
					Postage/Online Pymts/ACH		110.94

07/20/2026 To 07/31/2026

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
					Postage/Online Pymts/ACH		390.27
					Postage/Online Pymts/ACH		490.00
					Postage/Online Pymts/ACH		531.34
					Envelopes/Print Svc/Mail Svc		25,720.99
					Software License/Maintenance		9,083.60
					Software License/Maintenance		2,691.43
					Software License/Maintenance		4,037.14
					Software License/Maintenance		17,830.73
						Total for Check/Tran - 116130:	62,266.87
116131	7/22/26	DD	919	NOANET	Co-Location Kenn Verizon		1,460.00
					Broadband Billing		16,979.68
					Broadband Billing		67,918.71
						Total for Check/Tran - 116131:	86,358.39
116132	7/22/26	DD	3162	ONLINE INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.	Online Utility Exchange		1,343.23
116133	7/22/26	DD	2176	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION, INC.	Monthly Billing		209.60
					Monthly Billing		45.52
						Total for Check/Tran - 116133:	255.12
116134	7/22/26	DD	585	PARADISE BOTTLED WATER CO.	Monthly Billing		111.99
					Monthly Billing		411.26
						Total for Check/Tran - 116134:	523.25
116135	7/22/26	DD	1241	PARAMOUNT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		511.87
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		27,447.53
					Reata BB Splicing		1,167.48
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		2,984.61
					Lucky Flowers		496.02
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		3,206.12
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		3,284.87
					Auditorium Remodel		567.94
					Cable Bridge RST		8,791.04

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor	28,584.86
					Total for Check/Tran - 116135:	77,042.34
116136	7/22/26	DD	10951	RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INSURANC	Self Insured STD Fee	186.25
116137	7/22/26	DD	10947	RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INSURANC	Basic AD&D	173.32
					Basic Life	866.60
					Non Barg Basic AD&D	84.24
					Non Barg Basic Dep Life	80.08
					Non Barg Basic Life	1,120.53
					Supplemental AD&D - Child	9.00
					Supplemental AD&D - EE	561.00
					Supplemental AD&D - Spouse	220.65
					Supplemental Life - Child	51.68
					Supplemental Life - EE	2,127.20
					Supplemental Life - Spouse	435.70
					LTD - Core Buy Up	1,304.62
					LTD - Core No Buy Up	3,228.77
					Total for Check/Tran - 116137:	10,263.39
116138	7/22/26	DD	2277	LORI K SANDERS	APPA National Conf	1,525.67
116139	7/22/26	DD	10943	SEALX, LLC	Janitorial Svc	4,511.29
					Janitorial Svc	2,728.85
					Janitorial Svc	1,722.86
					Total for Check/Tran - 116139:	8,963.00
116140	7/22/26	DD	11223	SEFCOR	Term, AL Weld 1"-1" WFTT-3939	504.14
					Term, AL Weld., 1-3" IPS to 2-hole Pad	136.96
					Total for Check/Tran - 116140:	641.10
116141	7/22/26	DD	2154	SENSUS USA, INC.	Flxnt/SAAS/AEM Svc/Alert Mgr	6,129.18
					Flxnt/SAAS/AEM Svc/Alert Mgr	9,905.47
					Flxnt/SAAS/AEM Svc/Alert Mgr	4,535.07

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
					Meters		43,188.21
						Total for Check/Tran - 116141:	63,757.93
116142	7/22/26	DD	10230	SMG-TRI CITIES, LLC	Advertising		2,520.00
116143	7/22/26	DD	985	SPECTRUM PACIFIC WEST, LLC	Monthly Billing		608.97
					Monthly Billing		592.12
						Total for Check/Tran - 116143:	1,201.09
116144	7/22/26	DD	3231	STRIPE RITE, LLC	Traffic Control		2,271.00
116145	7/22/26	DD	3502	SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER	Employee/Candidate Testing		180.00
116146	7/22/26	DD	11042	TITAN TELECOM INTERNATIONAL	Refurbished Nokia		22,935.04
					Refurbished Nokia		-1,855.04
						Total for Check/Tran - 116146:	21,080.00
116147	7/22/26	DD	139	TOWNSQUARE MEDIA TRI CITIES	Advertising		3,144.00
116148	7/22/26	DD	11207	TRINITEL, LLC	120V to 24V Power Supply, 120W		74.80
					Material		-6.05
					Flush-Mount Cooling Unit		1,505.41
					Flush-Mount Cooling Unit		-121.76
						Total for Check/Tran - 116148:	1,452.40
116149	7/22/26	DD	11268	TRISTATE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	Sprinkler Head UL Testing		2,331.62
116150	7/22/26	DD	1163	TYNDALE ENTERPRISES, INC.	Clothing-Koerperich		134.37
					Clothing- Fortune		372.10
					Clothing-Wabaunsee		283.42
					Credit - Inv 4458080 - PO 56711		-141.65
						Total for Check/Tran - 116150:	648.24
116151	7/22/26	DD	10154	US PAYMENTS, LLC	Paysite/Kiosk/Card Procssing Fees		230.91
					Paysite/Kiosk/Card Procssing Fees		1,440.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 116151:	1,670.91

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116152	7/22/26	DD	272	UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	Underground Locate Svc		741.06
116153	7/22/26	DD	11062	VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	Weekly Svc		35.80
					Weekly Svc		38.14
					Weekly Svc		27.73
					Weekly Svc		45.03
					Weekly Svc		18.39
						Total for Check/Tran - 116153:	165.09
116154	7/22/26	DD	4235	WATER STREET PUBLIC AFFAIRS, LLC	Lobbying Svc		6,500.00
116155	7/22/26	DD	11134	WELLABLE LLC	Pro Wellness Plan		350.00
116156	7/22/26	DD	2791	WESTERN ELECTRICITY COORDINATI	Retired RECs		965.97
					Transferred RECs		12.73
						Total for Check/Tran - 116156:	978.70
116313	7/29/26	DD	963	ANIXTER INC.	BOLTS MACH 7/8 X 16		656.61
					CONN SLEV ANDSN VHS 1/0		18,017.28
					Rack Cable Manager		211.07
					Wall Mount Rack		401.42
					Insulated Bushing		935.46
						Total for Check/Tran - 116313:	20,221.84
116314	7/29/26	DD	34	BENTON PUD-ADVANCE TRAVEL	NWPPA Utility Warehousing		204.00
					NWPPA Utility Warehousing		204.00
					Sensus- Elec Metrology for Customers		207.22
						Total for Check/Tran - 116314:	615.22
116315	7/29/26	DD	3828	BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	DE AUTO 6 SOL 8 STR CLEV		782.03
					LUGS TRANSF GROUNDING		3,897.21
					Photo control, 120/240 volt, AMaterial		2,756.38
						Total for Check/Tran - 116315:	7,435.62
116316	7/29/26	DD	3344	BOYD'S TREE SERVICE, LLC	Tree Trimming Svc		9,607.39

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116317	7/29/26	DD	11241	COFFMAN ENGINEERS, INC.	Professional Svc		9,945.00
116318	7/29/26	DD	394	COLUMBIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY	Meter Base 20A 13 Jaw Mtr Skt		14,600.42
116319	7/29/26	DD	2972	COMPUNET, INC.	Software Suscription		8,026.83
					Software License/Subscription		28,338.81
					Azure Monthly Billing		21.76
					Software Subscriptions		9,541.19
						Total for Check/Tran - 116319:	45,928.59
116320	7/29/26	DD	10627	DOUGLAS S DOBREC	NWPPA Utility Warehousing		330.05
116321	7/29/26	DD	10255	FOUNDATION FOR WATER & ENERGY	Stem Career Academy Event 2026		5,402.12
116322	7/29/26	DD	79	GENERAL PACIFIC, INC.	INS. Cl/top 115kV, Poly, NGK		99,679.60
116323	7/29/26	DD	11206	SHAWN T HARPER	NWPPA Utility Warehousing		192.02
116324	7/29/26	DD	10420	HEALTH INVEST HRA TRUST	Monthly fees		129.51
116325	7/29/26	DD	10660	IRBY ELECTRICAL UTILITIES	BOLTS MACH 3/4 X 14, Allied Bolt		6.63
116326	7/29/26	DD	11027	MORGAN STANELY CAPITAL MGMT, L	Consulting Svc		6,000.00
116327	7/29/26	DD	919	NOANET	Sellars Rd		1,535.61
116328	7/29/26	DD	10769	ONEBRIDGE BENEFITS INC.	Flex Spending Dependent Care		288.47
					Flex Spending Health Care		2,947.28
						Total for Check/Tran - 116328:	3,235.75
116329	7/29/26	DD	2176	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION, INC.	Monthly Billing		29.58
					Monthly Billing		104.12
					Monthly Billing		230.87
					Monthly Billing		111.08
						Total for Check/Tran - 116329:	475.65
116330	7/29/26	DD	1241	PARAMOUNT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		4,995.10
					Prime Dental Partmers		1,182.66

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					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor	1,628.17
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor	1,799.76
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor	3,634.33
					McNary Pump #2	423.75
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor	6,765.89
					Support Advocacy & Resource Center	720.26
					Total for Check/Tran - 116330:	21,149.92
116331	7/29/26	DD	10095	PASCO TIRE FACTORY, INC.	Tires	1,412.52
116332	7/29/26	DD	10671	PRINCIPAL BANK	EE Vision	61.22
					ER Vision	3,046.86
					EE Health	10,472.98
					ER Health	250,994.53
					EE Dental	378.05
					ER Dental	18,057.89
					Total for Check/Tran - 116332:	283,011.53
116333	7/29/26	DD	1161	PRINT PLUS	2025 Annual Report	1,175.04
116334	7/29/26	DD	11102	GRAYSON T SAWYER	Sensus-Elec Metrology for Customers	213.27
116335	7/29/26	DD	11180	TRACE3, LLC	Software Subscription/License	33,936.08
116336	7/29/26	DD	158	TRIDEC	Association Dues	5,000.00
116337	7/29/26	DD	1048	UNITED WAY OF BENTON & FRANKLI	EE United Way Contribution	362.23
116338	7/29/26	DD	11062	VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	Weekly Svc	35.80
					Weekly Svc	38.14
					Weekly Svc	27.73
					Weekly Svc	45.03
					Weekly Svc	18.39
					Total for Check/Tran - 116338:	165.09
116339	7/29/26	DD	205	WASHINGTON STATE AUDITOR'S OFFI	Auditing Svc	855.45

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
					Auditing Svc	3,245.30
					Total for Check/Tran - 116339:	4,100.75

Total Payments for Bank Account - 1 :	(79)	1,050,895.68
Total Voids for Bank Account - 1 :	(0)	0.00
Total for Bank Account - 1 :	(79)	1,050,895.68

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount	
92229	5/20/26	CHK	99999	REGINA L DUARTE	Credit Balance Refund	500.00	VOID
92249	5/20/26	CHK	99999	MARIA T PEREZ	Credit Balance Refund	350.00	VOID
92258	5/20/26	CHK	99999	TAQUERIA TACATRINA LLC	Credit Balance Refund	750.00	VOID
92535	7/22/26	CHK	3819	BENTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT	Salmon In Schools	396.24	
92536	7/22/26	CHK	259	BENTON FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACT	Helping Hands	2,149.73	
92537	7/22/26	CHK	11270	BEST WESTERN KENNEWICK	Commercial Energy Efficiency Prg	600.00	
92538	7/22/26	CHK	2735	MUSTANG SIGNS, LLC	Monument Refurbish - Ops	8,551.68	
92539	7/22/26	CHK	141	RICHLAND, CITY OF	MHZ Radios/Microwave Billing	13,216.92	
92540	7/22/26	CHK	992	VERIZON NORTHWEST	Monthly Billing	8,486.81	
92541	7/22/26	CHK	178	WASHINGTON PUD ASSOCIATION	Semi Annual Dues - 2026	87,094.00	
92542	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JOE ALLEN	Credit Balance Refund	78.84	
92543	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MELANY ALLSTOTT	Credit Balance Refund	250.49	
92544	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MICAH ALMQUIST	Credit Balance Refund	115.17	
92545	7/22/26	CHK	99999	YOLANDA ARCEO	Credit Balance Refund	96.82	
92546	7/22/26	CHK	99999	PATRICIA J AUSTIN	Credit Balance Refund	350.00	
92547	7/22/26	CHK	99999	OPHELIA BEASLEY	Credit Balance Refund	36.68	
92548	7/22/26	CHK	99999	CHARLES BLANKINGSHIP	District Claim	5,037.42	
92549	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JANETTE E BROWN	Credit Balance Refund	500.00	
92550	7/22/26	CHK	99999	THOMAS H BUSHAW	Credit Balance Refund	600.32	
92551	7/22/26	CHK	99999	WILLIAM T BUTLER	Credit Balance Refund	157.27	
92552	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JAMES R CASSEL	Credit Balance Refund	155.16	

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92553	7/22/26	CHK	99999	CH GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LLC	Credit Balance Refund	68.49
92554	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JACOB DOYLE	Credit Balance Refund	156.65
92555	7/22/26	CHK	99999	SCOTT EVENSON	Credit Balance Refund	800.00
92556	7/22/26	CHK	99999	AL FIRENZI	Credit Balance Refund	226.74
92557	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MARIA E FUENTES	Credit Balance Refund	400.00
92558	7/22/26	CHK	99999	EMILY M HAACK	Credit Balance Refund	18.32
92559	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JODI L HENRY	Credit Balance Refund	425.00
92560	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JANELL M JOHNSON	Credit Balance Refund	525.00
92561	7/22/26	CHK	99999	SUSAN JONES	Credit Balance Refund	129.45
92562	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MORGAN KNIGHT	Credit Balance Refund	425.00
92563	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JARON LEE	Credit Balance Refund	650.00
92564	7/22/26	CHK	99999	GUADALUPE MAGALLAN	Credit Balance Refund	400.00
92565	7/22/26	CHK	99999	DORIS E MCLALLEN	Credit Balance Refund	607.32
92566	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MARK MCLEOD	Credit Balance Refund	600.00
92567	7/22/26	CHK	99999	GABRIEL MEDINA LARA	Credit Balance Refund	75.62
92568	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JEREMY MONTGOMERY	Credit Balance Refund	18.02
92569	7/22/26	CHK	99999	WAYNE E MOORE	Credit Balance Refund	300.00
92570	7/22/26	CHK	99999	TED NYBERG	Credit Balance Refund	300.00
92571	7/22/26	CHK	99999	GRECIA OLIVERA HERNANDEZ	Credit Balance Refund	109.88
92572	7/22/26	CHK	99999	THOMAS OLSEN	Credit Balance Refund	227.26

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92573	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MARIA T PEREZ	Credit Balance Refund	350.00
92574	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MICHAEL W RUSSELL	Credit Balance Refund	400.00
92575	7/22/26	CHK	99999	TRENTON STOCKDILL	Credit Balance Refund	70.28
92576	7/22/26	CHK	99999	JENNIE L SZENDRE	Credit Balance Refund	173.82
92577	7/22/26	CHK	99999	MARY A WUENNECKE	Credit Balance Refund	650.00
92578	7/22/26	CHK	99999	YVETTE ZAMARRIPA	Credit Balance Refund	192.59
92579	7/29/26	CHK	1751	AGRI NORTHWEST, INC.	Industrial Energy Efficiency Prg	64,264.00
92580	7/29/26	CHK	1751	AGRI NORTHWEST, INC.	Industrial Energy Efficiency Prg	64,264.00
92581	7/29/26	CHK	2425	AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	Monthly Billing	5.45
92582	7/29/26	CHK	1733	ATOMIC SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROI	Employee T-Shirts - Fair/Parade	667.34
92583	7/29/26	CHK	39	BENTON COUNTY	County GIS Prints	32.00
92584	7/29/26	CHK	259	BENTON FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACT	LIEEP Wx Prgm	60.00
					Helping Hands/Senior Disabled Discount	1,800.00
					Total for Check/Tran - 92584:	1,860.00
92585	7/29/26	CHK	35	BENTON PUD - CUSTOMER ACCOUNT	Monthly Billing	362.14
92586	7/29/26	CHK	54	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	Permit	40.00
92587	7/29/26	CHK	243	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP	Mailing Svc	20.32
92588	7/29/26	CHK	11249	FRUITLAND OFFICE CENTER, LLC	Commercial Energy Efficiency Prg	6,288.00
92589	7/29/26	CHK	1416	KGP TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC	Material	5,331.09
92590	7/29/26	CHK	141	RICHLAND, CITY OF	Fiber Lease	587.52
					Fiber Lease	587.52
					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Fiber Lease	293.76

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					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Fiber Lease	1,468.80
					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	146.88
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					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Total for Check/Tran - 92590:	7,931.52
92591	7/29/26	CHK	992	VERIZON NORTHWEST	Monthly Billing	353.55
					Monthly Billing	194.46

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					Monthly Billing		2,301.29
					Monthly Billing		246.97
					Monthly Billing		346.91
						Total for Check/Tran - 92591:	3,443.18
92592	7/29/26	CHK	366	WASH STATE DEPT LABOR & INDUST	2026 Fee Assessment		342.50
92593	7/29/26	CHK	174	WASH STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURIT	UI Tax Billing Q2-2026		5,760.00
92594	7/29/26	CHK	10649	ZIPLY FIBER	Monthly Billing		193.77
92595	7/29/26	CHK	99999	SALENA J BAKER	Credit Balance Refund		24.01
92596	7/29/26	CHK	99999	SHAWN M CAMPBELL	Credit Balance Refund		1,094.86
92597	7/29/26	CHK	99999	DAVID CRONEY	Credit Balance Refund		375.00
92598	7/29/26	CHK	99999	TIARRA C DIAZ	Credit Balance Refund		142.33
92599	7/29/26	CHK	99999	DONA M ELWOOD	Credit Balance Refund		15.80
92600	7/29/26	CHK	99999	LOURDES A GONZALEZ-TORRES	Credit Balance Refund		475.00
92601	7/29/26	CHK	99999	CHUCK HARGRAVE	Credit Balance Refund		192.58
92602	7/29/26	CHK	99999	DAVID M HARRIS	Credit Balance Refund		12.48
92603	7/29/26	CHK	99999	LAURENCE N HAZEN	Credit Balance Refund		39.21
92604	7/29/26	CHK	99999	DAN L HOWARD	Credit Balance Refund		850.00
92605	7/29/26	CHK	99999	LESLIE L JACKSON	Credit Balance Refund		213.02
92606	7/29/26	CHK	99999	SILAS JASSO	Credit Balance Refund		58.73
92607	7/29/26	CHK	99999	RONALD H JENNINGS SR	Credit Balance Refund		300.00
92608	7/29/26	CHK	99999	JANET L JONES	Credit Balance Refund		50.41
92609	7/29/26	CHK	99999	CHARLES H KAY	Credit Balance Refund		125.88

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
92610	7/29/26	CHK	99999	THOMAS KAY	Credit Balance Refund		196.14
92611	7/29/26	CHK	99999	SHEILA LUDDINGTON	Credit Balance Refund		1,000.00
92612	7/29/26	CHK	99999	SHANNON S MACE	Credit Balance Refund		652.67
92613	7/29/26	CHK	99999	SCOTT D MCKINNON	Credit Balance Refund		400.00
92614	7/29/26	CHK	99999	ORLANDO MORENO	Credit Balance Refund		375.00
92615	7/29/26	CHK	99999	ARNULFO MUNOZ	Credit Balance Refund		94.04
92616	7/29/26	CHK	99999	GREG M PAUP	Credit Balance Refund		650.00
92617	7/29/26	CHK	99999	BOB D PETTY	Credit Balance Refund		400.00
92618	7/29/26	CHK	99999	PAULA K SPENCER	Credit Balance Refund		575.00
92619	7/29/26	CHK	99999	KATHLYN M SRUBEK	Credit Balance Refund		625.00
92620	7/29/26	CHK	99999	RICHARD J ST VINCENT	Credit Balance Refund		315.39
92621	7/29/26	CHK	99999	TAQUERIA TACATRINA LLC	Credit Balance Refund		750.00
92622	7/29/26	CHK	99999	BARBARA J THOREN	Credit Balance Refund		169.57
92623	7/29/26	CHK	35	BENTON PUD - CUSTOMER ACCOUNT	Monthly Billing		526.42
92624	7/29/26	CHK	243	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP	Mailing Svc		118.14
					Mailing Svc		42.20
						Total for Check/Tran - 92624:	160.34
92625	7/29/26	CHK	99999	PATRICK D LINDSEY	Credit Balance Refund		2,327.01

Total Payments for Bank Account - 2 :	(91)	310,164.19
Total Voids for Bank Account - 2 :	(3)	1,600.00
Total for Bank Account - 2 :	(94)	311,764.19

Accounts Payable
Check Register

ALL

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
7659	7/16/26	WIRE	2205	UNITED STATES TREASURY	Federal Income Tax		98,158.40
					Medicare - Employee		11,758.06
					Medicare - Employer		11,644.60
					Social Security - Employee		49,008.58
					Social Security - Employer		49,008.58
						Total for Check/Tran - 7659:	219,578.22
7660	7/16/26	WIRE	171	WASH STATE DEPT RETIREMENT SYS	ER PERS		43,429.46
					PERS Plan 2		38,654.23
					PERS Plan 3A 5% All Ages		1,607.86
					PERS Plan 3B 5% Up to Age 35		269.73
					PERS Plan 3B 6% Age 35-45		334.62
					PERS Plan 3E 10% All Ages		1,669.89
						Total for Check/Tran - 7660:	85,965.79
7661	7/20/26	WIRE	169	ENERGY NORTHWEST	Purchased Power		141,816.29
7662	7/20/26	WIRE	2902	WHITE CREEK WIND I, LLC	Purchased Power		15,101.00
7664	7/16/26	WIRE	11170	PERFECT GIFT LLC	Safety/360 Incentive Prg - 2025-2026		66,119.95
7665	7/17/26	WIRE	1567	MISSIONSQUARE RETIREMENT	457(b) Leave EE Contribution		1,527.96
					457(b) Roth EE Contribution		18,992.30
					ER Def Comp 401		22,587.63
					ER Def Comp 457		3,435.45
					Plan A 457(b) Employee Contribution		6,143.70
					Plan B 457(b) Employee Contribution		20,715.95
					Plan C 401(a) Option 1 EE Contribution		3,298.63
					Plan C 401(a) Option 2 EE Contribution		2,636.95
					Plan C 401(a) Option 3 EE Contribution		620.38
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 1 EE Contri		231.23
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 2 EE Contri		1,079.20
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 3 EE Contri		2,644.77

ALL

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 4 EE Contri	1,396.68
					Plan C 401(a) Option 5, Step 3 EE Contri	611.66
					Plan C 401(a) Option 5, Step 4 EE Contri	1,535.64
					Plan C 457(b) Employee Contribution	5,505.51
					Pre-Retire 457(b) Employee Contribution	1,884.62
					457 EE Loan Repayment #1	4,157.57
					457 EE Loan Repayment #2	679.39
					457 EE Loan Repayment #3	325.85
					457 EE Loan Repayment #4	71.97
					457 EE Loan Repayment #5	96.34
					Total for Check/Tran - 7665:	100,179.38
7667	7/27/26	WIRE	246	BONNEVILLE POWER ADMIN	Columbia River Crossing Repair	24,310.27
					Purchased Power	6,573,955.00
					Total for Check/Tran - 7667:	6,598,265.27
7668	7/28/26	WIRE	424	WASH STATE DEPT REVENUE-EXCISE	Utility Tax	561,325.63
					Use Tax	1,430.28
					Retailing & Wholesaling Tax	1,133.37
					Retail Sales Tax - Kennewick	97.45
					Service Tax	31,968.95
					Total for Check/Tran - 7668:	595,955.68
					Total for Bank Account - 1 : (8)	7,822,981.58
					Grand Total : (8)	7,822,981.58

BENTON PUD - RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION REBATE DETAIL

Date	Customer	Rebate Amount	Rebate Description
07/23/2026	ERIKA MARTINEZ ACOSTA	$ 100.00	Rebate - Smart Thermostat
		$ 100.00	

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	August 11, 2026	
Subject:	Quit Claim – Les Schwab – WO# 751902	
Authored by:	Tina Glines	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Michelle Ness	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Evan Edwards	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager/Asst GM

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☒ Consent Agenda	☒ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☐ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☐ Contract/Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☒ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion to approve Quit Claim of a blanket easement Auditors Files Number 2026-002120, referencing parcel 1-1689-3BP-6123-001 by request of the developer.

Background/Summary

A blanket utility easement was recorded on January 29, 2026, under Auditor's File Number 2026-002120, affecting Parcel No. 1-1689-3BP-6123-001 during development of the property now known as Les Schwab. The District has since acquired surveyed centerline easements that accurately reflect the location of its existing facilities and provide all necessary access rights. Those easements were recorded under Auditor's File Number 2026-017683, replacing the need for the blanket utility easement. The property owner has requested release of the blanket easement since the District's facilities are now fully protected by the surveyed centerline easements.

Recommendation

The property owner is requesting that the District execute a Quit Claim Deed relinquishing the previously recorded blanket utility easement. Approval of the quit claim will remove an unnecessary encumbrance from the property while preserving all required utility rights along the defined alignments on the parcel.

Fiscal Impact

The developer will pay the $500.00 recording fee for the Quit Claim in accordance with District policy, resulting in no net fiscal impact to Benton PUD.

Projects to be Presented at the Benton PUD

Commission Meeting On

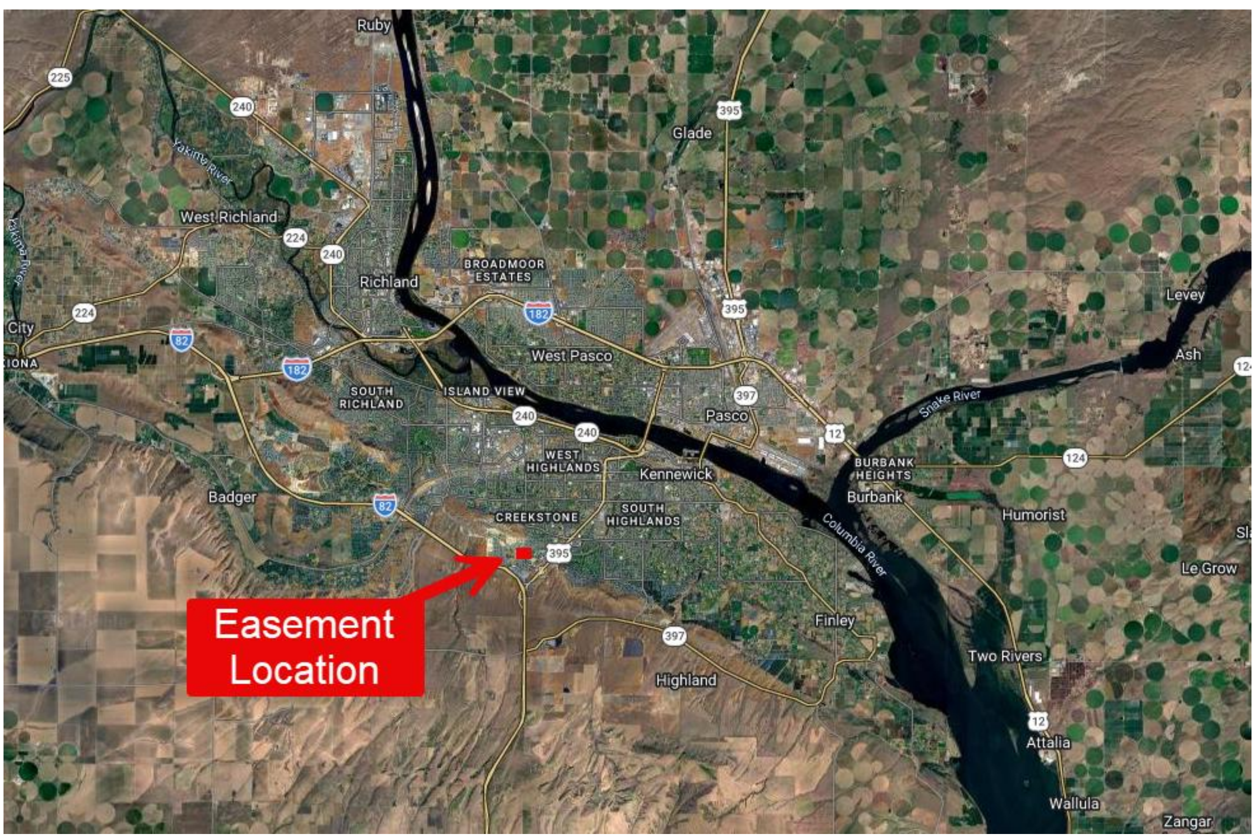
August 11th, 2026

Project Name: Quit Claim – Les Schwab **WO#:** 751902

Location: South of Ridgeline Drive, West of Southridge Blvd

Justification: The property owner has granted newly surveyed centerline easements that accurately define the location of District facilities and fully preserve the District's rights for access, operation, and maintenance. Executing the quit claim removes an unnecessary encumbrance from the property while maintaining all required utility protections for the District.

Location Map



Return To: Benton P.U.D.
PO Box 6270
Kennewick, WA 99336

QUIT CLAIM DEED

The Grantor: PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON for and in consideration of Mutual Covenants and Other Valuable Consideration, conveys and quit claims to OWNERS OF RECORD, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Benton, State of Washington:

Assessor's Property Tax Parcel Acct. #: 1-1689-3BP-6123-001

DESCRIPTION:

A 10.00-foot easement, 5.00 feet on each side of all District Facilities constructed now and in the future on the following described parcel;

Binding Site Plan #6123, Lot 1. Recorded in Volume 01 if surveys at Page 6123, Records of Benton County, Washington. Auditor's File No. 2025-003465, 02/19/2025, see survey 6123.

See Exhibit A Attached.

This deed is given as a conveyance and abandonment of all right, title and interest in the above-described property as acquired under that certain ***easement*** of record under Auditor's File Number # 2026-002120, Records of Benton County, Washington.

Dated this _____day of _____________________, 20____

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BY: ____
President

ATTEST: ____
Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON

County of ________________ } ss.

On this __________________ day of _________________________, 20___, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that ____ and _______________ ____known to me to be the President and Secretary of the Commission of *Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County* and said person(s) acknowledged that he/they signed this instrument as his/their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Witness my hand an official seal hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

Notary Signature ________________________________

My Commission Expires _________________________

NOTARY SEAL-Recordable Document, please follow RCW 65.04

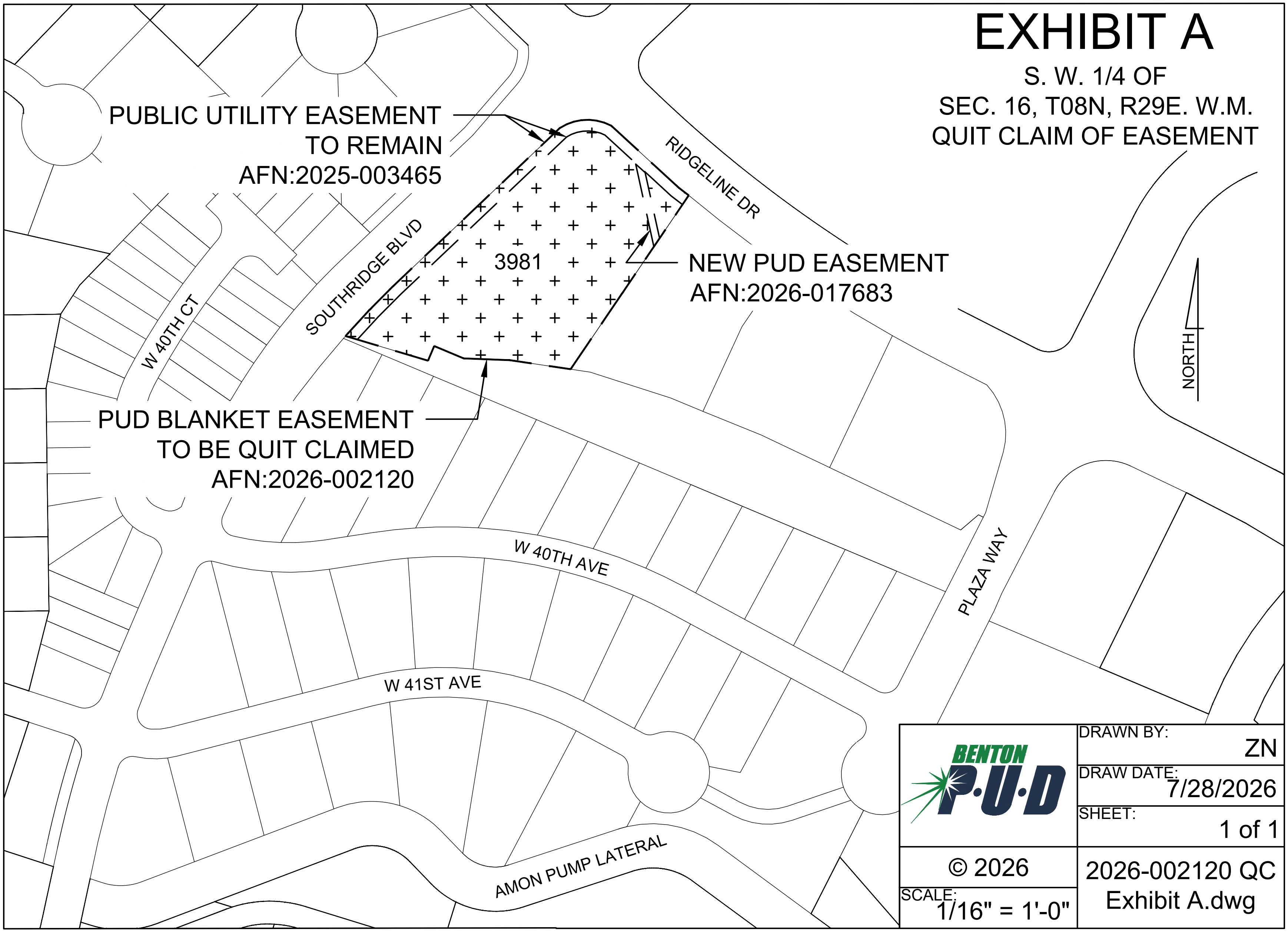


EXHIBIT A
S. W. 1/4 OF
SEC. 16, T08N, R29E. W.M.
QUIT CLAIM OF EASEMENT
PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT
TO REMAIN
AFN:2025-003465
NEW PUD EASEMENT
AFN:2026-017683
PUD BLANKET EASEMENT
TO BE QUIT CLAIMED
AFN:2026-002120
3981
RIDGELINE DR
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SHEET:
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1/16" = 1'-0"
2026-002120 QC
Exhibit A.dwg

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	August 11, 2026	
Subject:	Performance Measurement Report – 2nd Quarter 2026	
Authored by:	Kent Zirker	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Jon Meyer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager/Asst GM

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Motion for Commission Consideration:

None.

Background/Summary

Performance measurement is a process that assesses the effectiveness of organizations or work groups in achieving their mission and objectives. District staff have developed 17 performance measures aligned with District values. The District's performance measurement program focuses on high-level measures that provide information to staff, the Commission, and the public as to the performance of the District in key areas. The report is available on the District's website, consistent with our objective to openly provide information to our stakeholders allowing them to measure the effectiveness of our performance.

During the 2nd quarter, 16 of the 17 performance measures were rated green as having positive quarterly performance, one quarter was rated yellow, and 17 of 17 had green rated positive outlooks. Staff will highlight the following measures during the Commission meeting:

- *Service Order Process*
- *Rates*
- *Electric Reliability Indices*
- *Infrastructure Component Reliability*

Recommendation

Staff have prepared and will review the Performance Measurement Report for the 2nd quarter of 2026. The report provides a review of the actual vs target performance for measurements.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

2026 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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Safety Training & Meetings	Karen Dunlap	*Page 13*
Conservation I-937	Chris Johnson	*Page 14*
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Electric Reliability	Evan Edwards	*Page 16/17*
Electric System Outages	Evan Edwards	*Pages 18 - 20*
Enterprise Application Reliability	Brandon Farrell	*Page 21*
Infrastructure Component Reliability	Duane Crum	*Page 22*

Each measure box has quarter cells Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4.

The color assigned for each measure is a subjective evaluation of both the quarterly results, shown in the quarterly squares as well as the outlook for the upcoming quarter(s) compared to established targets, shown in the large box. The legend below provides general guidance for assigning colors.

- Positive performance - positive outlook review and exceeding quarterly expectation
- Improvement needed - concern about outlook review and less than quarterly expectation
- Adverse performance - negative outlook review and negative quarterly performance
- Data not available or no activity during the quarter

Performance Measure Title

Telephone Service Level (Customer Service Queue)

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
✓	✓		
Outlook: ✓			

Definition

Measures the timeliness of answering calls routed to the Customer Service queue and the effectiveness of department staff in terms of monitoring and managing the call queue. Staff strives to answer most calls within 120 seconds.

How Performance Measure is Computed

The performance measure is calculated by dividing the number of calls answered within 120 seconds by the total number of calls answered that month. The monthly percentage is graphed and analyzed on an XmR chart. Current central line and process limits are calculated based on data from July 2024 through June 2025. (For more information on XmR charts, see Appendix A.)

Performance Rating	
Green ✓	performance within limits, no unfavorable signal
Yellow ⚠	showing an unfavorable signal, no action needed to correct
Red ✗	showing an unfavorable signal, action needed to correct

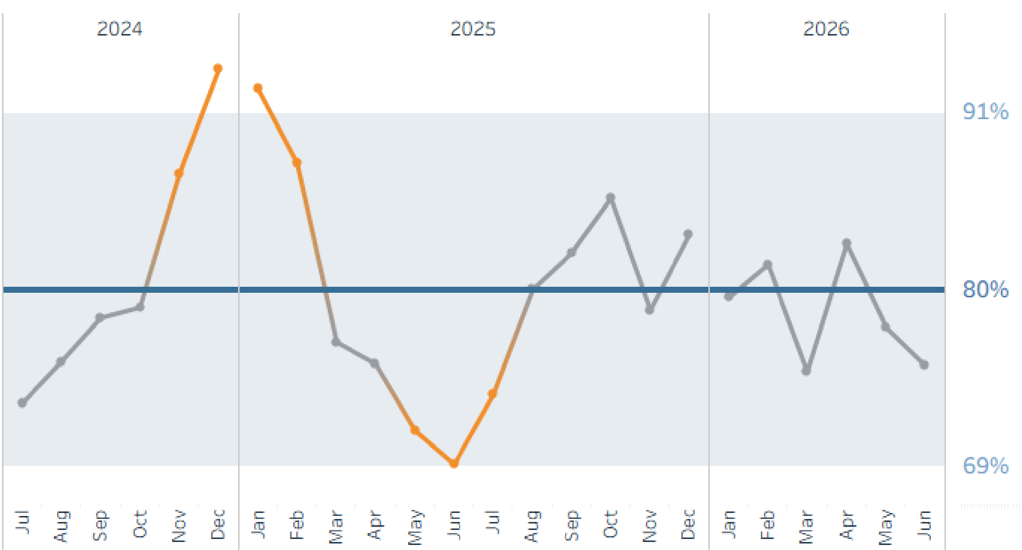
Performance Measure Objectives

The current objective is to carefully monitor the Customer Service queue and maintain telephone service levels within normal limits amid evolving business practices. Managing the queue will allow staff to assess performance expectations and then set future goals that are informed and appropriate. Staff will also track and present supplementary phone queue data in addition to the XmR chart. While these additional metrics do not directly influence performance ratings, they provide valuable insights into aspects of the queue experience beyond call response times, helping to inform and refine future objectives.

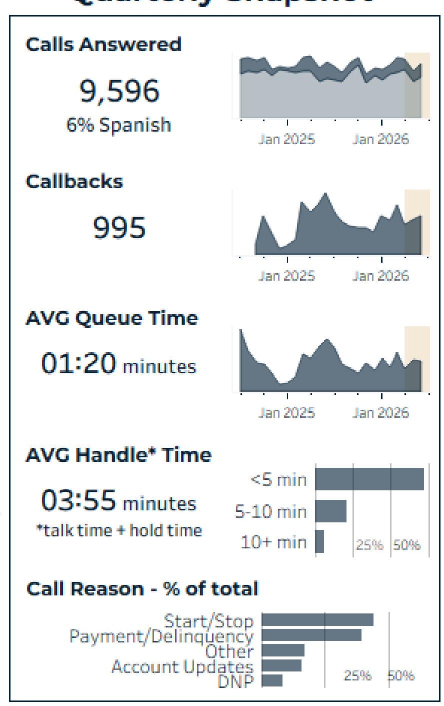
Quarterly Performance Summary

The telephone service level was within normal limits during Q2. The central line is currently set at 80% with expected performance within ±11% of that. The rating for the quarter is green and the outlook is green.

% of calls answered within 120 seconds



Quarterly Snapshot



Additional Comments

N/A

Responsible Manager: Annette Cobb   Data Provider: Kristen Demory   Report Date: 7/15/2026

Performance Measure Title

Electronic Payments

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
✓	✓		
Outlook: ✓			

Definition

Measures the percentage of total payments made to the District using electronic payment channels. Payment channels currently offered by the District include: Auto Pay, the SmartHub website and mobile application, the Integrated Voice Recognition (IVR) telephone system, Pay Now (one time payment via website), payment kiosks, and a customer's bank website. Providing multiple electronic payment channels is a customer convenience that can lead to increased satisfaction and further the District's efforts in customer engagement. Increasing the number of electronic payments can lower costs by reducing staff time and possible errors associated with manual processes.

How Performance Measure is Computed

Electronic payment percentage is calculated as the total number of electronic payments divided by the total number of all payments made that month. The monthly percentages are graphed and analyzed on an XmR chart. Current central line and process limits are calculated based on data from July 2025 through March 2026. (For more information on XmR charts, see Appendix A.)

Performance Rating	
Green ✓	performance within limits, no unfavorable signal
Yellow ⚠	showing an unfavorable signal, no action needed to correct
Red ✗	showing unfavorable signal, action needed to correct

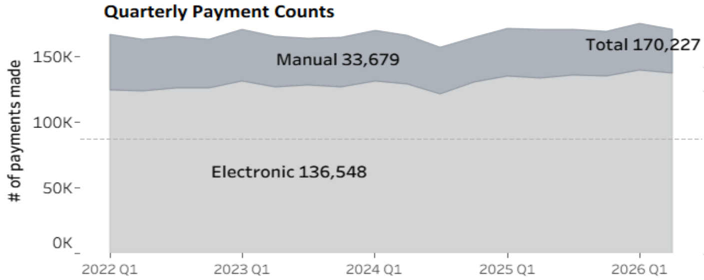
Performance Measure Objectives

The current objective is to maintain performance within normal limits for at least six months. Customer adoption of several electronic payment channels is driving a continual upward trend that has repeatedly exceeded the upper limit. However, it is expected that the measure will eventually find a consistent level of performance. When the trend naturally levels out, staff will discuss further objectives.

Quarterly Performance Summary

Customer utilization of electronic payments was within normal limits during Q2. The central line is currently set at 80% of customer payments made electronically, with normal performance expected within ± 3.7% of that. The rating for the year is green and the outlook is positive.

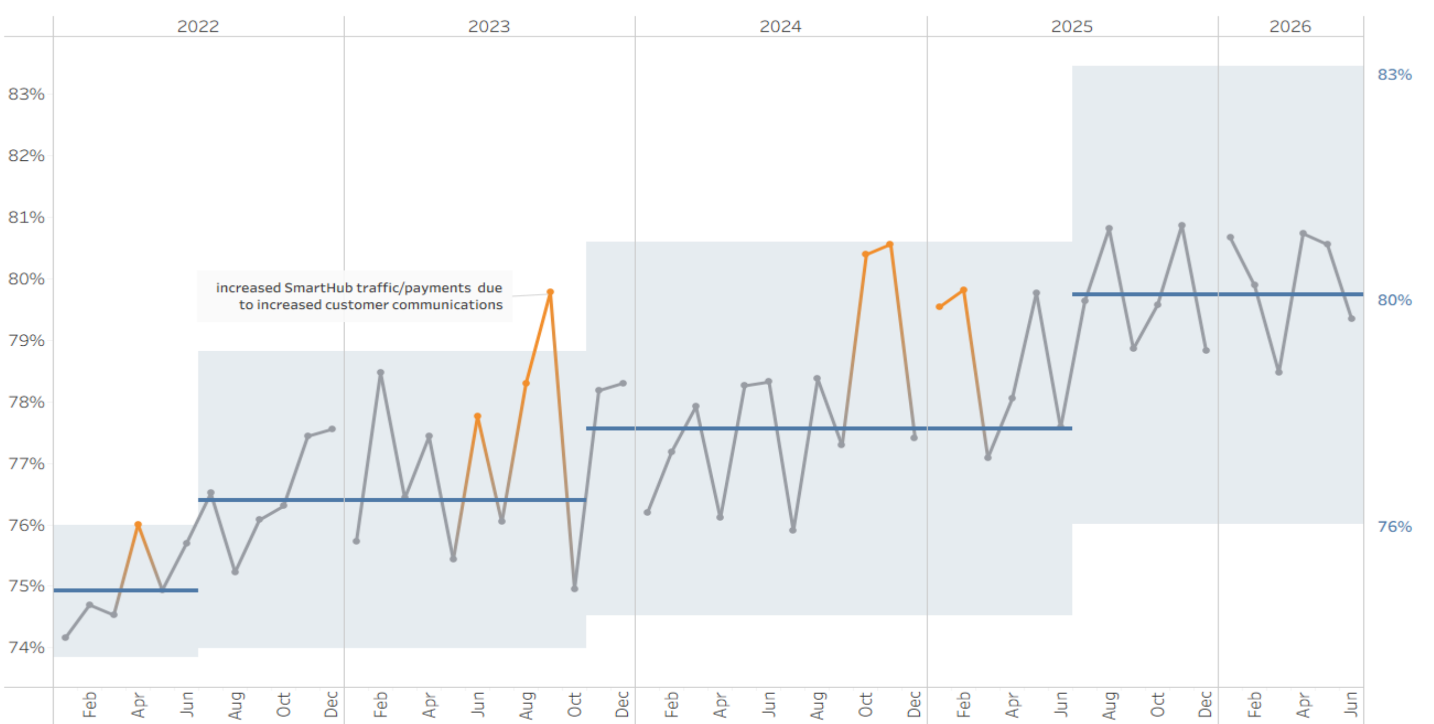
Quarterly Payment Counts



Payment Channels

			# of payments this quarter	% of total	% of total change since 2024
	Manual		33,679	20%	▼1%
Electronic	Auto Pay	Self Serve	56,710	33%	▲2%
Electronic	SmartHub App	Self Serve	25,200	15%	► 0%
Electronic	Pay Now	Self Serve	21,061	12%	► 0%
Electronic	SmartHub Web	Self Serve	18,625	11%	► 0%
Electronic	Bank Website		7,549	4%	▼1%
Electronic	IVR	Self Serve	6,802	4%	► 0%
Electronic	Kiosk	Self Serve	601	0%	► 0%

% of payments made electronically



2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Performance Measure Title

Service Order Time Tracking

Definition

Once a new or altered service is eligible for energization*, the following items will be measured:

1) Length of time it takes the Operations Center to energize a new service once Engineering has transitioned the electronic service order to them in the Work Management system, after the customer has met the criteria described by the * below.

2) Length of time it takes to set up the customer account in the Customer Information System (CIS) system for billing after Operations transitions it over to them from the Work Management system.

3) Total services include electric metered services and production meters installed for solar customers. Solar services are net metered customers with a second separate production meter for energy produced.

Eligible for energization is based on the customer meeting the following criteria: trench has been inspected on an underground service, fees have been paid, L & I state approval has been received, and customer is ready for power. The District has no control over the time span to energize a new or altered service until the criteria has been met.

How Connection Performance Measure is Computed - Table

After Engineering has released all holds in the Work Management system, the service order is transitioned to Operations. Performance is measured from the date received by Operations in CIS and the completion date of when the meter was set (energized).

How CIS System Performance Measure is Computed - Table

This performance is measured from the date Customer Service receives the electronic Service Order from Operations, to the date Customer Service closes the electronic service order. This shows the average number of days for Customer Service to set up the customer account.

Goal

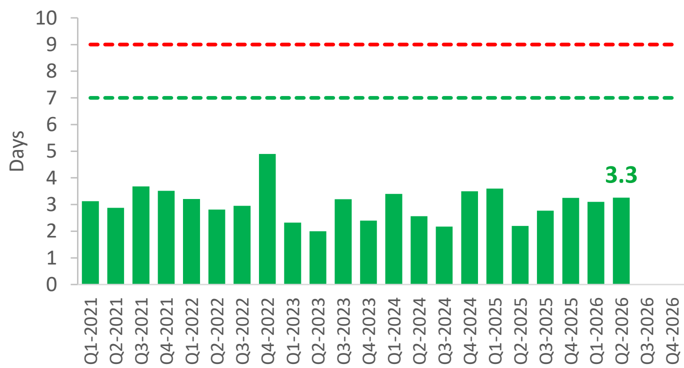
The goal is to energize new services within an average of 7 days after customer criteria has been met, then have the Service Order transitioned from Operations to Customer Service and have new accounts set up in CIS within an average of one week (5 days).

Rating Criteria:	Operations	Customer Service	Combined Rating
	7 days or less	5 days or less	Both green
	8 - 9 days	6 - 7 days	Either is yellow
	> 9 days	> 7 days	Either is red

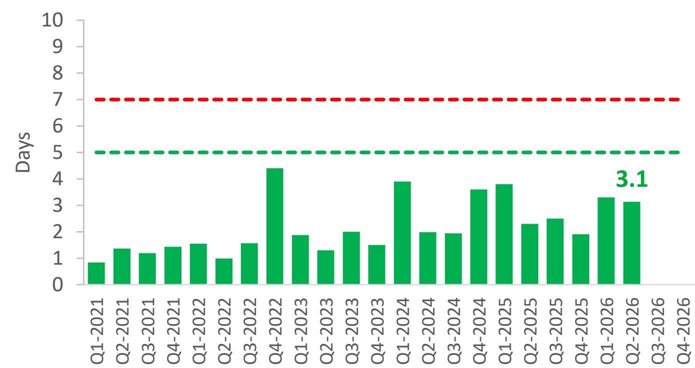
Quarterly Performance Summary

During the second quarter of 2026 it took on average 3.3 days for a new service to be energized once the customer had met all requirements, meeting the criteria of 7 days or less. The time from the service order being available to Customer Service to the account being activated was 3.1 days, meeting the criteria of 5 days or less. There were a total of 273 new services (253 electric, 20 solar production) energized in the quarter. We are green for the quarter and green for the outlook.

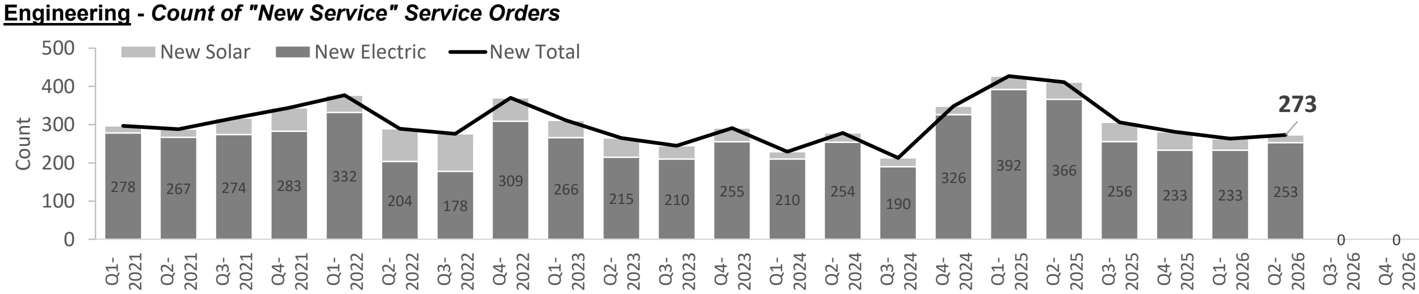
Operations - ***Days to Energize New Service***



Customer Service - ***Days to Activate Account***



Engineering - ***Count of "New Service" Service Orders***



Responsible Manager: Michelle Ness
Data Providers: MN & BS

Report Date: 7/8/2026

Performance Measure Title

Rate Comparisons

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Definition

This indicator compares the District's Residential monthly base charge and average monthly bill to other utilities in the Northwest. A benchmarking base amount of 1,300 kWh (energy), 7 KW (demand), and 30 days (base charge) is used for comparison purposes.

How Performance Measure is Computed

Gather current rates from 36 utilities throughout the Northwest and graph Benton PUD in relation to these utilities. Utilities selected for comparisons are a combination of Public Utility Districts, Cooperative Utilities, and Investor-Owned Utilities.

Goal

Performance will be measured based on a quarterly rate comparison. A green rating will be assigned if the District's average monthly bill is below the median, a yellow rating will be assigned if the District's average monthly bill is in the quartile above the median, and a red rating will be assigned if the District's average monthly bill is in the highest quartile. In addition, the average residential increases over a five year period as compared against the CPI-U annually will be factored into the rating and outlook. The Residential monthly base charge is shown for comparison purposes only.

Residential Average Monthly Bill

	Goal	Actual
Q1	< $141	$121
Q2	< $150	$124
Q3		
Q4		

Residential Monthly Base Charge Comparison

	COSA	Median	Actual
Q1	$38	$28	$20
Q2	$38	$29	$20
Q3			
Q4			

BPUD Avg Yearly Residential Rate Increase Compared to CPI-U*

	BPUD Avg Yearly % Increase	CPI-U* Avg Yearly % Increase
5 Year	1.0%	4.5%
10 Year	1.6%	3.1%
15 Year	2.3%	2.7%

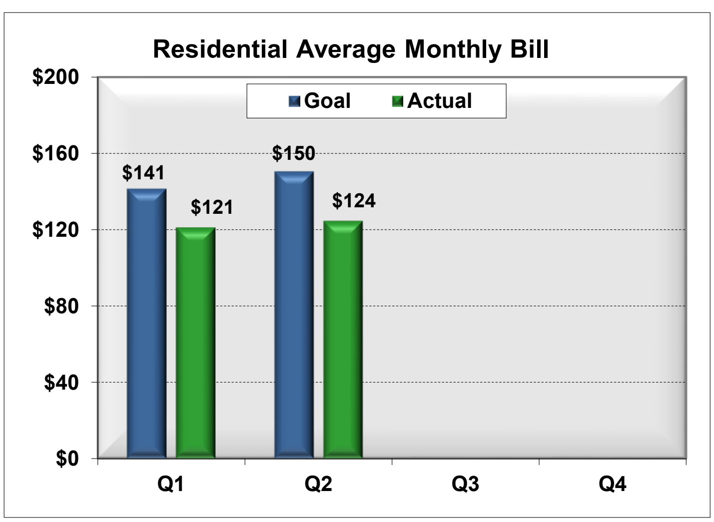
*Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) U.S. city average series for all items, not seasonally adjusted. The above percentages utilize the October to October CPI-U.

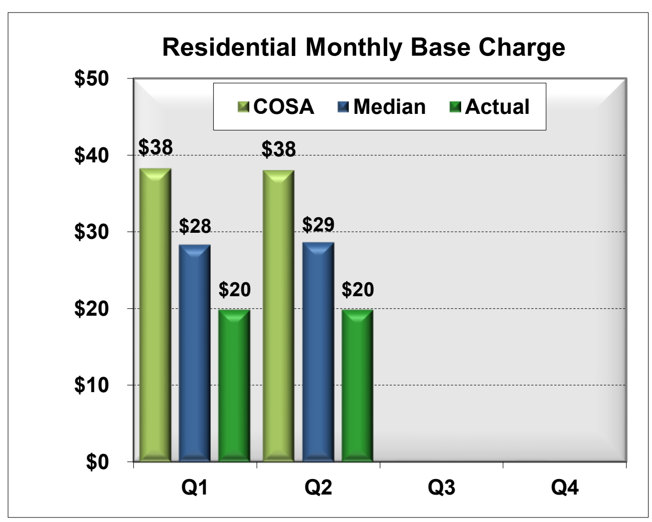
Quarterly Performance Summary

During Q2 2026, the District's residential rates were below the median of comparable utilities for the average monthly bill so a green rating was assigned. For those benchmark utilities that had an increase during Q2, the average increase for consumer owned utilities was 5.5% and no investor owned utilities** had rate increases in Q2.

In Q2, Benton PUD and 13 of the other benchmark utilities had residential rate increases; consumer owned: Big Bend Electric (7.0% overall increase), Benton REA (1.9% overall increase), Benton PUD (2.5% overall increase), Chelan PUD (3.1% overall increase), Clallam PUD (3.75% overall increase), Ferry PUD (14.5% overall increase), Flathead Electric (5.5% overall increase), Franklin PUD (3.0% overall increase), Grant PUD (3.4% overall increase), Inland Power & Light (11% overall increase), Pend Oreille PUD (2.5% overall increase), Peninsula Light Company (5.8% overall increase), Tacoma Power (6.5% overall increase), and Tillamook Utility District (3.6% overall increase).

Note: Rate increases shown are based on published sources where available. For utilities that do not publish percentage changes or only provide dollar impacts, percentages have been estimated using Benton PUD's average residential customer profile (1,300 kWh usage, 7 kW demand, over a 30-day billing period).

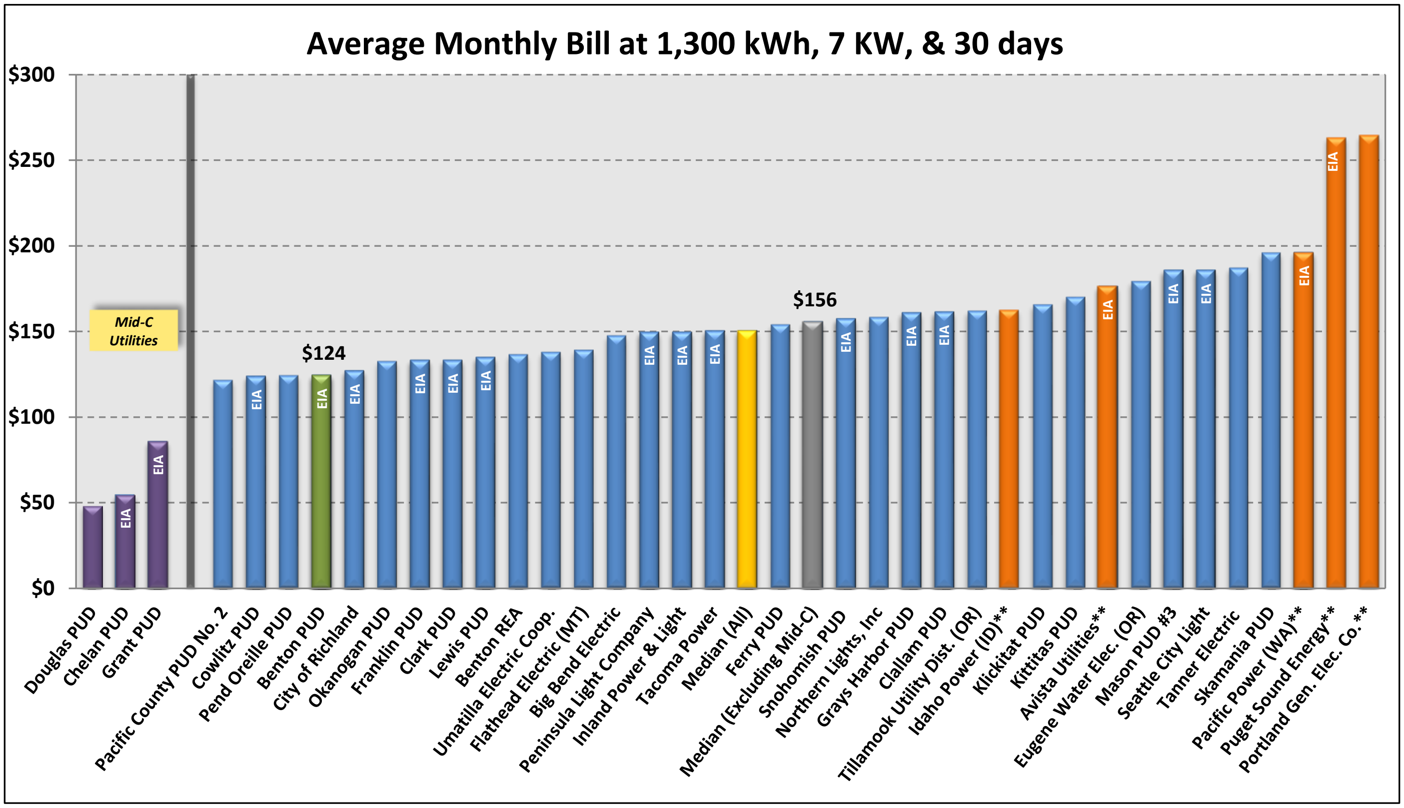


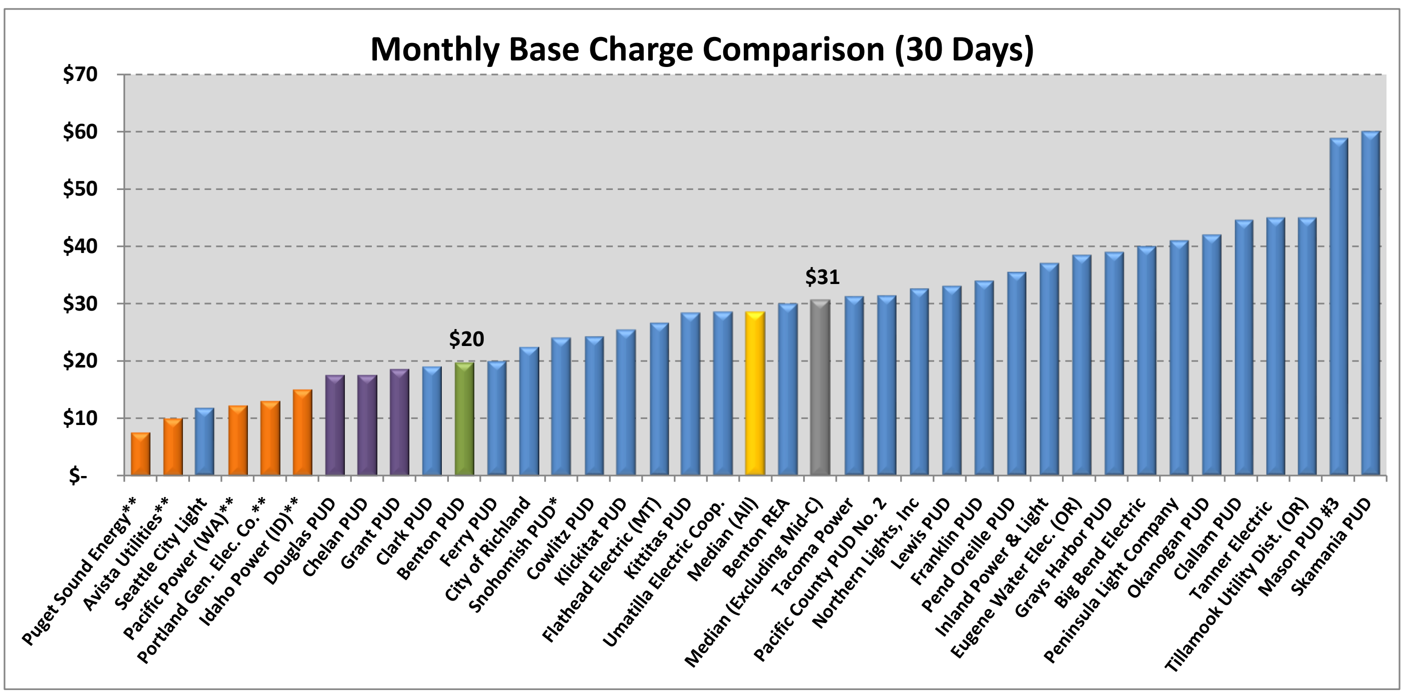


Responsible Manager: Keith Mercer

Data Provider: Katie Grandgeorge

Report Date: 7/27/2026





Average bill information has been calculated by Benton PUD staff using data from other utilities' websites.
This bill calculation is Benton PUD's best effort to provide comparable information.
Mid-C Utilities are utilities that own major hydro facilities.

Performance Measure Title

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
✓	✓		
Outlook:			✓

Back Bills and Billing Corrections Due to District Errors

Definition

Back bills and bill corrections can have a significant impact on customers and on District staff. While some back bills are due to customer error (signing up for service at the wrong apartment or mislabeled meter bases), other back bills are preventable. Some examples of avoidable back bills include equipment failure that is overlooked for a period of time and results in a back bill of more than one month, or not transferring a low income discount when a customer moves. Only preventable back bills due to staff error, or those that were caused by equipment failure not detected in a timely manner, will be counted in this performance measure. When a significant back bill occurs, the rating could be assigned a yellow or red rating depending on the severity of the back bill. This rating would be assigned regardless of the number of back bills during the period.

How Performance Measure is Computed

On a quarterly basis, the number of back bills caused by the following reasons will be reported: defective meter, incorrect multiplier, service orders not processed in a timely manner, data entry error in CIS, missing low income discount, incorrect bill cycle, switched meters and data entry errors. Back bills are processed by the Billing Specialist and will be tracked in a spreadsheet that captures the number of back bills falling into these categories, and the nature of the back bill (i.e. customer error or District error). Each customer affected by a back bill will be counted as "1". For example, all customers affected by a District-caused meter switch will be counted.

Goal

Fewer than 16 back bills each quarter.

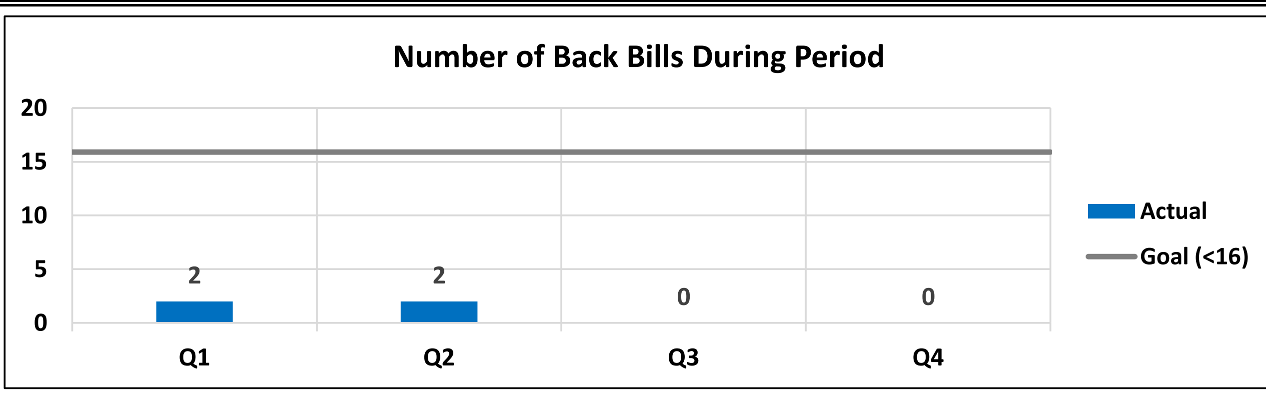
		Number of Back Bills	
	Number of Bills Issued	Goal	Actual
Q1	146,922	<16	2
Q2	147,786	<16	2
Q3	0	<16	0
Q4	0	<16	0

Performance Rating	
Green ✓	Fewer than 16
Yellow ⚠	Between 16-24
Red ✗	Greater than 24

Reportable back bills for Q2 2026:

1. **Altered Service –** A customer was transitioning from overhead to underground service. Although the meter exchange was documented in the Altered Service Order, the required multiplier change was inadvertently omitted. Based on the service order comments indicating the installation of a 200A meter, the Service Order Desk should have questioned the discrepancy. As part of the District's existing internal controls, a CT Verification Service Order is generated for the Meter Shop whenever a CT service is modified. During the verification process, the Meter Shop identified the error, notified Billing, and the account was corrected immediately. As a result, the customer was overbilled for one day of energy and demand charges totaling $79.37. The District's automated CT verification control successfully detected the error before it resulted in a significant billing impact, limiting the overbilling to a single day.

2. **Totalizing Meter Project –** The Meter Data Management (MDM) calculations required for totalizing meters are complex and sensitive to system configuration. Beginning in February, District staff have been working closely with NISC Programming to develop, test, and validate the MDM calculations and CIS configuration. After multiple bill-cycle test runs, NISC confirmed that the calculations and system settings were configured correctly, and the District proceeded with billing. During production billing, however, the system processed the accounts as a combined metering set and calculated non-concurrent demand rather than the intended concurrent demand, resulting in an overbilling of $12,405.34. Once the issue was identified, the combined metering configuration was removed, NISC modified the MDM calculations to correctly calculate and import concurrent demand, and the affected customer account was corrected the next day.



Responsible Manager: Annette Cobb

Data Provider: Annette Cobb

Report Date: 7/23/2026

Performance Measure Title

Unrestricted Reserves / Days Cash on Hand

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Definition

Days Cash on Hand measures the number of days an enterprise can cover its operating expenses using unrestricted cash and investments and assuming no additional revenue is collected. Total Unrestricted Reserves include Minimum Operating Reserves and Designated Reserves, such as the Power Market Volatility Account, Customer Deposits Account, and Special Capital Account, as defined in the District's Financial Policies adopted by Resolution 2657 and reported in the monthly financial statements. Beginning in 2015, Minimum Operating Reserves are defined as 90 days cash on hand. This ratio is useful for measuring the relative strength of a utility's financial liquidity. It must be evaluated in conjunction with identified immediate risks to cash flow and compared to the number of days it takes for the utility to raise its rates and begin to receive additional revenues.

How Performance Measure is Computed

Days Cash on Hand is computed by multiplying the total unrestricted cash and investments by 365 and then dividing that result by the total operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization). Operating expenses will be based on the latest forecast at the end of each quarter.

Goal

The District's current Financial Policies establish a Minimum Operating Reserve of 90 Days Cash on Hand and require financial plans to maintain Days Cash on Hand to achieve or maintain the Targeted Bond Rating (median of public power utilities). Targeted Days Cash on Hand shall consider relevant and recent benchmark data published by rating agencies for similar rated utilities as well as input from the District's Financial Advisor and recent experience with Rating Agencies. Staff's recommended Targeted Days Cash on Hand is 104 days (Minimum Operating Reserves (90 days) plus the Power Market Volatility Account (14 days). This measure will be rated "green" if the Days Cash on Hand is at or above the recommended range (104 days), "yellow" if the year-end forecast for Days Cash on Hand is between the Minimum Operating Reserve (90 days) and the recommended range (104 days) or over 145 days with no forecasted drawdown, and "red" if the Days Cash on Hand is lower than the Minimum Operating Reserve. A "green" rating may be designated if reserves are over 145 days as a result of a bond issue and/or the financial forecast shows a rate increase in the next year.

DCOH	District Minimum	District Target	Actual
Q1	90	104 to 145	125
Q2	90	104 to 145	116
Q3	90	104 to 145	
Q4	90	104 to 145	

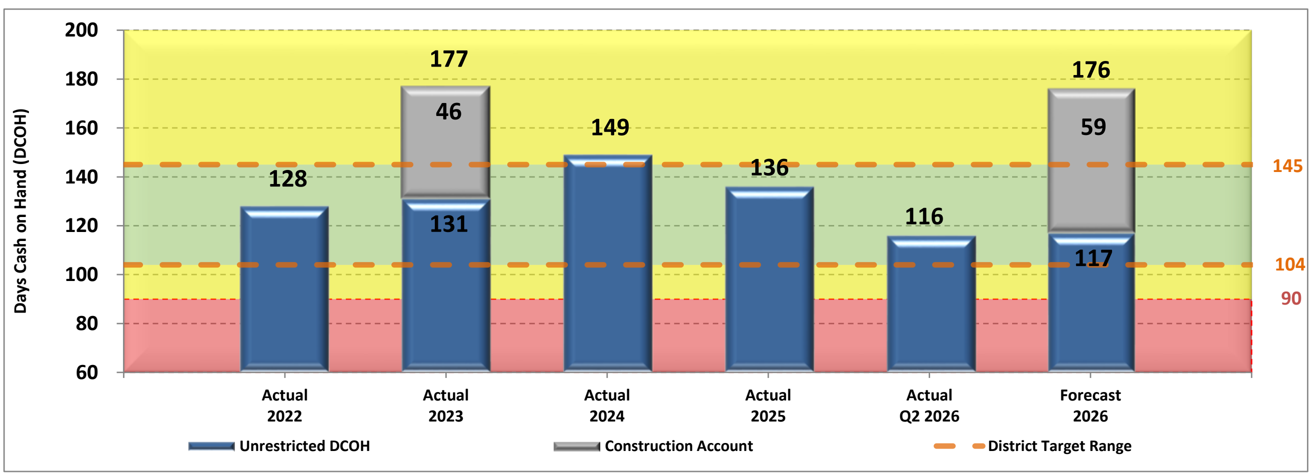
Reserves	Minimum	Budget	Actual
Q1	$33.57M	$47.64M	$46.62M
Q2	$33.57M	$46.77M	$43.29M
Q3	$33.57M	$43.32M	
Q4	$33.57M	$38.39M	

Designated Reserves - Year-end Forecast*	
Description	**DCOH**
Minimum Operating Reserves	90
Power Market Volatility	14
Special Capital	0
Customer Deposits	5
Climate Commitment Act	7
Undesignated Reserves	1
Current 2026 Year-end Forecast	**117**
Construction Account	59
Total Year-End Forecast	**176**

*Designated reserve breakdown is decided by the Commission

Quarterly Performance Summary

At the end of Q2, the District reported 116 Days Cash on Hand (DCOH), resulting in a green rating. Unrestricted reserves decreased by $3.3 million during the quarter. DCOH naturally fluctuates within and across fiscal years and is influenced by gross power costs, operating and capital expenditures, and retail revenues. The decrease in unrestricted reserves was primarily attributable to the semiannual debt service interest payment, the timing of reimbursement for a large capital project, and the timing of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) allowance purchase. The District anticipates issuing bonds in Q4 2026, which is projected to increase cash levels, as reflected in the 2026 forecast.



Responsible Manager: Keith Mercer

Data Provider: Katie Grandgeorge

Report Date: 7/27/2026

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Performance Measure Title

O&M / Net Capital

Definition

This indicator measures the District's actual operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses vs. budget and the actual net capital expenditures vs. budget on a year-to-date basis. O&M expenses include transmission, distribution, broadband and all District internal costs and exclude power supply costs, taxes, depreciation, interest expense and other non-operating expenses. O&M and capital expenditures are a subset of all expenditures incurred by the District. While all costs are controllable by the District in the long-term, management has more direct control of these costs over the short-term and may more immediately impact District financial results through decisions in these areas.

How Performance Measure is Computed

The official budget that is approved by the Commission for the calendar year will represent the standard against which actual results are measured. The original budget is amended by the Commission during the 4th quarter of each year. Year-to-date O&M expenses and net capital expenditures will be compared to budget at the end of each quarter.

Goal

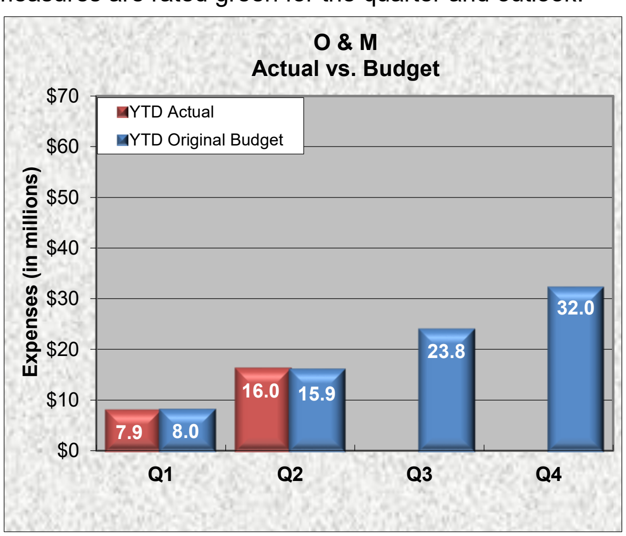
Meet the year-to-date budget projections.

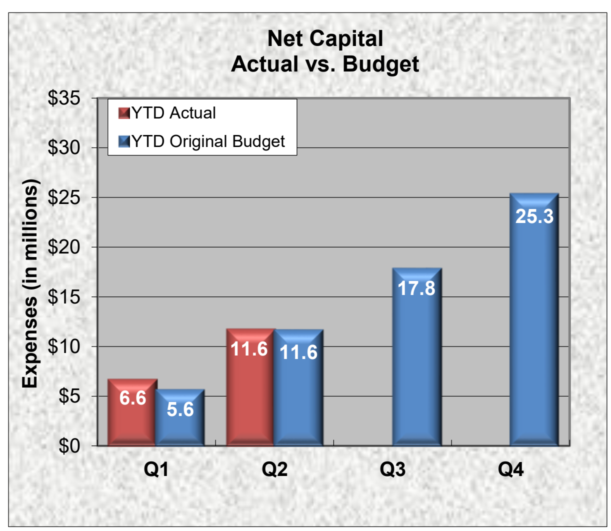
in millions	O & M				Net Capital		
	YTD Original Budget	YTD Actual	% of Total Budget*		YTD Original Budget	YTD Actual	% of Total Budget*
Q1	$8.044	$7.853	25%	Q1	$5.562	$6.579	26%
Q2	$15.929	$16.012	50%	Q2	$11.571	$11.649	46%
Q3	$23.770		0%	Q3	$17.761		0%
Q4	$32.025		0%	Q4	$25.251		0%

** % of total original budget, **actuals do not include pension expense*

Quarterly Performance Summary

The numbers included in this calculation are based on preliminary financial data. O&M expenses of $16.0 million through the second quarter are 0.5% or about $83,000 over the the original budget. The variance to original budget is primarily due to over-runs in actual benefits as compared to how the budget was flowed and electic construction contracts out-pacing under-runs in general administration, IT general expenditures, and outside services. Net capital expenditures of $11.6 million through the second quarter are 0.7% or about $78,000 over the original net capital budget. The primary reason for the variance is the timing of projects and CIAC. Various capital category projects are under-running about $2.7 million and CIAC is under-running about $2.8 million. These measures are rated green for the quarter and outlook.





Responsible Manager: Kent Zirker
Data Provider: Janelle Herrington
Report Date: 7/30/2026

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Performance Measure Title

O&M Costs per Customer

Definition

This performance measure will track the District's non-power operating and maintenance (O&M) costs per customer, excluding broadband and reimbursable mutual aid costs and including bad debt expense. O&M expenses are a subset of all expenditures incurred by the District. While all costs are controllable by the District in the long-term, management has more direct control of O&M costs over the short-term and may more immediately impact District financial results through decisions in these areas.

How Performance Measure is Computed

Actual O&M expenses, excluding broadband and reimbursable mutual aid costs and including bad debt expense, as reported in the financial statements will be divided by the average number of active service agreements on a rolling 12-month basis. Results at the end of each quarter will be compared to the 2026 calculated budget of $526 per customer. The 2026 calculated amount was developed from the 2026 budget of $523 per customer incremented by $200,000 or $3 per customer to allow for variations in the level of internal labor charged to capital projects vs expense. A rating of green will be assigned if the O&M costs per customer are less than 2% above budget; a rating of yellow will be assigned if the O&M costs per customer are more than 2% but less than 3% above budget; a rating of red will be assigned if the O&M costs per customer are more than 3% above budget.

Goal

Maintain or decrease the O&M costs per customer as compared to the 2026 budget of $526 per customer.

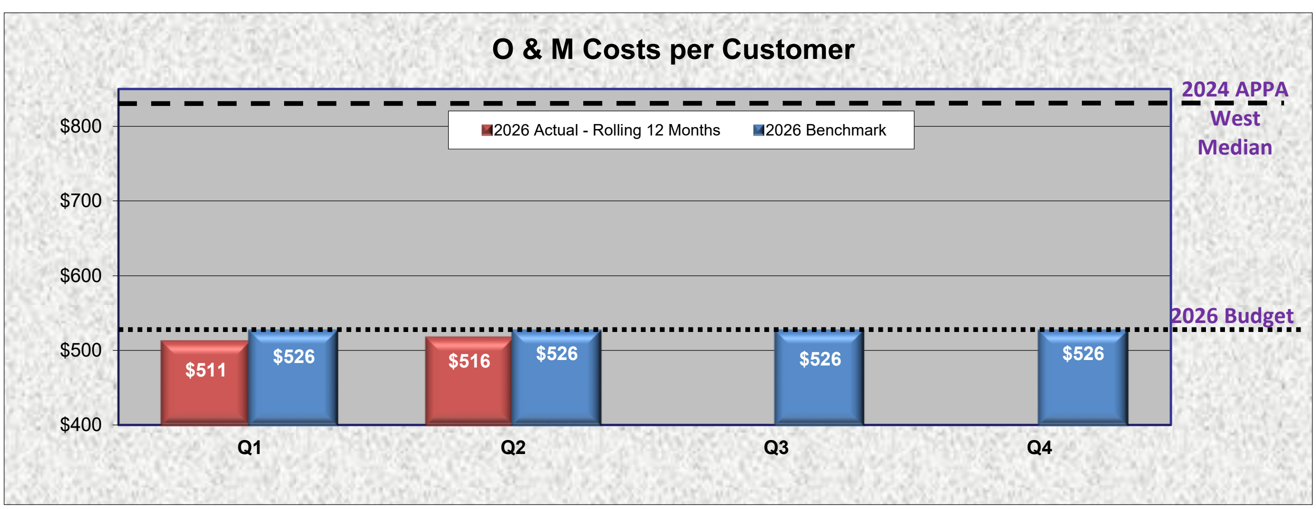
	O & M	
	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
Q1	$526	$511
Q2	$526	$516
Q3	$526	
Q4	$526	

Information Only	Stated Year Dollars	2026[1] Dollars
Benton PUD - CY 2024 Actual*	$485	$515
Benton PUD - CY 2025 Actual*	$504	$519
Benton PUD - CY 2026 Budget*	$526	$526
APPA - 2023 West median[2]	$700	$765
APPA - 2024 West median[2]	$784	$832

** includes bad debt expense, does not include GASB pension entry*
(1) Escalated at 3% per year
(2) Selected Financial and Operating Ratios of Public Power Systems survey
(Note: accounting for payroll taxes and benefits may vary among utilities)

Quarterly Performance Summary

The numbers included in this calculation are based on preliminary financial data. O&M costs per customer on a rolling 12-month basis at the end of the first quarter were $516, which is 1.9% below the budget amount. The budget amount is calculated based on information from the original budget. A large portion of the variance to the original budget is over-runs in actual benefits as compared to how the budget was flowed and electic construction contracts out-pacing under-runs in general administration, IT general expenditures, and outside services. The District continues to be well below the APPA West median of $784.



Responsible Manager: Kent Zirker

Data Provider: Janelle Herrington

Report Date: 7/30/2026

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
✓	✓		
Outlook: ✓			

Performance Measure Title

Accounts Receivable Collections

Definition

Percentage of accounts receivable that are outstanding and less than 60 days after billing.

How Performance Measure is Computed

The percentage is calculated by dividing the amount of accounts receivable under 60 days by the total amount of accounts receivable for electric customers. This measure does not include miscellaneous accounts receivable, such as power billings or cost reimbursements.

Goal

The goal is to increase the percentage of accounts receivable under 60 days to a level of 90% or more of the total accounts receivable. A green rating will be achieved if the actual results are at 90% or higher; a yellow rating will be assigned if the actual results are between 85% to 90%; a red rating will be assigned if the actual results are below 85%.

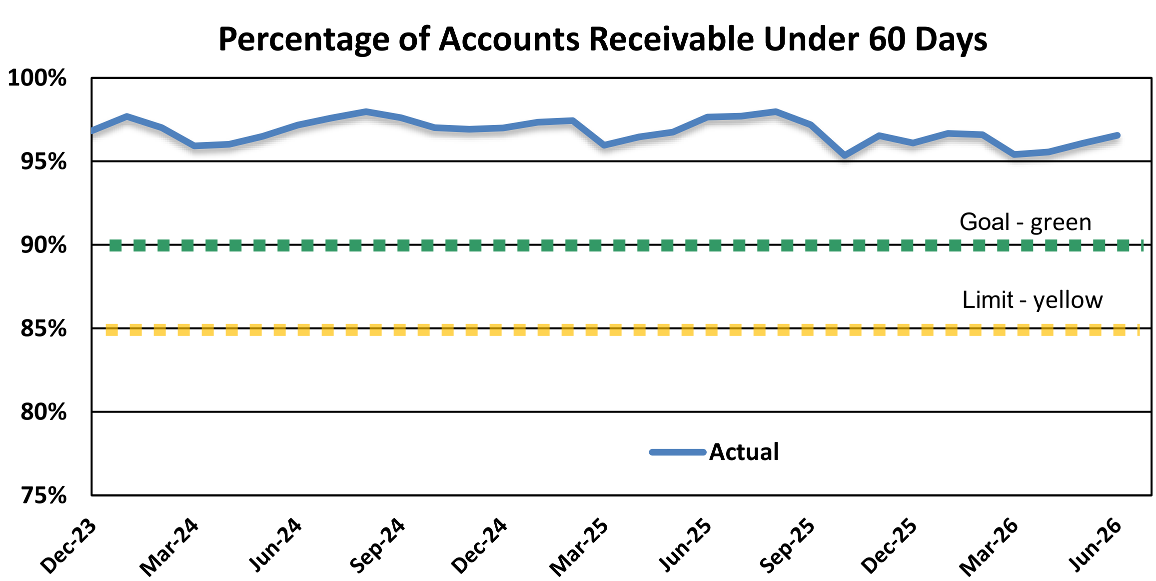
			Actual
Q1	**90%**	Q1	**95%**
Q2	**90%**	Q2	**97%**
Q3	**90%**	Q3	
Q4	**90%**	Q4	

Performance Rating

Green	✓	>= 90%
Yellow	⚠	85% - 89%
Red	✗	< 85%

Quarterly Performance Summary

The monthly percentage of outstanding accounts receivable under 60 days including inactive accounts were 96%, 96%, and 97% respectively during Q2. The quarter and outlook are rated green.



Responsible Manager: Annette Cobb

Data Provider: Kent Zirker

Report Date: 7/30/2026

Performance Measure Title

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Safety

Definition

The measure will benchmark reportable injuries or illnesses as recorded on the OSHA 300 log. The summary will specify incidents and look for trends and opportunities to correct through training, retraining, work procedure changes, engineering controls or other reasonable actions to address.

How Performance Measure is Computed

We will use the OSHA Form 300A "Summary of Work Related Injuries and Illnesses" for safety benchmarking against the Bureau of Labor Statistic numbers published each year. The basic requirement for recording an illness or injury is if it results in any of the following: death, days away from work, restricted work or transfer to another job, medical treatment beyond first aid, loss of consciousness, or a significant injury or illness diagnosed by a physician or other licensed health care professional. The incidence rates are calculated according to the following formula: (N/EH) x 200,000 where N = number of incidents for the previous 12-months and EH = total hours worked by all employees during the same 12-month period. The 200,000 is the constant for 100 full-time workers working 40 hours per week for 50 weeks per year.

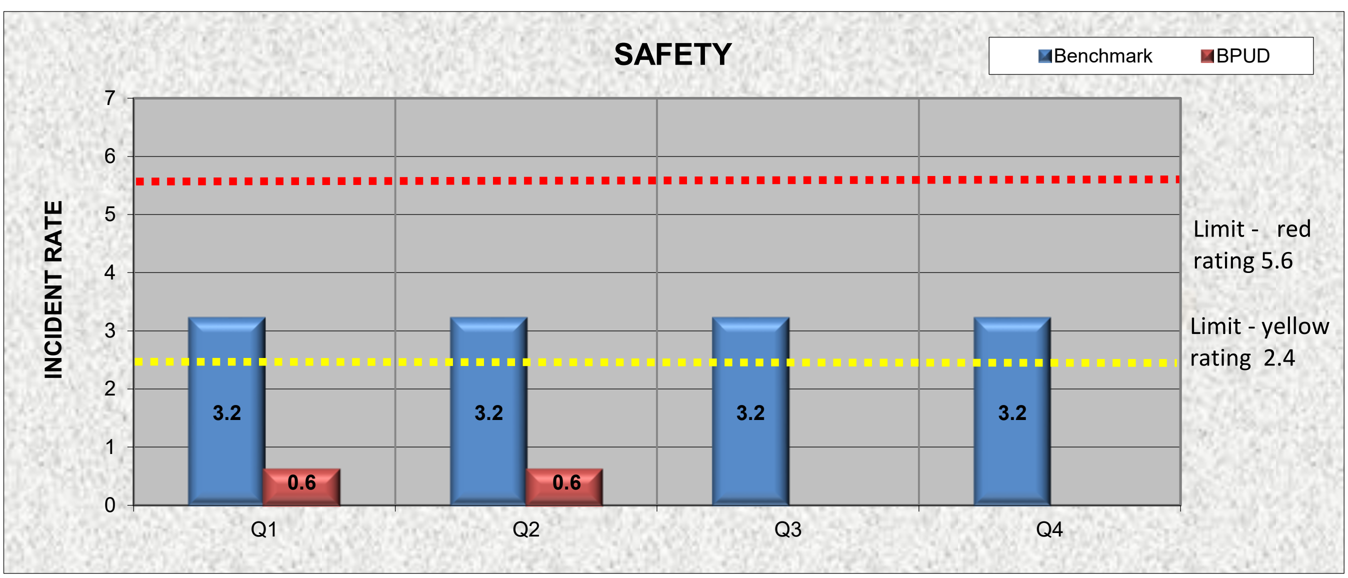
Benchmark (not to exceed)

The benchmark is to be less than the Total Recordable Cases as published annually by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This figure changes annually as a result of OSHA 300 log reports. This measure will be rated green if BPUD calculated reportable incidents are below 80% of the benchmark, yellow if they are between 80%-120% of the benchmark, and red if they are over 120% of the benchmark or as a result of a serious injury and/or Labor and Industries citation.

	Benchmark	BPUD
Q1	3.2	0.6
Q2	3.2	0.6
Q3	3.2	
Q4	3.2	

Quarterly Performance Summary

There was one incident reported on the OSHA 300 form in the last 12 months (July 1, 2025 - June 31, 2026):
~ 05.20.26: Mechanic got a piece of metal got in eye from chipping slag from weld.



Responsible Manager: Chris Folta

Data Provider: Sarah Wellenbrock

Report Date: 7/23/2026

Performance Measure Title

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
✓	✓		
Outlook: ✓			

Safety Meeting and Training Attendance

Definition

This performance measure reflects the results achieved in meeting the safety program training and participation goals for the quarter. The training goal includes those trainings sponsored by the District and where attendance is required. The participation aspect includes non-training activities that depend upon employee involvement. The goal is to ensure the majority of scheduled participants attend the trainings or meetings while allowing flexibility for those on protected leave. Failing to achieve the goals may reflect other legitimate schedule conflicts, ineffective course frequency or length, priority-setting improvements needed for participants and/or their managers, or other interfering factors.

How Performance Measure is Computed

The target is derived each quarter based on the group participation goals approved by the Central Safety Committee and Leadership Team. It is the percentage of training/meeting attendendance against the expected attendance, as well as the number of Operations crew reports turned in. The rating is set so all of the meeting and training attendance averaged together must equal 90% or above to achieve a green rating. A yellow rating reflects an average between 80-89% , and a red rating is less than 80% average attendance.

Performance Rating:

Green: ✓ AVG ≥ 90%	Yellow: ⚠ AVG = 80-89%	Red: ✗ AVG < 80%

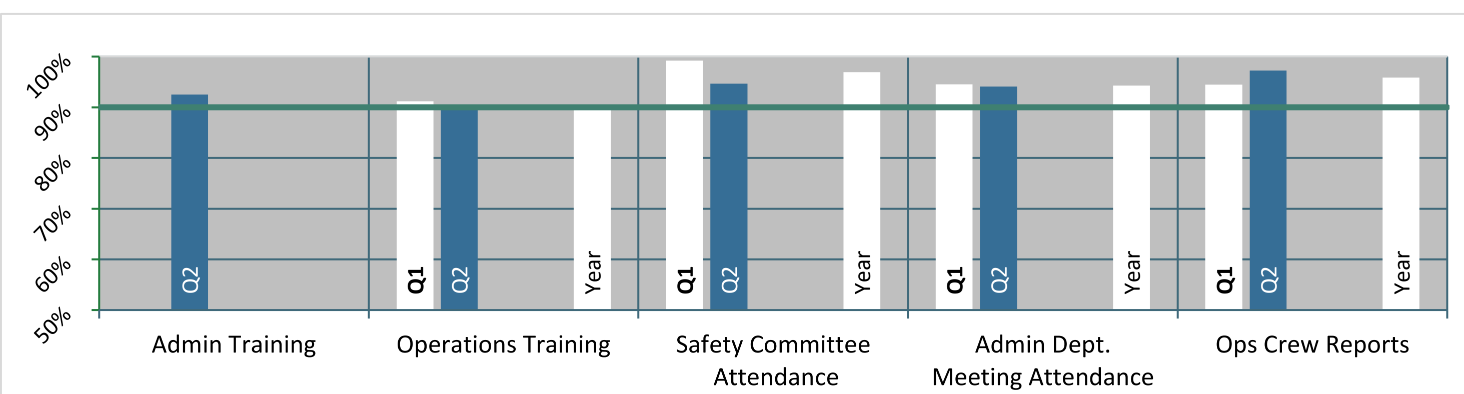
Goal

Achieve minimum 90% or greater average attendance and participation at safety-related trainings and meetings.

	Training Attendance			Participation				Goals
	Admin Training	Ops Training	AVG	Committee Attendance	Admin Dept Attendance	Ops Crew Reports	AVG	Overall AVG
Q1	N/A	91%	91%	99%	95%	94%	96%	94%
Q2	**93%**	**90%**	**91%**	**95%**	**94%**	**97%**	**95%**	**93%**
Q3								
Q4								
Year	N/A	90%	91%	97%	94%	96%	96%	93%

Quarterly Performance Summary

The outlook for the quarter and overall year is green. In the second quarter, the Administrative and Operations groups averaged 93% across the safety training and participation goals set for both groups. The Admin biannual safety training was on Lithium Ion Batteries and was completed by 93% of Admin staff. 90% of Operations participated in crew/shop trainings and covered Substation Orientation, Heat Stress/Pole Top Bucket Rescue/Wildfire Smoke Mitigation, and EPZ Grounding. The safety committees averaged 95% attendance overall. 94% of Admin staff reviewed monthly safety information. 97% of Crew Reports were returned.



Responsible Manager: Karen Dunlap

Data Provider: Kristen Demory

Report Date: 7/14/2026

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Performance Measure Title

Conservation Plan 2026-2027 Biennial Actuals/Target

Definition

The District will monitor quarterly conservation achievements and compliance with the Energy Independence Act (EIA) target of 1.10 aMW which was established through the Conservation Potential Assessment approved by the Commission on August 12, 2025.

How Performance Measure is Computed

The chart below shows the EIA target of 1.10 aMW as well as the amount of carryover available to meet the target (shaded in gray) from excess conservation acquired in previous biennia. Projected Final Savings are based on Energy Programs budget estimates plus expected NEEA savings. BPA gives the District estimated NEEA savings for each year and the chart below is based on 50% of the BPA estimate until actual savings are reported, at which time the chart will show 100% of the savings for that year.

Goal

Ensure the District is on track to meet the 2026-27 conservation biennial target. Green Outlook rating is the "Projected Final Savings" meeting or exceeding the EIA target. Yellow rating is between the EIA Target and Carryover level. Red rating is below the Carryover level.

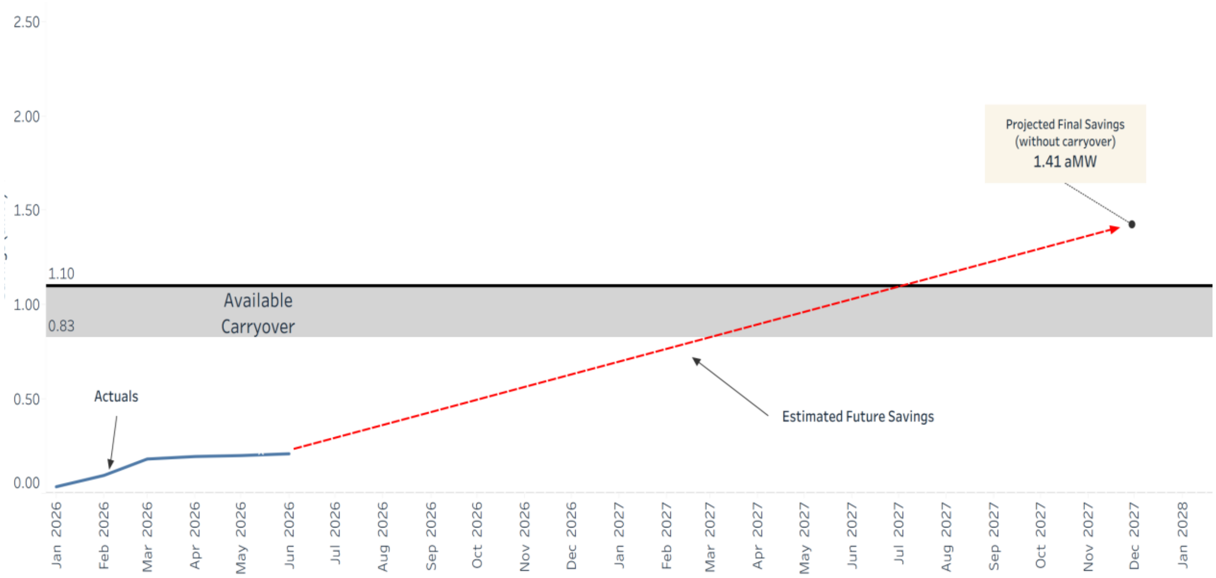
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
2026	Proj	Actual	Proj	Actual	Proj	Actual	Proj	Actual
Residential	0.023	0.011	0.023	0.008	0.023		0.023	
Commercial	0.023	0.100	0.023	0.011	0.023		0.023	
Industrial	0.086	0.033	0.086	0.003	0.086		0.086	
Agricultural	0.004	0.039	0.004	0.001	0.004		0.004	
U.S.E.	0.017	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.017		0.017	

	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Total	
2027	Proj	Actual	Proj	Actual	Proj	Actual	Proj	Actual	Proj	Actual
Residential	0.023		0.023		0.023		0.023		0.138	0.020
Commercial	0.023		0.023		0.023		0.023		0.137	0.110
Industrial	0.086		0.086		0.086		0.086		0.517	0.036
Agricultural	0.004		0.004		0.004		0.004		0.021	0.039
U.S.E.	0.017		0.017		0.017		0.017		0.100	0.000
								NEEA*	0.292	
								Total aMW	**1.410**	

*NEEA savings for 2025 and 2026 are 50% estimates.

Quarterly Performance Summary

Q2 savings of 0.022 aMW was well below the quarterly projection of 0.152 aMW. Conservation projects are sporadic in nature and tend to experience highs and lows throughout the biennium. Three industrial projects totaling nearly $400,000 have received additional competive funding from BPA and are requireded to be completed in Q3. The estimated savings from these three projects is nearly 0.2 aMW and will return total savings closer to expectations. Based on remaining funding and the 2026-27 budget, the District is still on a pace to achieve 1.41 aMW, which is comfortably above its target of 1.10 aMW. NEEA estimates of 50% are also used which will likely be higher when actual savings are reported next spring.



Responsible Manager: Chris Johnson

Data Provider: Terry Mapes

Report Date: 7/9/2026

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Performance Measure Title

Broadband Network Reliability Report

All Green	=
Any Yellow	=
Any Red	=

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Definition

This report reflects Benton's network performance, identified by two (2) primary categories and two (2) subcategories.

3 - 9s		4 - 9s		5 - 9s	
99.9	=G	99.99	=G	99.999	=G
99.85	=Y	99.985	=Y	99.9985	=Y
99	=R	99.9	=R	99.99	=R

Primary categories

Core - Backbone Network
Distribution - Tail circuit and Customer Fiber

Subcategories

Dark Fiber - Non-lit services
Wireless Carrier - Services provided to Wireless Carriers (T-Mobile, US Cellular, AT&T, Sprint and Verizon)

The District's Broadband network consists of these four (4) segments and each of these segments will be measured independently as a part of the total network reliability. The measure of value and performance of a network is determined by the reliability of the network and at the extent to which it can maintain an adequate level of "up" time and service to the end users. The measurements and tracking process will allow the Broadband technical and management staff to determine the level of service and value of the network to the Retail Service Providers and the end users they serve. The results of the measurements will be part of the rate setting structure, level of service guarantees provided to RSPs and performance of staff.

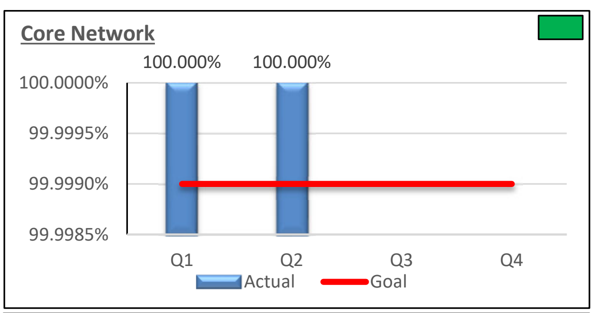
Performance Objectives

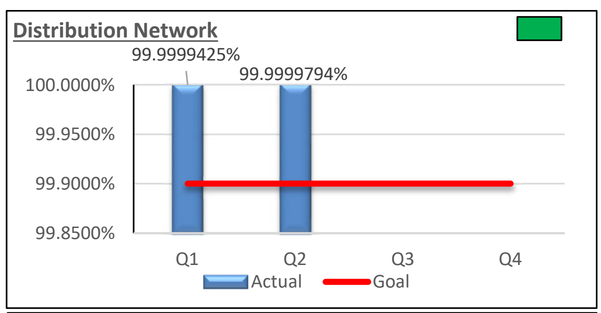
Target performance for Core network is 5-9's, Distribution at 3-9's, Cellular Carriers at 4-9's & Dark Fiber at 4-9's.

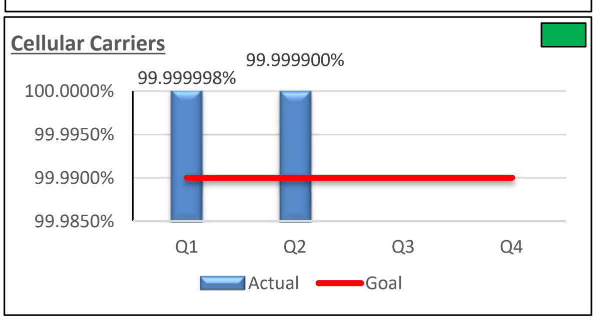
	Core Network		Distribution Network		Cellular Carriers		Dark Fiber	
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
Q1	99.999%	100.000%	99.9%	99.9999425%	99.99%	99.999998%	99.99%	100.00%
Q2	99.999%	100.000%	99.9%	99.9999794%	99.99%	99.999900%	99.99%	100.00%
Q3	99.999%		99.9%		99.99%		99.99%	
Q4	99.999%		99.9%		99.99%		99.99%	

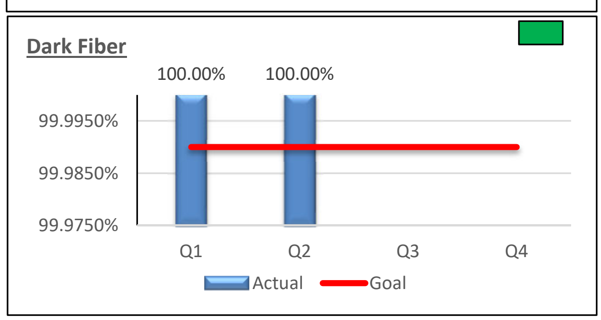
Quarterly Performance Summary

The Performance Measure is rated green for the Quarter. On June 18th, a planned outage resulted in 11 circuits going down due to miscommunication from the contractor performing the work and incorrect documentation. The NOC and the contractor have discussed proper information needed in communication to prevent further outages. The NOC has also updated the documentation to show the coorect span to prevent outages on their side.









Responsible Manager: Jennifer Holbrook
Data Provider: Adrian Mata
Report Date: 7/20/2026

2026 Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outlook			

Performance Measure Title

Electric Reliability

Definitions

SAIFI - System average interruption frequency index
Indicates how often the average customer experiences a sustained (greater than or equal to 5 minutes) interruption

$$SAIFI = \frac{\Sigma \text{ Number of Customer Interruptions}}{\text{Number of Customers Served}}$$

SAIDI - System average interruption duration index
Indicates the total duration of interruption for the average customer during a predefined period of time.

$$SAIDI = \frac{\Sigma \text{ Customer Interruption Duration}}{\text{Number of Customers Served}}$$

CAIDI - Customer average interruption duration index
Indicates the average time required to restore service.

$$CAIDI = \frac{\Sigma \text{ Customer Interruption Duration}}{\Sigma \text{ Number of Customer Interruptions}} = \frac{SAIDI}{SAIFI}$$

Major Event Day - A day in which the daily system SAIDI exceeds a Major Event Day threshold value (TMED). Statistically, days exceeding the TMED threshold are days on which the energy delivery system experiences stresses significantly beyond those that are typically expected.

How Performance Measure is Computed

Interruption information is logged into the District's Outage Management System (OMS), either automatically from the District's SCADA system or manually. Tableau is used to calculate and report statistics for interruptions lasting longer than five mintues, excluding planned outages and customer problems.

Charts are presented that include and exclude Major Event Days (MEDs). The MED data is provided as it is the summation of our customer's experience. These large MED outages are often events that interrupt the District's electrical service but may not be the result of an electrical fault or equipment failure on the District's electrical system. Events such as BPA transmission outages or weather events that overwhelm the District's ability to rapidly respond.

The second set of charts excludes MED outages and provides a reportable quarterly metric reflecting outages caused only by electrical faults or equipment failures on the District's electrical system. This allows the District to identify actionable trends in SAIFI, SAIDI, and CAIDI values for outages that occured on the District's electrical system.

Goal

Compare recent 12-month performance to a goal equal to a four year (2005-2008) historical average. The performance rating will be "green" if the index is up to 20% above the goal, "yellow" if between 20% and 40% above and "red" if greater than 40% above the goal.

Quarterly Performance Summary

Time Period: 12-month time period from July 2025 to June 2026.

	MEDs Included	MEDs Excluded	Goal	Rating
SAIFI	**0.61**	**0.27**	**0.5**	
SAIDI	**61.2**	**37.6**	**60**	
CAIDI	**101.1**	**138.4**	**120**	

Avg. Time Between Outages per Customer		
MED Excluded	**44.4**	**Months**
MED Included	**19.7**	**Months**

Over the 12-month time period from July 2025 to June 2026, **SAIFI of 0.27** interruptions is less than the goal of 0.5, resulting in a green rating. **SAIDI of 37.6** minutes is less than the goal of 60, resulting in a green rating. **CAIDI of 138.4** minutes is greater than the goal of 120, but within 20% of the goal resulting in a green rating.

For the non-MED data, SAIFI decreased slightly for the current quarter, meaning the average customer experiences an outage about every 44 months for general outages. SAIDI decreased slightly and has been trending slightly upward for the last 3 quarters. The increase in CAIDI is due to SAIDI decreasing at a slightly slower ratee than SAIFI. Q2 is being given a green rating.

With MED data included, SAIFI increased to **0.61**, SAIDI increased to **61.2**, and CAIDI decreased to **101.1**. In Q2-2026 we had two MED days. On 6/14/26 the BPA's Grandview-Red Mountain was out for an extended period affecting Prosser & Benton City. On 6/24/26 the Angus-Franklin line was out and while Angus and Vista substations were out for only a very brief period, there were two additional feeder outages that day (VTA-2/VTA-5) that resulted in a total over the TMed value.

A SAIFI of 0.63 means every single one of our customers could have expected an outage within the last 19 months. In reality we had a subset of our customers who experienced multiple outages in the last 12 months. With MED's included our customers experienced an average restoration time of 1 hour and 41 minutes.

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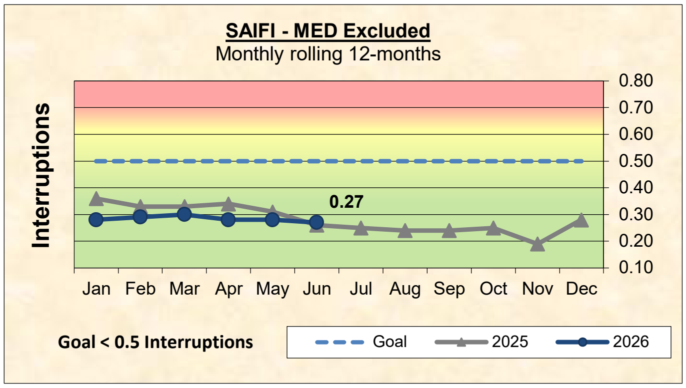

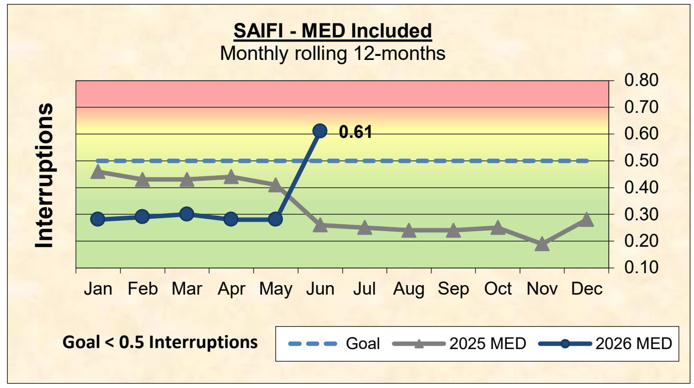

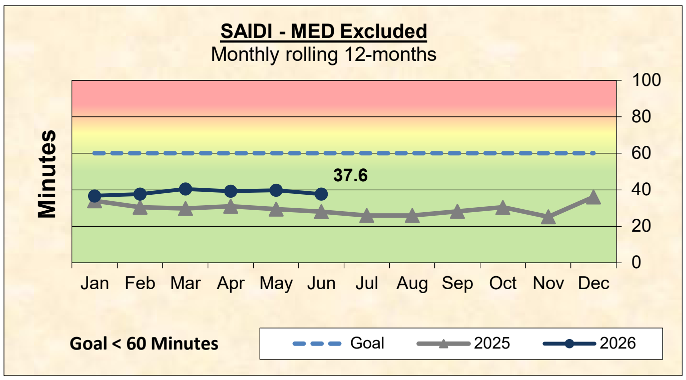

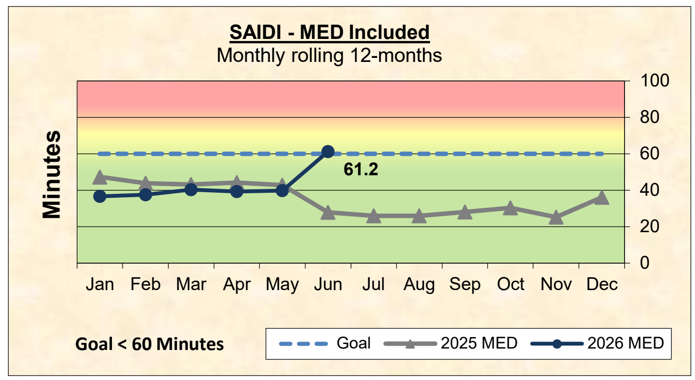

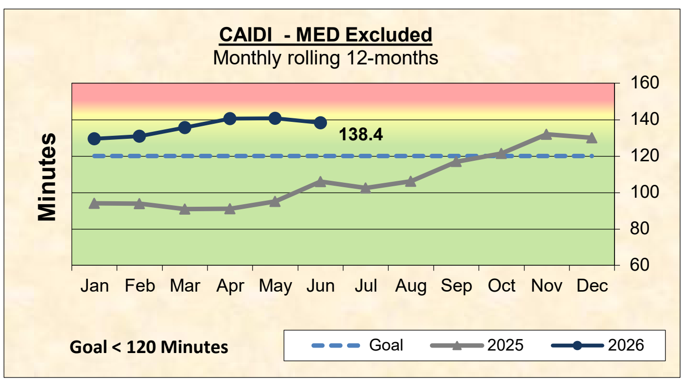

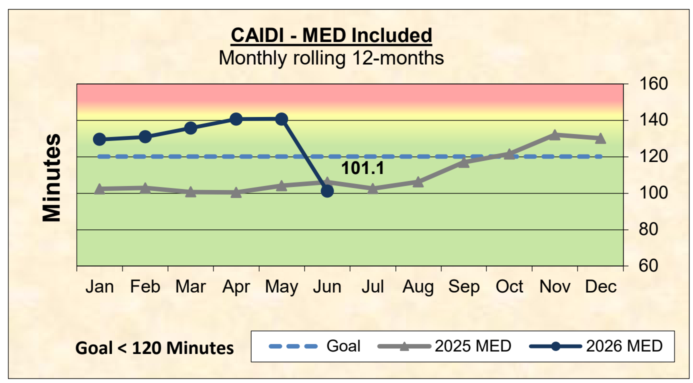

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2026 Status			
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Outlook			

Performance Measure Title

Electric System Outages

Definitions

Outage - Interruption of electrical service, for greater than or equal to 5 minutes, to one or more customers, excluding planned outages.
Cause - The reason the outage occurred.
Region - The geographic zone, as defined by the District's Geographical Information System, where the outage occurred.
Customer - A metered electrical service point for which an active bill account is established at a specific location.
Customer Minutes Out - The number of customers interrupted in an outage multiplied by the duration of the outage in minutes.
MED - Major Event Day

How Performance Measure is Computed

Outage information is logged into the District's Outage Management System (OMS). Every outage that occurs has an associated cause, region, number of customers affected and the number of customer minutes out. The outage data is queried from the OMS database using reporting tools and entered into a spreadsheet for summation and graphing purposes. The data is reported for a rolling 12-month time period, which removes any seasonal variation when looking for trends. This data is similar to the data used for calculating the quarterly performance measure titled "Reliability Indices". The reliability indices are useful as a performance indicator and for benchmarking purposes, but they do not provide the detail required to fully understand what factors are influencing reliability.

Goal

To identify electric system outage trends by cause and region over a 12-month time period. Trends in the negative direction will result in a yellow rating; otherwise a green rating will apply. No red ratings will be used.

Quarterly Performance Summary

Rolling 12 Months Reported Quarterly (No MED)

Outage Statistics	2025-Q2	2025-Q3	2025-Q4	2026-Q1	2026-Q2
Outage Count	494	527	575	570	580
Customers Out	15,618	14,343	16,092	17,234	15,301
Customer Minutes Out	1,596,195	1,571,827	1,964,773	2,172,375	1,990,260

Rolling 12 Months Reported Quarterly (MED)

Outage Statistics	2025-Q2	2025-Q3	2025-Q4	2026-Q1	2026-Q2
Outage Count	494	527	575	570	595
Customers Out	15,618	14,343	16,092	17,234	34,809
Customer Minutes Out	1,596,195	1,571,827	1,964,773	2,172,375	3,335,931

Non-MED Data Summary: For the non-MED data outage counts increased. Customers out and customer minutes out decreased over the previous 12 month window. This was mostly centered around increases in Equipment and Vegetation outages and decreases in Animal and Foreign interference outages during the current quarter as compared to the previous 12 month window.

MED Data Summary:
There were MED days on both 6/14/26 (Grandview-Red Mountain) & 6/24/26 (Angus-Frankin and feeder outages during the day). These result in a large increase in the number of customers out and customer minutes out and a moderate increase in the total number of outages.

Rolling 12 Months Reported Quarterly (No MED)

Outages by Cause	2025-Q2	2025-Q3	2025-Q4	2026-Q1	2026-Q2
Equipment	264	287	333	316	344
Animals	106	117	110	113	102
Weather	10	13	22	24	24
Foreign Interference	91	81	73	76	61
Vegetation	13	17	18	20	26
Undetermined	10	12	19	21	23
Total	494	527	575	570	580

Rolling 12 Months Reported Quarterly (MED)

Outage Statistics	2025-Q2	2025-Q3	2025-Q4	2026-Q1	2026-Q2
Equipment	264	287	333	316	347
Animals	106	117	110	113	105
Weather	10	13	22	24	24
Foreign Interference	91	81	73	76	67
Vegetation	13	17	18	20	29
Undetermined	10	12	19	21	23
Total	494	527	575	570	595

Cause Summary: For the non-MED data outages caused by Equipment and Vegetation increased. Animal and Foreign Interference outages decreased. Weather and undetermined outages were flat.

With MED data included all Equipment, Animal, Foreign Interference, and Vegetation outages increase with Foreign Interference being the most noticeable.

Rolling 12 Months Reported Quarterly (No MED)

Outages by Region	2025-Q2	2025-Q3	2025-Q4	2026-Q1	2026-Q2
East Kennewick	172	178	197	182	200
West Kennewick	152	164	174	165	158
Benton City & Prosser	133	142	154	178	181
River & Hanford	37	43	50	45	41
Total	494	527	575	570	580

Rolling 12 Months Reported Quarterly (MED)

Outages by Region	2025-Q2	2025-Q3	2025-Q4	2026-Q1	2026-Q2
East Kennewick	172	178	197	182	205
West Kennewick	152	164	174	165	162
Benton City & Prosser	133	142	154	178	187
River & Hanford	37	43	50	45	41
Total	494	527	575	570	595

Region Summary: Across the non-MED data outages increased in the East Kennewick and Benton City & Prosser areas, and were down in the West Kennewick and River & Hanford areas. Customers out decreased in the East Kennewick and Benton City & Prosser areas, and were flat in the West Kennewick and the River & Hanford areas. Customer minutes decreased in the East Kennewick, West Kennewick, and the Benton City & Prosser areas, and were flat in the River & Hanford area. With MED's included their effects were seen in the East Kennewick, West Kennewick, and the Benton City & Prosser areas.

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Outage Data

Rolling 12-Months, Reported Quarterly

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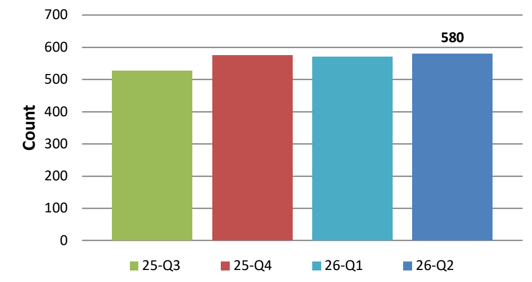

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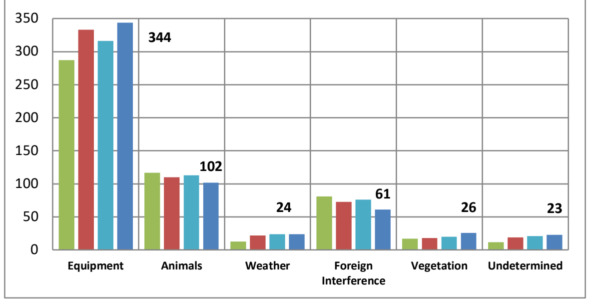

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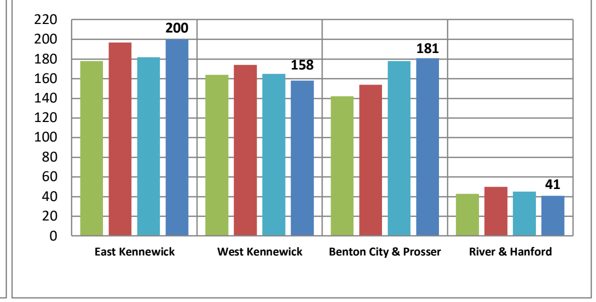

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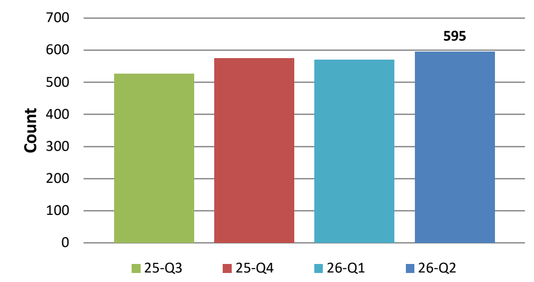

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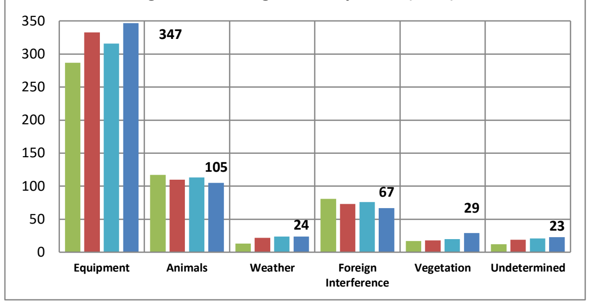

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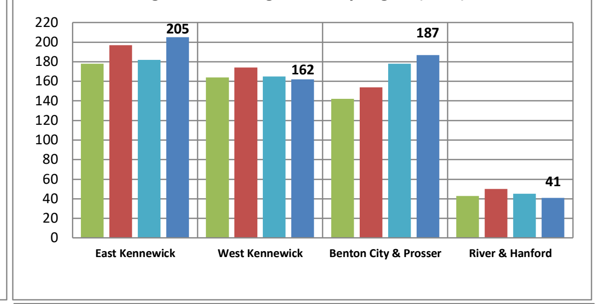

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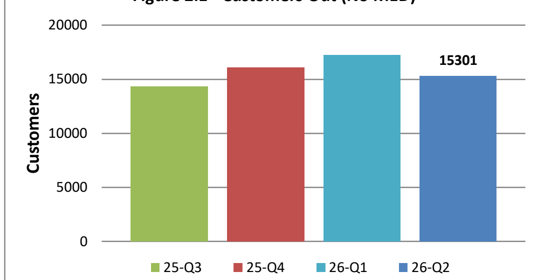

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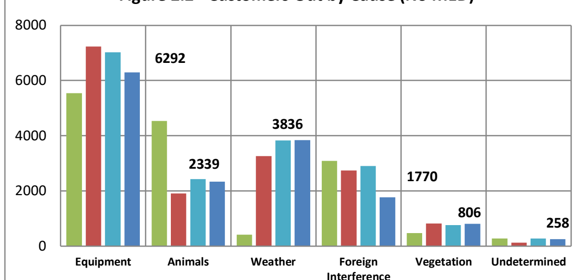

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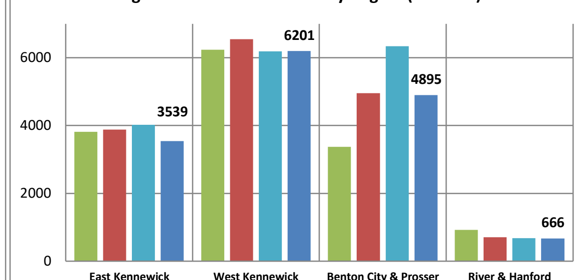

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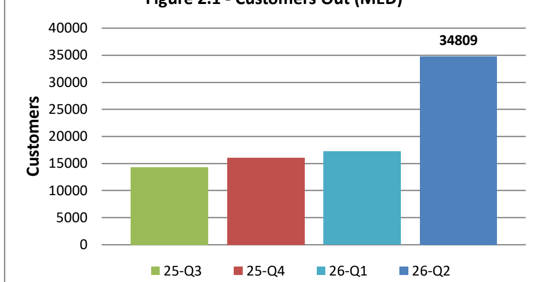

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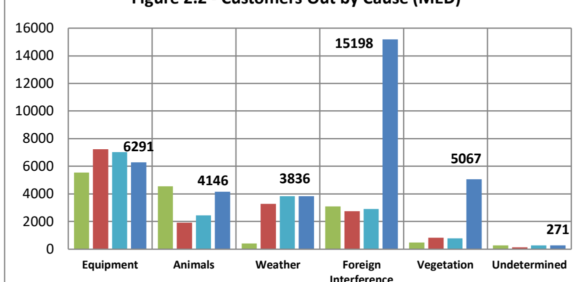

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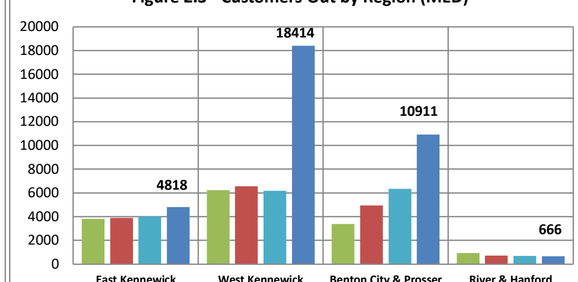

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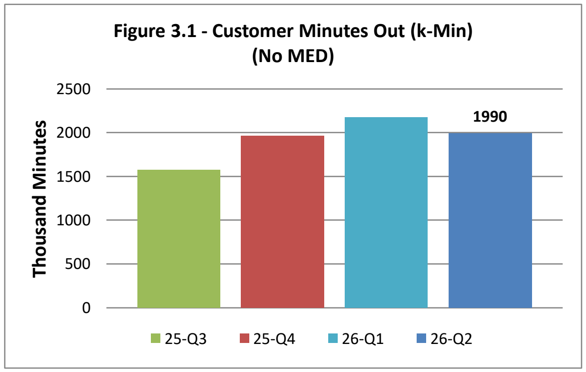

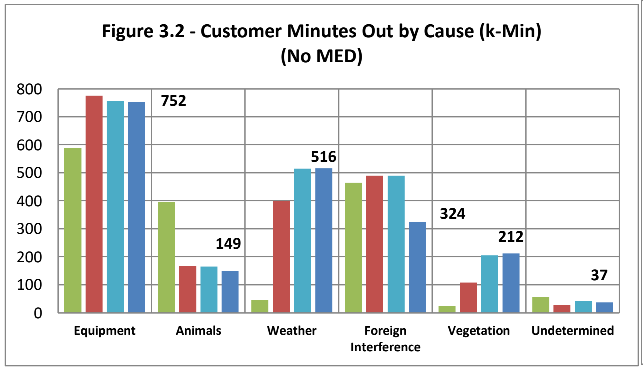

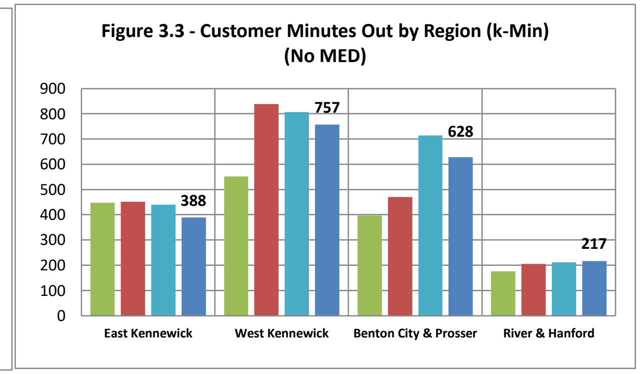

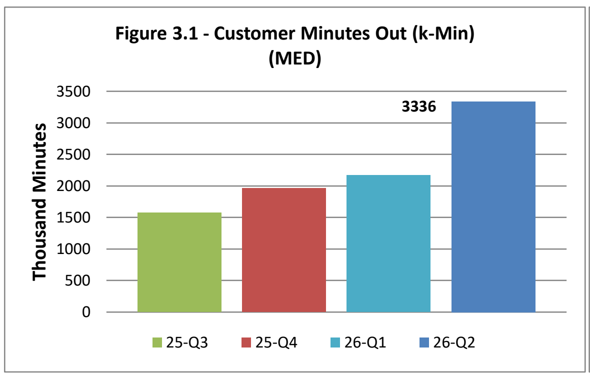

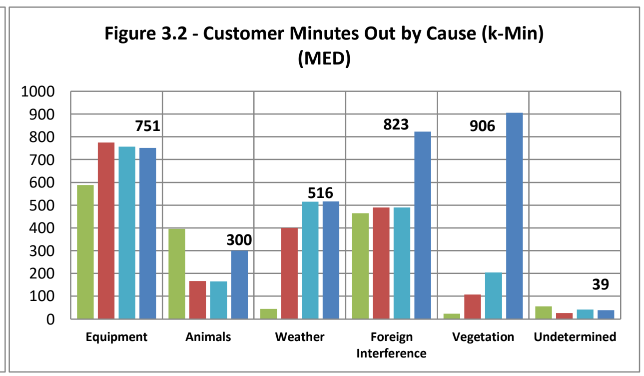

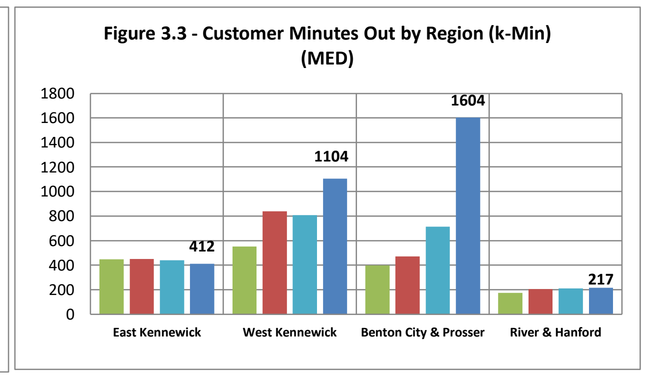

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Applied Technology Reliability

Year Status			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
✓	✓		
Outlook: ✓			

1 Yellow or all Green = ✓

2 Yellow or 1 Red = ▲

2 Red = ✗

Definition

Measures the reliability of seven enterprise software applications: HPRM (document management system), iVUE (customer information system, financials and payroll, outage management system, document vault, and work scheduling), GIS (mapping system), SCADA (electrical system monitoring and operations system) and AMI (automated metering system). We will also measure the reliability of the databases that support these applications, along with cloud applications critical to the functions of the District. The measure of value and performance of software applications is determined by the reliability and maintaining an adequate level of "up" time and service to the end users. The measurements will allow management staff to determine the level of service and value of each application to the end users they serve.

*note for the applications to be considered available, all parts must be available as defined by each system owner

How Performance Measure is Computed

Target performance for each application has been defined by the respective System Owner and is indicated in the "Goal" columns below. All goals are based on 24x7 availability. Each system has a Scheduled Maintenance Window for allowed after hours maintenance that will be excluded from the measurements.

Goal

Maintain an adequate level of "up" time and service to end users.

Performance Metric Results

This performance measure is rated green for the quarter with a green outlook. Reportable downtime included three minutes of planned SCADA downtime and seven minutes related to a network outage. SCADA remained operational during the network outage, and overall downtime stayed within the allowable range for a green rating.

Enterprise Reliability

5 Year Trends

24x7 Applications Uptime % 2026 Q2

Green Rating	Yellow Rating	Red Rating
> 99.99%	99.96%-99.98%	<=99.95%
0-13 mins	14-25 mins	>26 mins

5 Year Trends	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	26-Q2	26-Q3	26-Q4	Current Quarter
Apps Team Data..	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
GIS (MapWise)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
HPRM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
iVue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
SCADA	▲	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			99.99%

Cloud Applications Uptime % 2026 Q2

Green Rating	Yellow Rating	Red Rating
> 99.90%	99.85%-99.89%	<=99.84%
0-131 mins	132-199 mins	>199 mins

5 Year Trends	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	26-Q2	26-Q3	26-Q4	Current Quarter
AMI	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
Cloud Applications	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	▲	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%

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Infrastructure Component Reliability

Year Status

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
✓	▲		

Outlook
✓

1 Yellow or all Green = ✓
2 Yellow or 1 Red = ▲
2 Red = ✗

Definition
Measures the reliability of eight key Infrastructure components: Network (Core business computer network), NoaNet Service (Outside Internet provider), Kennewick-Prosser communications link, TEA/SCADA Network (The Energy Authority and SCADA communications), SAN (Storage Area Network), VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure), Phones (Phone System), and Exchange (Email System). The measure of value and performance of infrastructure components is determined by the reliability and maintaining an adequate level of "up" time and service to the end users. The measurements will allow management staff to determine the level of service and value of each application to the end users they serve. Below is a chart to explain the thresholds in minutes of unplanned downtime.

How Performance Measure is Computed
Target performance for each component has been defined by the respective System Owner and is indicated in the "Goal" column below. All components are based on 24x7 availability.

Goal
Maintain an adequate level of "up" time and service to end users.

Performance Metric Results

This performance measure is yellow for the quarter and green for the outlook. On Thursday, June 18, Benton PUD experienced unexpected service impacts following NoaNet's scheduled fiber maintenance. Although NoaNet reported that the circuit had been restored at 6:32 a.m., IT continued to identify connectivity issues affecting the Prosser data center, Guest Wi-Fi, printing, and VDI. VDI experienced 19 minutes of downtime, the Prosser data center experienced 43 minutes of downtime, and Guest Wi-Fi experienced 75 minutes of downtime.

Infrastructure Reliability

5 Year Trends

24x7 with 99.99 % Uptime 2026 Q2

Green Rating	Yellow Rating	Red Rating
> 99.99%	99.96%-99.98%	<=99.95%
0-13 mins	14-25 mins	>26 mins

5 Year Trends	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	26-Q2	26-Q3	26-Q4	Current Quarter
Exchange	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
Kennewick to Pro..	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗			99.94%
SAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
VDI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%

24x7 with 99.95% Uptime % 2026 Q2

Green Rating	Yellow Rating	Red Rating
> 99.95%	99.90%-99.95%	<=99.90%
0-65 mins	65-129 mins	>130 mins

5 Year Trends	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	26-Q2	26-Q3	26-Q4	Current Quarter
Phones	✓	✓	✓	▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%

24x7 with 99.90% Uptime % 2026 Q2

Green Rating	Yellow Rating	Red Rating
> 99.90%	99.85%-99.89%	<=99.84%
0-131 mins	132-199 mins	>199 mins

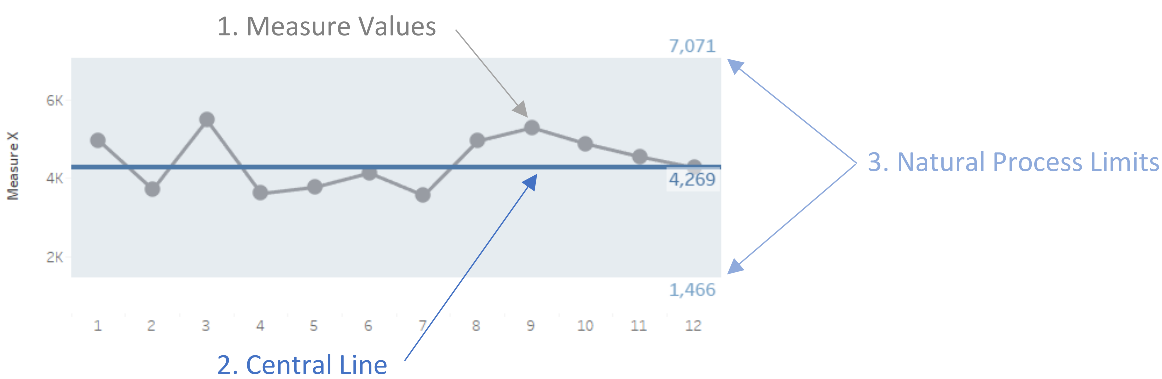
5 Year Trends	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	26-Q2	26-Q3	26-Q4	Current Quarter
Network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
NoaNet Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%
TEA-SCADA Network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100.00%

Appendix A
Using XmR Charts for Performance Measurement

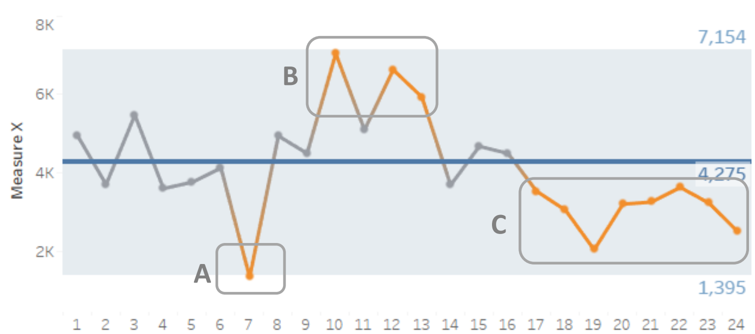
Introduction - This reference was created to support the District's performance measures that utilize XmR charts (a.k.a. process behavior charts). The District's use of XmR charts is intended to be consistent with the recommendations of Stacey Barr, author of the Measure Up Blog.[1] The basic features of XmR charts are explained, but to learn more, readers should refer to the footnotes for Stacey's blog articles. If the footnote hyperlinks are not available to the reader, the articles may be found by accessing the blog website and then using the keyword search tool.

Why use an XmR chart? - To bring focus to the "signals" of performance rather than the "noise" of normal variation.[2] It is an alternative that addresses the limitations of other analysis methods.[3, 4]

What is an XmR chart? - An XmR chart identifies signals of a change in performance by monitoring a measure in the context of its baseline level of performance (Central Line) and its normal variation (Upper and Lower Natural Process Limits).[5] The chart below represents the "X" portion of an XmR chart.[6]



What are the signals on an XmR chart? [7]



3 types of signals:

A. **Outlier** - A point outside of the Natural Process Limits.

B. **Short Run** - At least 3 out of 4 consecutive points closer to the same Natural Process Limit than to the Central Line.

C. **Long Run** - At least 8 consecutive points all on the same side of the Central Line.

How to set targets on an XmR chart? - Refer to these blog articles.[8, 9]

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[1] https://www.staceybarr.com/measure-up/
[2] Why Statistical Thinking is ESSENTIAL to Great KPIs
[3] 5 Analysis Methods That Make Us Misinterpret KPIs
[4] Why KPI Thresholds Are a Really Bad Idea
[5] Three Things You Need On Every KPI Graph
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COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	August 11, 2026	
Subject:	2026-2030 Strategic Plan: Mid-Year Progress Report	
Authored by:	Cami McKenzie	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Rick Dunn	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Rick Dunn	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☐ Consent Agenda	☐ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
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☐ Public Hearing	☐ Contract / Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

None

Background/Summary

The Commission approved the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan on November 12, 2025. Staff provides a progress report to the Commission on the Strategic Plan Action Items mid-year and year-end. Attached is the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan Mid-Year Progress Report.

Recommendation

Review the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan Year-End Progress Report.

Fiscal Impact

Resource requirements associated with the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan Action Items were included in the approved 2026 Budget.

Strategic Plan 2026 - Commission Updates

Action #	Actions
Goal	**Value People**
Action 1	**Implement a multi-phased approach to an enterprise physical security plan to mitigate risks to District facilities and safety of employees.**
Mid-Year	Began working with Absco to obtain quotes for expansion of Access Control at Operations to include Meter Shop/Transformer Shop, Auto Shop and new Operational Technology test lab. Entered into contract with Builder's Representative to assist with lobby remodel project. Working with Meier Architecture on permitting process for project prior to releasing for bid.
Action 2	**Market and grow the EmPOWERed program to achieve a high level of employee participation.**
Mid-Year	Completed and launched Phase 4 content for all employees and continued development of Episode 5D: Hydro, including storyboard updates and preparation for a July-August release. Issued Personal Leave (PL) to 11 employees for completion of Phases. Released the “What Does it Cost…” bonus episode and Quiz 11: Northwest Generation & Transmission. Coordinated and completed the Nine Canyon Wind Farm field trip, with 54 employee participants (38 in-person and 16 virtual). Enhanced individual EmPOWERed dashboards in partnership with the data team to align with Phase overview materials and improve employee experience.
Action 3	**Evaluate results of Benton PUD Leadership Development Program framework and formalize program requirements.**
Mid-Year	Employees in supervisory positions have additional competencies regarding leadership and an additional goal for leadership development in their annual Employee Performance Appraisal (EPA). In Q1, 2025 performance review discussions were completed and 2026 goals were set. Supervisors identify training and/or involvement goals that support their development and growth as leaders. At mid-year the goals are reviewed with the next level manager to discuss progress and make any necessary updates. Suggested training options and dates were provided at the beginning of the year and mid-year to support their leadership development goals.
Goal	**Strive to meet 21st Century Grid Expectations**
Action 1	**Develop implementation plans for next generation Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) communications network to ensure continuous improvement of operational visibility of our transmission and distribution electricity delivery systems.**
Mid-Year	Radio spectrum contract with Anterix was approved in April, 2026. Professional Services agreement with Federal Engineering & CelPlan for design and procurement services was approved in May, 2026. Official project kickoff with consultant was June 23, 2026.
Action 2	**Complete Transmission Reliability Improvement Projects (TRIP), including a second 115 kV source to Prosser and a second source to Red Mountain / Reata areas.**
Mid-Year	Mabton - Prosser Transmission Route: Staff is engaging with Benton REA to discuss cost sharing and route evaluation including BNSF ROW use. Webber to South County: No Recent updates on System Impact Study Phase.
Action 3	**Engage with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to ensure completion of Tri-Cities transmission systems reinforcement programs and work to develop integrated communications to provide real-time status of the District's regional transmission interconnections.**
Mid-Year	Met on July 7, 2026 and determined NO NERC CIP reliability standards are applicable to the proposed means of connection. BPA is working up a project proposal and cost estimates for connections.
Action 4	**Develop increased distribution system operational ‘visibility’ through customer meter (AMI) data analytics and reporting of distribution transformer coincidental loading necessary for avoiding overloads caused by electric vehicle charging.**
Mid-Year	IT/GIS planned OA tool demo July 29, 2026 to verify operation in preparation for demo with executive leadership to follow. Data being presented looks good with a few exceptions that need analysis.
Action 5	**Review and update the District’s construction and design standards along with equipment specifications and inventory planning to accommodate expected growth in electric vehicle charging.**
Mid-Year	Development of an interim Customer Engineering guideline is underway to address anticipated residential EV charging using existing GO-A criteria and current industry best practices. A draft guideline is expected at the beginning of Q4. Permanent updates to District design standards and procurement practices will be based on future analysis of Benton PUD-specific loading data.
Action 6	**Develop a transmission and distribution long-range capacity and operations planning methodology and process (10 year plus) as an addition to the District’s 5-year Plan of Service studies.**
Mid-Year	Following wrap-up of 5-year Plan, Staff will develop methodology outline and assess available tools.
Action 7	**Develop increased operational ‘visibility’ through customer meter (AMI) and SCADA data analytics and reporting to manage possible impacts on distribution feeder and lateral operations caused by increasing concentrations of customer-owned solar, electric vehicle charging and natural-gas end use electrification.**

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Mid-Year	Transformer data largely complete (V-phase banks will need to be adjusted). We can now use the MDMS OA tool to interrogate transformer under/over loading (shown on a map) and will be able to visualize UG cable (i.e. #2) as well. Data refinements will resume upon completion of the 5-year Plan of Service. DEW Implementation update and demonstration meeting now scheduled August 19, 2026.
Action 8	**Identify and prioritize timely completion of distribution system operations initiatives represented as Operations Technology (OT) and Outage Management (OM) in the District's Strategic Technology Plan while identifying 'next generation' initiatives in long-range operations planning. "**
Mid-Year	Five RTU's have been completed, one is currently being installed, and the remaining six units are scheduled for installation in the fall/winter of 2026. 12 Transmission FCI's have been installed, with more locations being designed and added.
Goal	**Ensure Strong Financial & Operations Stewardship**
Action 1	**Evaluate how rising BPA Tier 2 power costs are reflected in rates for large customer classes including industrial and EIL loads.**
Mid-Year	The new EIL rate design has been put on hold due to the District's Tier 2 exposure is expected to be less than 1 aMW starting in 2029 based on BPA's Final Contract High Water Mark (CHWM).
Action 2	**Develop standards, procedures, and formal plans to further harden District core electrical and broadband infrastructure against physical threats.**
Mid-Year	Physical Security 5-Year plan was converted to SmartSheet and updated from original 2020 document. Anticipate completing and issuing draft policies in Q3.
Action 3	**Considering persistently long equipment lead times, review probable and high-risk transmission and distribution system contingencies to ensure inventory planning and management provide spare equipment and parts adequate for a resilient transmission and distribution system.**
Mid-Year	Data Download from NISC has been received from IT. Data has been formatted to focus on transmission related materials first and shared with the Warehouse, Contract & Purchasing, and Materials Engineers for review with emphasis on lead time info, and minimum quantity orders. A meeting is set for August 31, 2026 for review/next steps.
Action 4	**Conduct an independent third-party cybersecurity assessment to evaluate the utility's cyber maturity, validate compliance with industry best practices, and strengthen defenses against persistent and evolving threats.**
Mid-Year	The cybersecurity assessment project is temporarily paused following the departure of our cyber engineer. We are actively working to fill the position, and once onboarded, the project will resume with appropriate support to ensure a thorough and thoughtful evaluation aligned with our security goals. We are conducting 2nd interviews this week to backfill the open position.
Action 5	**Develop a plan to respond to incremental increases to BPA demand and capacity charges in future rate periods.**
Mid-Year	Staff is developing a framework to evaluate and respond to potential increases in BPA demand and capacity charges in future rate periods. This includes modeling BPA power costs using its Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM) within the Cost of Service Analysis (COSA). This work will allow comparison of current and projected BPA rates, identify which cost components are most affected, and support planning for future retail rate adjustments.
Goal	**Meet & Exceed Customer Expectations**
Action 1	**Market enhanced notification capabilities increased in the District's SmartHub applicaiton.**
Mid-Year	Successfully integrated SmartHub communication into the District's Communications Content Planner, creating a more coordinated and strategic approach to customer communications across multiple channels. Engineering and Operations are utilizing On Demand SmartHub Messaging to deliver service-related notifications. This enhancement provides customers with timely, targeted communications that improve awareness of planned and ongoing service activities while enhancing the overall customer experience. Developed a dedicated On Demand Messaging template for bill insert communications, ensuring ebill customers receive the same targeted information and messaging as customers who receive paper bills. This creates a more consistent customer communication experience across all billing delivery methods.
Action 2	**Market and grow the EmPOWERed program to achieve a high level of community engagement, while establishing connections with our schools, civic organizations, and economic development organizations to promote and raise awareness of the electric industry.**
Mid-Year	Enhanced the EmPOWERed webpage experience by improving accessibility, readability, and visual engagement of online course materials. Developed promotional materials to support expansion of EmPOWERed to other utilities and community partners, highlighting the ease of implementing the energy education series. Continued outreach and promotion of EmPOWERed through school and community events, including the STEM Career Academy, engaging students and educators. Met with Tri-Utility Group (TUG) general managers to discuss opportunities for expanding EmPOWERed to additional utility teams, with follow-up discussions scheduled. Continuing collaboration with area educators to explore opportunities for classroom adoption and expand EmPOWERed's reach.

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Action 3	**Stay engaged and influence policymakers regarding possible changes to a low-income assistance program design and implementation.**
Mid-Year	Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (ESSHB) 1903 was signed into law by Governor Ferguson, establishing a voluntary statewide low-income assistance program. In consultation with UTC, DOC must write rules to implement the program. Under the bill, energy assistance is to be provided no later than 14 months after funding is appropriated. Funding was not appropriated during the 2026 legislative session. ESSHB 1903 also amended existing low-income program provisions within CETA to require a program not programs, and remove the requirement to reduce energy burdens for vulnerable and low-income populations by at least 60% by 2030 and 90% by 2050, relative to their established baseline need. An internal workgroup was convened to review these changes and identify next steps.
Goal	**Ensure a Reliable, Environmentally Responsible & Least-Cost Power Supply**
Action 1	**Develop a power supply portfolio strategy that meets customer growth forecasts, is responsive to the economic development objectives of our community partners and addresses state and federal clean energy regulations. "**
Mid-Year	2026 Load Forecast approved by Resolution No. 2726 on May 26, 2026. Submitted comment letter to BPA on June 26, 2026 supporting selection of the Tri-Cities Area for BPA's next Load Area Reinforcement Study. Received positive verification statement on July 8, 2026 for the District's greenhouse gas reporting for calendar year 2025. 2026 Resource Plan approved by Resolution No. 2729 on July 14, 2026. Provided notice to BPA in July of the District's election of the all Tier 2 long-term option for above contract high water mark load service under the BPA Provider of Choice Power Sales Agreement #25-51-02.
Action 2	**Advocate for the preservation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and advancement of nuclear technology through active public engagement and education. Continue to heighten awareness of customers and policymakers to the tradeoffs associated with aggressive state and federal clean energy policies.**
Mid-Year	The District engaged in the National Wildlife Federation v. National Marine Fisheries Service CRSO litigation through its membership in Public Power Council's Executive Committee, and Pacific Northwest Waterways Association's Inland Ports & Navigation Group, and during the annual American Association of Public Power's Legislative Rally in D.C. Individual meetings were held with large irrigators to discuss impact of expected changes to McNary/John Day Pools, and other state and federal hydro policies. Staff submitted feedback directly and through Northwest RiverPartners to the Northwest Power & Conservation Council regarding proposed Fish & Wildlife Plan updates. General Manager and Government Relations staff continued regional outreach and education through presentations to the Fall River Electric Cooperative, Badger Club, AWC's Columbia River Counties Caucus, and the Association of Truckers and students at Chiawana High School. The Communications team continued to incorporate proactive hydropower messaging in traditional media and social media.
Action 3	**Work closely with Energy Northwest (EN) Staff, Board and Utility Members to help ensure Site-1 Small Modular Reactor project being funded by Amazon Web Services is thoroughly vetted and that legal and financial protections are in place to mitigate risks to the District for the initial 320 megawatt build out while keeping offtake options on the table for future module development.**
Mid-Year	Awaiting further EN communications and Board discussions on the Cascade Advanced Energy Facility.
Action 4	**Conduct / investigate regional research on Demand Response (DR) programs to inform development of a District pilot.** **Engage large irrigation customers to assess interest, participation barriers, and preferred program design. Define key parameters such as pricing, event frequency, and duration to ensure the program is both effective and customer-aligned.** **Research regional program offerings and determine types of Demand Response (DR) programs we could consider for pilot projects as soon as 2027.** **Assess future expansion opportunities for DLC programs, including residential applications (e.g., thermostats and water heaters). While the Northwest market is not yet fully mature for large-scale residential DLC, conditions may someday support broader adoption in the coming years.**
Mid-Year	The District continues to advance its 2026 Strategic Plan action item to evaluate Demand Response (DR) opportunities in response to increasing regional resource adequacy concerns and anticipated changes to BPA's post-2028 rate design. Regional reliability risks continue to increase as dispatchable generation is retired and replaced with intermittent renewable resources, increasing the potential for future rolling blackouts. In response, staff is researching DR program designs and regional utility best practices with the goal of developing a pilot program as early as 2027. The initial focus is on large irrigation customers, as Benton PUD is a summer peaking utility and prior assessments indicate irrigation Direct Load Control (DLC) offers the greatest potential to reduce peak demand and future BPA demand charges. While this does not directly address the Northwest's winter reliability challenge, it provides valuable operational experience and positions the District for future expansion into winter focused DR programs. Staff will continue coordinating with large irrigators to gauge interest in participating in a pilot program while also evaluating residential demand response opportunities, such as electric water heater control, that could support peak demand management during both summer and winter seasons. DR also supports compliance with Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) by pursuing customer beneficial strategies that may reduce wholesale power supply costs under BPA's evolving post 2028 rate structure. Overall, the project remains on schedule, with continued research and stakeholder outreach planned throughout 2026 and pilot implementation targeted for 2027.

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