



March 2025

Reminder: RRWSC Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Current Status Update:

- ◆ January was historically colder than normal, 5.3° below normal and brought 1.6 inches of rain which is one inch below average for January. Sadly for our trees and other landscaping we remain in stage 3 drought. See the reference table below for Ruby Ranch permit and household usage.
- ◆ While our fall usage was below permitted allotments, we have exceeded our permitted amount by 530,000 gallons over the past 4 months. Given recent history of below average rainfall, we recommend aiming for the Stage 4 household average as a move to Exceptional Stage drought would not come as a surprise.
- ◆ Due to excess use: Ruby Ranch has been fined in excess of \$47,000. While we are working with the district, the best route for us to get this fined waved is for the whole of the community to demonstrate we are actively moving towards consistently reducing our use month-over-month.
- ◆ Think about your February water usage. If you can match, or slightly reduce what you used, we can finish March below the 1.24 million gallons, or 4,987 gallons per household, allowed via our permit.
- ◆ In an effort to work with the BSEAD regarding usage and fines, the RRWSC board approved a rate increase that will start with your March 2025 meter reading. These rates will be seen on you May 1 water bill.

In The Works:

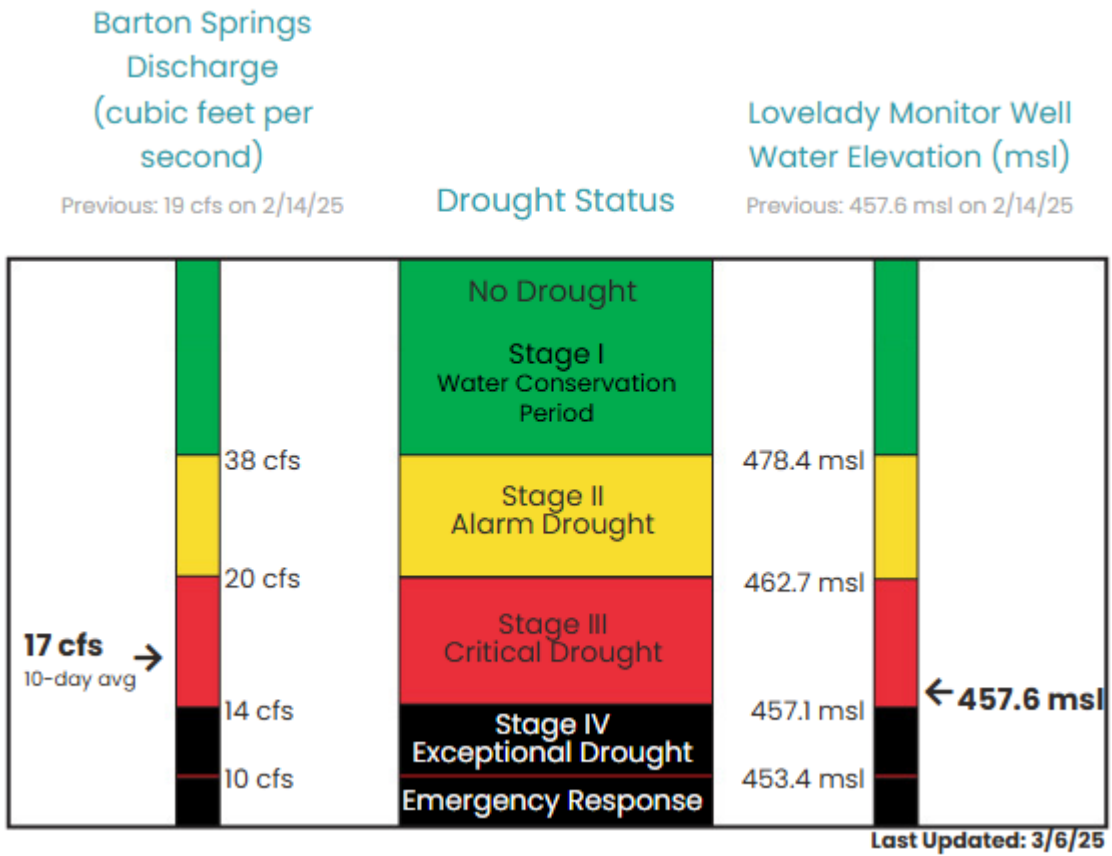
- ◆ We are Upgrading – In an effort to serve the community in a better and more timely manner, and hopefully help the community manage usage more consistently, the board has approved upgrading our water meters and rolling out access to your account via app. Once upgraded, we will have the opportunity to track our daily usage. We hope this helps households better understand where their usage comes from and identify ways to reduce excess where capable.
- ◆ There is still time to take advantage of the water savings devices rebate program. The household cap is currently set at \$555 per household and payable via a credit on your water bill. See the website for additional details.

Ruby Ranch Water Permitted Volume:

Restrictions	No Drought	Stage 3 Critical	Stage 4 Exceptional	No Drought Household Average	Stage 3 Critical Household Average	Stage 4 Exceptional Household Average
Historical Edwards Class B	0%	30%	40%			
January	1,376,000	979,970	624,360	5,504	3,920	2,497
February	1,632,000	1,162,290	740,520	6,528	4,649	2,962
<b>March</b>	<b>2,432,000</b>	<b>1,732,040</b>	<b>1,103,520</b>	<b>9,728</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>4,414</b>
April	2,816,000	2,005,520	1,277,760	11,264	8,022	5,111
May	3,040,000	2,165,050	1,379,400	12,160	8,660	5,518

See the District’s Drought Status Chart on the following page.

BSEACD Drought Status:



Since the beginning, The Ruby Ranch Water Corporation has provided high quality, below average cost water to the neighborhood. The Board would like to collaborate with our neighbors to meet the requirements of the Edwards Aquifer Conservation District so we can avoid having to take extreme measures. For more information visit [www.rubyranchwater.com](http://www.rubyranchwater.com) or contact a Board member.