

Terry Valley-Trojan Water Project District

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To: Terry Valley-Trojan Water Project District (TTWD) Members,

The Terry Valley-Trojan Water Project District Annual Board meeting occurred on April 28, 2025, at 4:00 PM, at the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 501 Main Street, Deadwood, SD. Two (2), three (3) year term board member seats that Jon Torgerson and Ben Evans have filled were up for election. No petitions were received by the March 28, 2025, deadline. Therefore, the Terry Valley-Trojan Water District Board reappointed Jon Torgerson and Ben Evans to the open positions at the annual meeting. Chairperson Janell Berg and Vice Chairperson Mike Hale were both reappointed as officers.

The 2024 Terry Trojan Water Drinking Report is available for viewing and download at www.terryvalley.org/upload/annualwaterreport.pdf. No violations from 2024 were reported. TTWD received the Secretary's Award for providing 12 consecutive years of Drinking Water Excellence (no violations).

We continue ongoing efforts to monitor water loss and appreciate when you report seeing suspicious groundwater. Often, it's just a natural spring; however, it's better to let us test it than to lose the water.

We plan to complete the meter pit project and activate the new meters by the end of this construction season (October 1). TTWD appreciates your patience during this critical project, which will help manage the district's water conservation.

Last season, the meter pit project resulted in the discovery of several service line leaks. As leaks are found, the water service is turned off, and the district notifies the property owner. The property owner is responsible for repairing the service line between the curb stop and the house. NOTICE: All excavation and materials are the sole responsibility of the property owner for service line repairs between the curb stop and the home.

Lead-Free SD has initiated a campaign to locate, identify, and eliminate lead pipes in your home. In 1986, the EPA prohibited using lead pipes in building homes. The campaign asks the homeowner to help with the Lead-Free survey by running and reporting a simple test. For those of you who own a home built before 1986, we have enclosed a flyer that provides information on testing the pipes and reporting the findings. Please take the time to review the enclosed Lead-Free SD flyer.

The BOD continues to move forward with the project to replace the 125,000-gallon concrete water storage tank with a 150,000-gallon steel water storage tank. Funding for this project has been secured, and AE2S engineers are working on the designs and plans for this project, which will occur from April to July of 2026.

The Terry Trojan Water Districts webpage, www.terryvalley.org, offers current water district information. In addition, you will find the approved Ordinance, Application for Water Service, Current Annual Drinking Water Report, Agendas, Approved Meeting Minutes, ACH Application, and other information for TTWD Members.

The TTWD BOD has changed the New Water Service Application Fees and Outline of Responsibilities for new hookups. The newly approved Water Service Application and Ordinance can be reviewed and printed at www.terryvalley.org.

NEW—Emergency Text Notification: If the water service is disrupted due to a leak or other service issues, we will notify our members by sending an Emergency Text Notification. To subscribe to our **Emergency Text Notification** on your **cell phone**, text **join** to **844-735-2852**. This text notification system remains private to all. To unsubscribe, text **STOP or END** to **844-735-2852**.

When selling or purchasing a home in the Terry Peak Development, TTWD must receive notification of any billing service changes. Individual meter readings for proration are unavailable; any proration of service must be completed between the buyer and seller. Questions, billing, or service issues must be directed to Linda Derosier at 605-722-7560 or terrytrojanwater@rushmore.com.

TTWD would like to remind everyone to mark your homes with the emergency address assigned to your property. Not only does it ensure the accurate address and location for service work, but it primarily provides valuable information for an emergency response team.

This letter includes the ACH Application for those who wish to enroll in the TTWD ACH direct payment program for their water service. A digital ACH Application is also available for print at www.terryvalley.org. Please note that activation takes at least 45 days once the application is received.

As we add more users to the system, demand increases. We aim to supply safe, clean water while meeting the demand. For any emergency service issues or questions, call Linda Derosier at 605-580-1078.

I am grateful to the Terry Valley-Trojan Water Project District Board of Directors for their continued years of service.

Respectfully,

Linda Derosier, Executive Director
Terry Trojan Water District