Office of

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT

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The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Water District will be held **at the office of the Auburn Water District, 268 Court Street, on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.**

Regular Meeting AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 22, 2026.

2. Financial Report Update –***Michael Bailey.***

3. Public Comment.

4. Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

5. New Business
   - Interlocal Agreement Summary.
   - Maine Municipal Association 2026 dividendes.
   - 2026 Audit Engagement Letter.

6. Old Business
   - Water Quality Update.
   - System-Wide Meter Conversion Status Update.
   - Lake Shore Drive MPI Update.
   - Charter Merger Update.
   - Activity Report.

7. Trustee Open Session.

8. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Upcoming: Water Trustee Meeting September 15, 2026.

The Regular Meeting of the trustees of the Water District was held at the office of the Auburn Water District, 268 Court Street, on **Wednesday, July 22nd, at 4:00 pm**.

Members Present: Denis Bergeron (President), Robert Cavanagh (Treasurer), Jeffrey Harmon, Bruce Rioux, Timothy Simpson, and Eric Gould.
Also present: Mike Broadbent (Superintendent), Mike Abbott (District Engineer), and Mike Bailey (Finance Director).
Public Attendance: Stephen Ness and Stephen Beal

Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17th, 2026 – On the **motion of Robert Cavanagh**, seconded by **Timothy Simpson**, it was **voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 17th, 2026.**
Passed 6-0

Agenda Item 2: Financial Report – The Finance Director, Mike Bailey, provided a verbal presentation of the financial report for the preceding month.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment – Stephen Beal and Stephen Ness were in attendance and did not have a comment at the time of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: New Business
Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan – The Superintendent discussed the development of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which will serve as a working document to guide future budget planning and rate setting. He also presented the completed five-year CIP, developed over the past year using the District's comprehensive capital improvement plan, last updated by Wright-Pierce Engineers in 2022. The plan outlines the District's infrastructure needs and priorities over the next five years.

It was noted that the District has maintained its infrastructure well and has consistently worked toward the industry standard of replacing approximately 1% (1.4 miles) of the water distribution system annually. However, inflation over the past four years has significantly increased replacement costs, requiring additional investment to maintain this level of system renewal.

The trustees reviewed the proposed five-year CIP and the corresponding budget projections included in the meeting packet and discussed their use in future financial planning.

Draft Charter Changes – The trustee board reviewed the revised draft charter for the proposed combined Auburn Water and Sewer District. The draft had previously been presented to the trustees at the June meetings. Since then, District staff incorporated additional feedback and made revisions to clarify and update the document's language.

The Superintendent reported that the draft charter is now ready to proceed to legal review. The goal is to finalize the document this fall in preparation for seeking state-level sponsorship.

2026 Measuring of the Lake – There was discussion of the District's annual "Measuring of the Lake" event, a longstanding tradition recognizing the service of trustees and elected officials. Although the event does not involve an actual measurement of the lake, it serves as an opportunity for trustees to gather at the water treatment plant for a catered dinner.

The Superintendent recommended continuing the tradition and proposed September 2nd, 2026, as the tentative date for this year's event. Trustees discussed the proposal, and, pending trustee agreement, staff will distribute invitations and coordinate vendor reservations for catering and the event tent.

Agenda Item 5: Old Business

Water Quality/Watershed Update – The Superintendent, Mike Broadbent, provided a verbal presentation on the preceding month's water quality in Lake Auburn, alongside recent activity within the watershed staff.

System-Wide Meter Conversion Status Update – HydroCorp and EJP have continued to coordinate and complete meter installations efficiently. District staff was also commended for effectively managing the increased customer inquiries and appointment scheduling associated with the meter replacement program.

The contractors have averaged approximately eighty meter replacements per day. As of July 14th, approximately 20% of the District's meters had been replaced, and an additional 25% of customers had scheduled installation appointments.

Facilities Assessment – The Superintendent and the District Engineer met with the City of Auburn's Director of Public Services and Planning Director regarding current and future zoning requirements affecting the District's facility at 268 Court Street. The discussion indicated that redevelopment of the existing site may be feasible; however, current zoning requirements may limit the District's preferred facility layout.

It was also noted that additional zoning changes are anticipated as part of the City's comprehensive plan update. The proposed changes are expected to encourage infill development, which may be less compatible with the District's current use of the property. While a special exception may be available, such approval would require action by the City Council.

There was discussion about the need to continue evaluating the District's long-term facility options, and a recommendation was made to gain a better understanding of future zoning requirements, the long-term vision for the Court Street corridor, and potential impacts to traffic access before making any decisions. Should redevelopment of the current site prove impractical or cost-prohibitive, the District will evaluate alternative properties that are centrally located and capable of meeting its current and future operational needs.

Lake Auburn Infrastructure Planning Study – There was an update on the completed study and reported that follow-up meetings had been held over the past month. Staff met with managers from the Lewiston Water Division to review the report's recommendations and discuss potential implementation strategies. It was reported that both organizations are aligned in their approach and agreed to work collaboratively to evaluate the scope, budget, and timeline for the recommended projects. Staff also held an internal follow-up meeting to begin the planning process. Preliminary cost estimates for the anticipated work have been incorporated into the District's five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Global Fluoride Shortage – The District did not receive its scheduled July delivery of hydro fluorosilicic acid, the fluoride additive used in the water treatment process. Subsequent inquiries with the District's supplier and other U.S. vendors confirmed that the product is currently subject to a global shortage.

At the time of the meeting, the District had an estimated twenty-four-day supply remaining, depending on production volumes. The Maine Drinking Water Program confirmed that other water systems across the state were experiencing similar supply issues. Because the shortage is the result of a documented global supply disruption, the District will not incur a regulatory violation if fluoride addition is suspended.

Staff further reported that the treatment plant is not equipped to use alternative fluoride products. If fluoridation is suspended for more than thirty days, the District will be required to notify customers. Staff is preparing the required public notice and evaluating appropriate distribution methods. At the time of the meeting, no timeline had been provided for when the product would become available again.

Activity Report – The District Engineer, Mike Abbott, provided a verbal presentation on the preceding month's activity.

Agenda Item 6: Trustee Open Session: Bruce Rioux asked about a tour of the water treatment plant at the 2026 Measuring of the Lake celebration. The Superintendent relayed that this is a welcome idea, but District business should not be discussed at this gathering.

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment of the Regular Meeting: There was a **motion by Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Eric Gould, to adjourn the meeting.**
Passed 6-0

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Spence
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AUBURN WATER DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
PERIOD ENDING - July 31, 2026

	7/31/2026	12/31/2025
Property, Plant and Equipment:		
Plant in Service	44,459,606.58	44,332,336.92
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(18,212,665.13)	(17,825,124.46)
	26,246,941.45	26,507,212.46
Construction Work in Progress	1,082,141.45	74,106.13
Net Utility Plant	27,329,082.90	26,581,318.59
Current Assets:		
Cash & Working Funds	4,947,742.95	3,516,542.15
Accounts Receivable - Net	729,061.23	557,517.89
Prepayments	90,717.20	16,704.17
Inventory	1,408,548.54	381,627.21
Total Current Assets	7,176,069.92	4,472,391.42
Investment CD	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	34,505,152.82	31,053,710.01

	7/31/2026	12/31/2025
Capitalization:		
Retained Earnings	20,530,236.47	19,979,150.97
Current Year Earnings	540,307	466,909
	21,070,543.46	20,446,059.62
Bonds	6,573,934.39	4,029,796.77
Total Capitalization	27,644,477.85	24,475,856.39
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	397,485.89	190,182.08
Customer Deposits	25,070.13	21,138.38
Accrued Interest	65,931.15	40,054.16
Miscellaneous Liabilities	152,944.55	123,640.71
Total Current Liabilities	641,431.72	375,015.33
Equipment Leases	108,249.48	93,645.01
Contributions in Aid	6,110,993.77	6,109,193.28
Total Equity Capital and Liabilities	34,505,152.82	31,053,710.01

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT
OPERATING STATEMENT - TRUSTEES' REPORT
SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 31 ,2026

	July	2026	Y-T-D July 2026		
	YTD - 2025	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Variance
REVENUES:					
Water Sales	$1,684,904	$3,034,720	$1,692,139	$1,738,114	-$45,976
Rent income	38,876	72,000	69,177	42,000	$27,177
Interest Income	21,892	40,000	29,157	23,333	$5,824
Mdse. & Jobbing - NET	(10,303)	53,600	-11,619	31,267	-$42,886
Public Fire Protection	613,336	850,720	646,048	496,253	$149,795
Private Fire Prot.	278,707	496,080	286,706	289,380	-$2,674
Misc. Op. Revenue	98,309	184,601	157,735	107,684	$50,051
TOTAL REVENUES	**2,725,721**	**4,731,721**	**$2,869,342**	**$2,728,032**	**$141,311**
				75%	
EXPENSES:					
Payroll	709,412	1,389,030	$713,773	$799,405	-$85,632
Treatment:					
UV Treatment Plant	279,271	579,750	$274,960	$338,188	-$63,227
Chloramine Facility	4,656	12,800	$3,814	$7,467	-$3,652
Laboratory	7,976	35,500	$23,516	$20,708	$2,808
Trans & Dist & Other Maint:					
Maint of Mains	97,281	140,000	$74,453	$81,667	-$7,214
Dist System	64,842	168,639	96,162	$98,373	-$2,210
Other	3,865	23,000	$12,168	$13,417	-$1,248
Administration:					
Employee Benefits	295,020	652,857	$312,149	$380,833	-$68,684
Legal & Accounting	20,033	50,000	$8,978	$29,167	-$20,189
Customer Billing	15,103	68,000	$52,171	$39,667	$12,504
Insurances	42,527	84,410	$45,422	$49,239	-$3,817
Other	48,550	77,452	$47,459	$45,180	$2,279
Vehicles	41,698	144,000	$50,753	$84,000	-$33,247
Gull Management	36,937	72,000	$43,224	$42,000	$1,224
Lake Auburn Watershed	51,341	142,000	$54,799	$82,833	-$28,034
SUB-TOTAL	**1,718,512**	**3,639,438**	**$1,813,804**	**$2,112,143**	**-$298,339**
				75%	
Interest	82,806	197,362	$88,231	$115,128	-$26,897
TOTAL EXPENSES	**1,801,317**	**3,836,800**	**$1,902,035**	**$2,227,271**	-$325,236
Bonds - Principal Payments	177,696	864,553	$184,569	$184,569	$0
SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS	**746,707**	**30,368**	**782,738**	**$316,192**	**$466,546**

Non-Cash Items:	
Depreciation - 1403-000	$427,000
Sub - Total Non-Cash	$427,000
Income Statement - Bottom Line	$540,307

AUBURN WATER - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Water Revenue - Metered Sales - Versus Prior Year

Month	2026	2025	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	$240,709.30	$246,826.80	($6,117.50)	-2.48%	($6,117.50)	-2.48%
February	$217,209.70	$238,634.53	($21,424.83)	-8.98%	($27,542.33)	-5.67%
March	$224,610.00	$228,211.83	($3,601.83)	-1.58%	($31,144.16)	-4.36%
April	$251,272.00	$253,662.84	($2,390.84)	-0.94%	($33,535.00)	-3.47%
May	$227,724.00	$219,136.00	$8,588.00	3.92%	($24,947.00)	-2.10%
June	$243,994.00	$228,923.00	$15,071.00	6.58%	($9,876.00)	-0.70%
July	**$286,620.00**	**$269,509.00**	**$17,111.00**	**6.35%**	**$7,235.00**	**0.43%**
August		$262,241.00	($262,241.00)	-100.00%	($255,006.00)	-13.10%
September		$262,468.00	($262,468.00)	-100.00%	($517,474.00)	-23.42%
October		$293,742.00	($293,742.00)	-100.00%	($811,216.00)	-32.41%
November		$252,217.28	($252,217.28)	-100.00%	($1,063,433.28)	-38.59%
December		$228,431.07	($228,431.07)	-100.00%	($1,291,864.35)	-43.29%
	$1,692,139.00	$2,984,003.35				

Water Revenue - Metered Sales - Versus Budget

Month	2026	BUDGET	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	$240,709.30	$242,940.38	($2,231.08)	-0.92%	($2,231.08)	-0.92%
February	$217,209.70	$240,789.38	($23,579.68)	-9.79%	($25,810.75)	-5.34%
March	$224,610.00	$231,570.36	($6,960.36)	-3.01%	($32,771.11)	-4.58%
April	$251,272.00	$276,332.02	($25,060.02)	-9.07%	($57,831.13)	-5.83%
May	$227,724.00	$225,291.01	$2,432.99	1.08%	($55,398.14)	-4.55%
June	$243,994.00	$231,777.86	$12,216.14	5.27%	($43,181.99)	-2.98%
July	**$286,620.00**	**$292,879.28**	**($6,259.28)**	**-2.14%**	**($49,441.27)**	**-2.84%**
August	$0.00	$251,931.91	($251,931.91)	-100.00%	($301,373.18)	-15.12%
September	$0.00	$269,887.06	($269,887.06)	-100.00%	($571,260.25)	-25.24%
October	$0.00	$296,078.72	($296,078.72)	-100.00%	($867,338.97)	-33.89%
November	$0.00	$253,016.62	($253,016.62)	-100.00%	($1,120,355.58)	-39.83%
December	$0.00	$222,225.42	($222,225.42)	-100.00%	($1,342,581.00)	-44.24%

Water Gallons Sold - Metered

Month	2026	2025	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	49,422,915	47,499,496	1,923,419	4.05%	1,923,419	4.05%
February	50,868,896	52,184,968	(1,316,072)	-2.52%	607,347	0.61%
March	48,088,394	49,229,620	(1,141,226)	-2.32%	(533,879)	-0.36%
April	51,871,283	49,452,524	2,418,759	4.89%	1,884,880	0.95%
May	45,749,272	45,932,436	(183,164)	-0.40%	1,701,716	0.70%
June	51,397,812	49,744,244	1,653,568	3.32%	3,355,284	1.14%
July	**53,223,009**	**54,040,008.00**	**(816,999)**	**-2%**	**2,538,285**	**1%**
August		51,483,344	(51,483,344)	-100.00%	(48,945,059)	-12.25%
September		59,792,876	(59,792,876)	-100.00%	(108,737,935)	-23.67%
October		61,751,140	(61,751,140)	-100.00%	(170,489,075)	-32.72%
November		55,072,248	(55,072,248)	-100.00%	(225,561,323)	-39.15%
December		44,676,546	(44,676,546)	-100.00%	(270,237,869)	-43.53%
	350,621,581	620,859,450				

Water Gross Payroll versus Budget

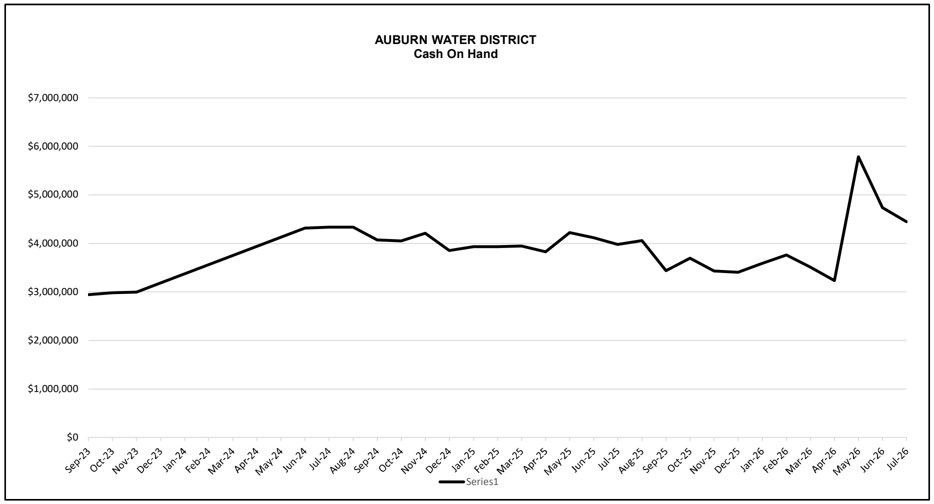
Month	2026	Budget	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	$85,784.00	$108,829.50	($23,045.50)	-21.18%	($23,045.50)	-21.18%
February	$99,145.00	$92,349.23	$6,795.77	7.36%	($16,249.73)	-8.08%
March	$105,097.00	$138,668.65	($33,571.65)	-24.21%	($49,821.38)	-14.66%
April	$115,430.00	$136,040.82	($20,610.82)	-15.15%	($70,432.21)	-14.80%
May	$90,540.00	$91,208.85	($668.85)	-0.73%	($71,101.06)	-12.54%
June	$93,453.00	$100,494.15	($7,041.15)	-7.01%	($78,142.21)	-11.71%
July	**$124,324.00**	**$131,813.98**	**($7,489.98)**	**-5.68%**	**($85,632.19)**	**-10.71%**
August		$109,078.54	($109,078.54)	-100.00%	($194,710.73)	-21.43%
September		$104,941.85	($104,941.85)	-100.00%	($299,652.58)	-29.57%
October		$109,762.54	($109,762.54)	-100.00%	($409,415.12)	-36.45%
November		$108,306.64	($108,306.64)	-100.00%	($517,721.76)	-42.04%
December		$157,535.60	($157,535.60)	-100.00%	($675,257.36)	-48.61%

Water Total Capital Expenditures versus Budget

Capital Projects - 2026	*Budget	*YTD Actual	Variance	% Spent
Crew Truck - Water	$60,000	$63,290.44	(3,290.44)	
Equipment Trailer	$25,000	$23,629.50	1,370.50	
Meter department tools	$3,000	$3,045.65	(45.65)	
Conduit Bender	$5,500	$2,670.50	2,829.50	
North Auburn Dam SCADA	$4,400	$5,221.93	(821.93)	
Townsend Brook Scada	$4,400	$1,843.77	2,556.23	
Lab	$5,000		5,000.00	
Plant Operations	$86,100	$2,490.87	83,609.13	
Risk and Resiliency Plan Update	$5,000	$4,950.00		
Lab Service Visit	$5,175		5,175.00	
Lab Intake Inspection and Cleaning	$2,448		2,447.50	
Fixed Asset Software	$7,500		7,500.00	
Office improvements	$5,000		$5,000	
4 Computers, I-pad	$3,600	$1,758	1,842.09	
Excavator	$65,437	$64,454	982.38	
Equipment Total	**$287,559**	**$173,354.69**	**114,154.31**	
2026 Main Replacements	$515,000	$36,778	478,222.23	
2026 Paving Projects	$66,000	$95,601	(29,601.32)	
2026 Meter Conversion	$2,667,355	$618,463	2,048,892.29	
Lakeshore Drive	$750,000	73,994	676,006.26	
Taylor Pond Meter Pit	$20,000	$20,350.84	(350.84)	
Lake Auburn Water Supply Study	$49,700	$49,700.00	-	
Facilities Study	$13,750	$13,750.00	-	
Projects Total (includes benefit costs on labor)	**$4,081,805**	**$908,636**	**3,173,168.62**	
Grand Total	**$4,369,364**	**$1,081,991**	**$3,287,323**	

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT
CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Aging	Current	30 day	60 day	90 day	120 day	Finance Chgs	Other	Totals
July	**$ 396,274**	**$ 23,025**	**$ 6,508**	**$ 1,277**	**$ 16,876**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 443,960.48**
June	159,393.68	24,133.25	10,494.03	2,703.78	11,190.25	-	-	207,914.99
May	167,760.72	27,711.98	4,558.83	2,067.00	11,877.61	-	-	213,976.14
April	290,897.58	20,366.28	2,864.09	7,097.58	9,373.79	-	-	330,599.32



Memo

To: Water District Trustees

From: Michael Broadbent, Superintendent

CC: Files

Date: 8/13/2026

Re: Discussion of August Agenda Items

Water Trustees

Financial Report Highlights

Financial Update- Revenues are above budget, and expenses are below budget. On the revenue side, water sales are under budget due to the delayed impact of the rate increases. July was the first month where both quarterly and monthly customers were billed at the higher rate. This should reduce the variance from budget through the end of the year. Public fire protection is over budget due to that being billed three months in advance compared to one month of revenue in the budget column. Miscellaneous operating revenue is over budget partially due to $30,000 in Capacity Development Grant income for the Lake Auburn Infrastructure study. On the expense side, payroll and benefits are under budget due to our previous vacant positions, the timing of overtime earned, the allocation of labor to projects (particularly paving projects) and other expense accounts such as jobbing, an excess clothing allowance and training budget versus the amount used to date due to timing. Overtime year-to-date is approximately 50% of budget, with a significant portion of that allocated to projects. The Lake Auburn Watershed expenses are slightly under budget due to netting expenses with payroll reimbursements for our Education and Outreach Coordinator. Interest expense is under budget as we have interest budgeted for the $2.7 million meter bond for the full year when we're just recognizing a portion of that interest in 2026 due to when the bond was issued. There was one debt service payment in July and cash on hand has decreased slightly. Cash on hand of $4.4 million is sufficient to service existing debt and fund operations.

As an update on the financial statement audit, I have the draft financial statements and letters. No findings to report. I've reviewed the draft and am going back and forth with RHR Smith's Reports department on the final edits. The final issued report will be available at the next meeting.

<u>New Business</u>

Interlocal Agreement Summary- A 2026 goal of the Water District is to review and better understand our interlocal agreements with Lewiston. In 2021, the Superintendent prepared a summary of all agreements. This was our starting point however; there have been new agreements executed since 2021. In addition, I found the summary hard to follow as it was not organized by date or by the nature of the agreements. I've created a new draft summary that organizes the agreements into five sections based on the entity pertinent to each agreement. I put each section in chronological order based on when the agreements were executed and I drafted organizational charts that show the staff involved in the agreements and how the funding works. Both Drafts are included in the packets, and we'll open this up for discussion on next steps.

Maine Municipal Association 2026 Dividends- The District uses MMA for three self-funded insurance pools: Workers Compensation, Property and Casualty and Unemployment. Because of our low utilization, the District received a dividend check. The Water District received $3,242 and the Sewer District Received $2,062 (total $5,304). The District has, for the last several years, given the balance of the Dividends to the employees. Typically, this is in the form of a BBQ recognizing the safe work practices and either a gift or check to each employee for the remaining balance.

*****Action Item** Water District Trustees authorize the Superintendent to utilize the MMA Dividend of $3,242 to recognize staff for their excellent work and safe work practices.***

2026 Audit Engagement Letter- RHR Smith has provided us with the engagement letter for the 2026 financial statement audit. The 2026 quoted fee is $11,960, which is an increase of $1,560 over prior year. This increase is largely due to capacity at the firm. Due to the implementation of an auditing standard last year, 70% of the audit work is done during the planning phase of the audit. As a result, the firm is now requiring a 75% retainer (increase from 50% in the prior year) to reserve our spot for 2026. Total retainer of $8,970. The firm remains very competitive at this price level based on the Financial Director's experience and rates disclosed to us by our peers.

*****Action Item** Water District Trustees authorize the Superintendent to engage with RHR Smith for the 2026 financial statement audit and authorize the payment of the retainer to reserve our spot in the schedule.***

Old Business

Water Quality Update- Water quality within Lake Auburn remains excellent. The elevated chlorophyll A concentrations we saw this spring have gone back to normal levels. Water elevation in the lake remains at normal level despite the dry conditions. Turbidity and water transparency are at or better than average for this time of year. Our staff recently completed lead and copper testing throughout the distribution system. At this time, it looks like we're well within compliance and our treatment techniques are working effectively.

- **Fluoride-** Due to the global supply shortage, the District suspended fluoride addition on July 30th, 2026. We posted a required notice in the Sun Journal on August 7th, 2026. The District is required to post a public notice at least once per quarter for the duration of the suspension. WMTW ran a story on the outage, and we've received several calls from customers. At this time, suppliers are not able to offer a timetable on product availability.

System-Wide Meter Conversion Status Update- Hydrocorp and EJP are doing an excellent job with the meter installs. As of August 13th, The District has replaced 40% of the system. We've started sending reminders to customers who have already received notifications to remind them to schedule an appointment. Additionally, we've sent initial notices to the largest group of customers. The current statistics are as follows: 2442 of 6258 residential meters replaced and 101/262 large diameter meters.

Lake Shore Drive MPI Update- C.H. Stevenson, the contractor for this project, is set to mobilize on-site September 8th, 2026. We're working on the detour map and the City has agreed to place a message Board on Lake Shore Drive regarding the pending closure.

Charter Merger Update- The Draft Merged Charter was sent to Verrill Law and Jim Cohen will be the lead attorney on updating the documents and preparing it for approval. He feels this work will take around three weeks to complete. Jim has worked on several similar projects and is familiar with this process.

Activity Report- The water and sewer crews have completed raising/lowering structures (water gate valve boxes, manholes) for all the road reconstruction projects in town, finishing up recently on Minot Avenue. Currently, we have two crew members working nights to manage the final positioning of water gate valves with the paving crews from Northeast Paving.

The water crew has begun preliminary work for the main replacement project on Hotel Road, including cutting pavement and setting up temporary water services for the customers in that area. We expect trenching to begin within the next week or two.

The water and sewer crews continue to assist with the Hydrocorp meter replacement project, excavating and repairing service boxes/valves that are found to be inoperable when it is necessary to turn off water during the meter installation. In one case, the broken valve resulted in water reaching the surface on Pleasant Street, but this was quickly repaired.

Systemwide hydrant flushing has been completed. We will now prepare for the fall flushing, which includes a smaller number of hydrants along with blowoff valves at dead end streets.

Upcoming Meetings: Regular Trustee Meeting of September 15th, 2026.

Summary of Auburn Water/Lewiston Water Interlocal Agreements

Watershed Protection Commission (A)

The Commission funds 1 full time position, the employee is employed by the Auburn Water District and billed 50% to the city of Lewiston

A. Interlocal Agreement #1 -Signed June 29, 1993 Lake Auburn Watershed Protection
Summary – Created the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission. The agreement combined the watershed assets of the two utilities and provided a means for unifying efforts to ensure excellent water quality. It was a key effort in order to obtain a Waiver from Filtration under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The funds required to support the budget shall be assessed by the board annually and apportioned equally between the AWD and City of Lewiston. The budget shall include all funds estimated to be necessary for land acquisition, water quality monitoring, watershed management and protection activities, inspection, and enforcement of watershed protection measures and regulations and associated administrative and professional costs.

1. Amendment #1 to Agreement #1 – Signed March 19, 2024 This amendment outlines the process to amend the watershed boundary.

Water Treatment Facilities (B)

There are 6 full time employees at the treatment plant, Water Treatment/Lab Mgr, Watershed Mgr, 2 Water Operators and 2 Lab Technicians. The two managers are employed by the District and cost shared with Lewiston. Lewiston and Auburn then each supply one operator and one Lab Technician. Those 4 employees report to the Treatment Manager.

B. Interlocal Agreement #2– Signed October 3, 1997 Lake Auburn Intake & Water Pretreatment
Summary – Consolidated separate intake and chemical facilities in order to eliminate duplicity of equipment and efforts. Each utility was maintaining separate intakes and treatment equipment. Agreement created partnership to ensure efficiency.

Parties agreed to pay their own apportioned share of chemicals based upon metered usage and jointly bid on chemical purchase. Future capital improvements and expenditures shall be shared equally.

1. MOU for Joint Sodium Hypochlorite Facility – Signed February 7, 2008
AWD/LWD agree to jointly operate a new chlorination facility, converting the existing chlorine gas bulk storage building to accommodate sodium hypochlorite bulk storage. All equipment shall be owned by the respective utilities.

Fees for design of entire facility to be shared equally. Construction cost to be shared based upon pro-rata share of the total facility design, unless work is requested that is specific to the individual utility requesting the work, in which case it shall be paid entirely by the requesting utility. For operations, each utility shall be responsible for the parts of the system that are specific to their utility, i.e. day tank, injection pump, injection lines, and sampling. Hypochlorite shall be shared by each utility based on actual metered usage.

2. <u>MOU for joint UV Light Facility Design and Construction</u> – Signed June 18, 2009

   Design and construction shall be 50/50. The ratio will be adjusted after construction and an agreed upon formula.

   Operating costs will be borne by AWD/LWD based upon utilization thereof.

3. <u>MOU for joint UV facility Phase 2 & 3 design, and application engineering –</u> Signed 7-27-2010

   Design and construction to be shared 50/50. Annual operating costs shall be borne by AWD/LWD based upon their utilization thereof. The parties shall pay their own apportioned share of chemicals and other additives, and for any directly allocable costs.

   The cost of the consultant services shall be equally borne by AWD/LWD

4. <u>MOU for Joint Chloramines Design and Construction –</u> Signed August 19, 2010

   The cost of design and construction to be shared 50/50

5. <u>MOU for Joint Operation of the Lake Auburn Water Treatment Facility -</u>Signed 2011

   Maintenance and Operation of the Lake Auburn Facility is divided between Auburn and Lewiston as determined by past practice or previous agreements.

6. <u>Amendment #1 to Agreement #2</u> – Signed June 4, 2013

   Sharing a Water Treatment Plant Manager subject to a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement, Including all salary and benefits. Any required equipment, vehicles, or support items jointly shared as necessary.

7. <u>Amendment #2 to Agreement #2</u>– Signed November 8, 2015
   AWD and LWD will each employ one Class IV Treatment Operator. AWD will employ up to 2 additional Class IV Operators to be "on call" to cover after hour issues. LWD agrees to reimburse AWD half of the cost for the time these operators are assigned to the plant. Ongoing operational costs will continue to be shared on a 50/50 basis, such as power, heat, property & casualty insurance, etc. Operational chemicals will continue to be pro-rated based upon actual use.

<u>Laboratory Services (C)</u>

C. <u>MOU, Laboratory Services-</u>Signed March 19, 1999 Laboratory & Water Quality Testing Services
   Summary – Consolidated each utility's water quality laboratory and testing services. Utilities were operating separate labs. The Agreement resulted in merging operations into one common lab, with shared technicians.

System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)(D)

At this time, we're not following these agreements. There have been multiple attempts and several proposed amendments with little traction. At this time Auburn has a SCADA Technician and Lewiston has a technician that share the responsibilities of the shared facilities. The Technicians also share on-call coverage for the lake.

D. Interlocal Agreement #4-Signed September 17, 1997 Shared SCADA Instrument Technician Summary – Created a new, joint position to oversee and maintain each utility's evolving computerized control system for operations. Technology was advancing, resulting in more computerized control of systems. An individual with special training was required, but there was no need for each system to maintain separate staff positions.

1. Amendment #1 to Agreement #4-Signed January 30, 2012
The Agreement was amended to add a second, shared person for additional support. Position is responsible for all programming and oversight of approximately 40 wastewater pump stations, 9 water storage tanks, and 10 water booster or pressure regulating stations. Costs are billed to each entity based upon usage.

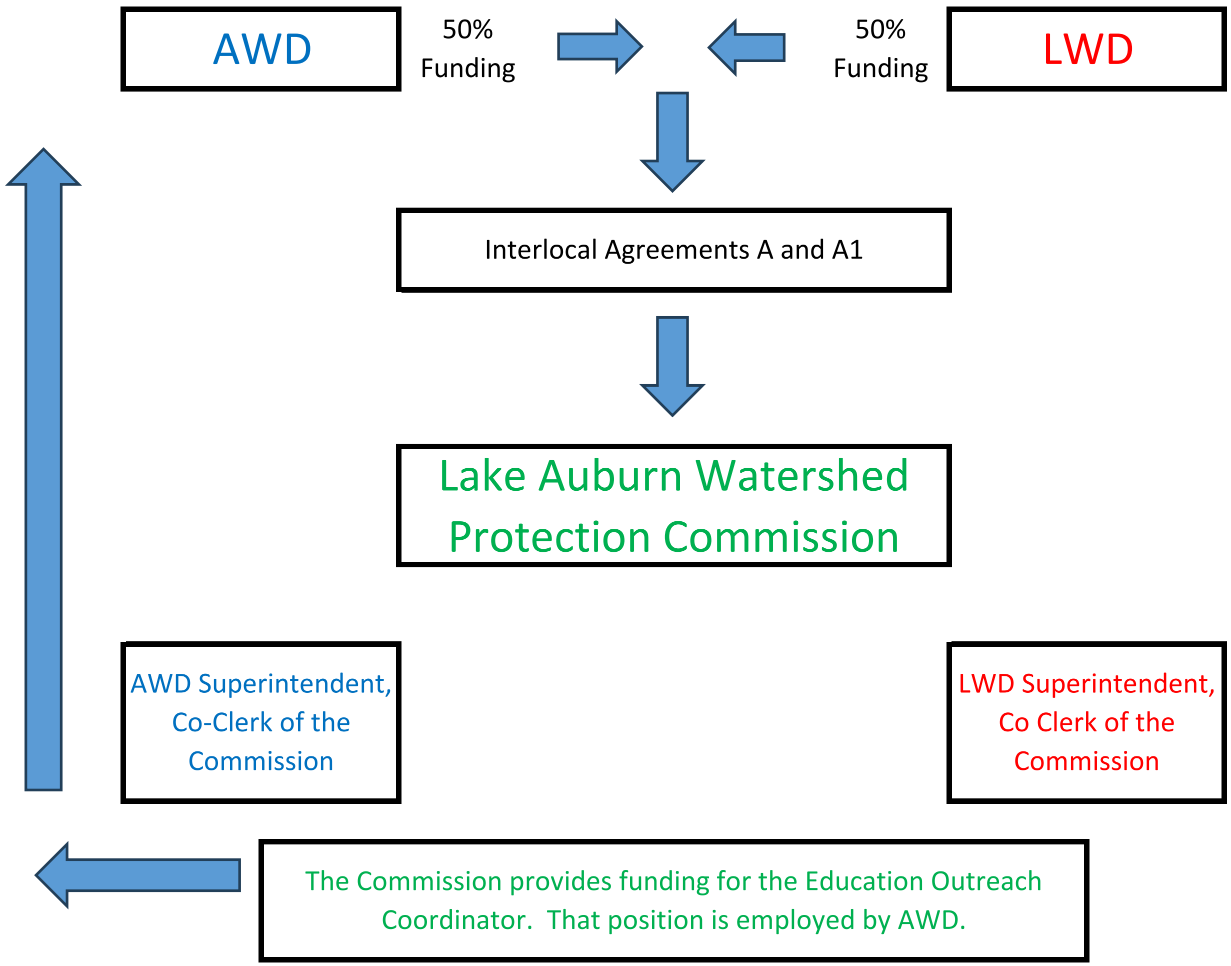
Special Operations Team (E)

Both entities employ and have special operations teams. These teams train together and provide mutual aid support.

E. Mutual Aid Agreement, Special Operations Team-Signed October 18, 2002
Summary – Created a partnership between the two water utilities as well as the Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority to form an internal emergency response team to response to any hazardous material releases within our common facilities. Agreement also created a Confined Space Rescue Team.

F. MOU for Lake Diagnostic Study -Signed October 1, 2012

Cost were shared between the utilities 50/50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50% Funding
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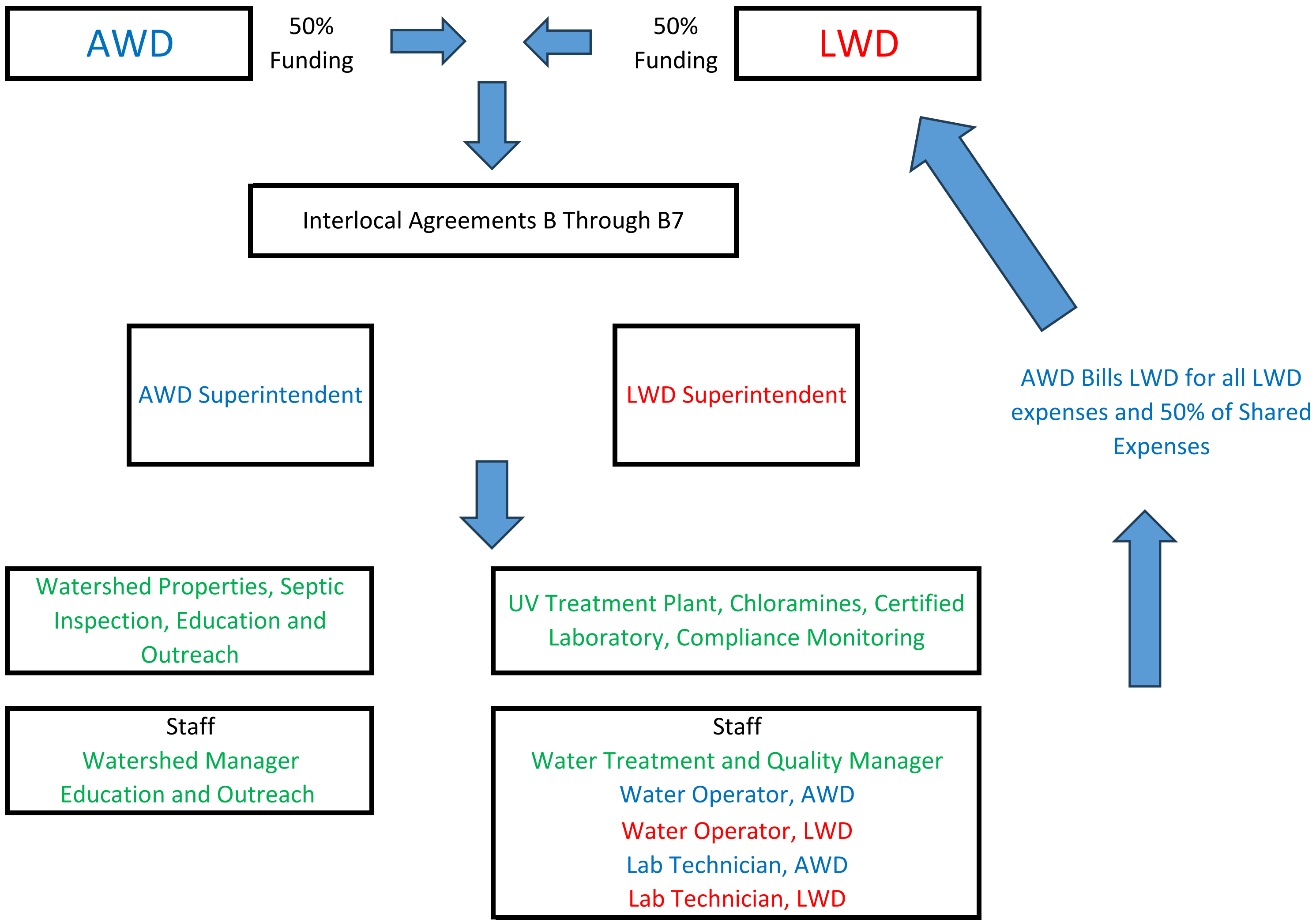
Interlocal Agreements A and A1
Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission
AWD Superintendent, Co-Clerk of the Commission
LWD Superintendent, Co Clerk of the Commission
The Commission provides funding for the Education Outreach Coordinator. That position is employed by AWD.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Interlocal Agreements B Through B7
AWD Superintendent
LWD Superintendent
AWD Bills LWD for all LWD expenses and 50% of Shared Expenses
Watershed Properties, Septic Inspection, Education and Outreach
UV Treatment Plant, Chloramines, Certified Laboratory, Compliance Monitoring
Staff
Watershed Manager
Education and Outreach
Staff
Water Treatment and Quality Manager
Water Operator, AWD
Water Operator, LWD
Lab Technician, AWD
Lab Technician, LWD

AWD

50%
Funding

50%
Funding

LWD

Interlocal Agreements B Through B7

AWD Superintendent

LWD Superintendent

All Shared Facilities, UV, Chloramines, Monitoring Networks

AWD SCADA Technician is on-call every other night and assists with all electrical and programing work at shared facilities.

LWD SCADA Technician is on-call every other night and assists with all electrical and programing work at shared facilities.

The current arrangement does not follow the interlocal agreements, at this time it is an even split of time and responsibilities.

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Auburn Water District is pleased to announce it has received a $3,242 dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association because of its good performance and loss prevention efforts. The association manages three self-funded pools for municipal and quasi-public entities in Maine: The Workers Compensation Fund (established in 1978), The Property & Casualty Pool (formed in 1987), and The Unemployment Compensation Fund (formed in 1978). These programs are overseen by governing boards of elected and appointed municipal officials.

This year 81% of program participants received dividends for their effective risk management practices and favorable loss experience. Specifically, the Workers Compensation Fund distributed nearly $725,000 in dividends, while the Property and Casualty Pool paid out almost $600,000. In total, over $1.3 million was returned directly to Maine Municipal Association members.

Since 1997, the association has consistently provided dividends, resulting in over $30 million returned to participating members. For additional details about the MMA Risk Management Services programs, including online training and other services, you can explore their offerings on their website at www.memun.org or call 1-800-590-5583.

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August 12, 2026

Mr. Michael Broadbent, Superintendent
Auburn Water District
PO Box 414
Auburn, Maine 04212

Dear Mr. Broadbent,

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for the Auburn Water District for the year ended December 31, 2026.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the business-type activities, including the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Auburn Water District of and for the year ended December 31, 2026. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the Auburn Water District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Auburn Water District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis
2. Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
3. Schedule of Contributions - Pension
4. Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability
5. Schedule of Contributions - OPEB

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

The objectives also include reporting on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and will include tests of your accounting records of the Auburn Water District, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

Our audit of financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including the system of internal control, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the Auburn Water District's compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information available to us; for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers); and for the evaluation of whether there are any conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for the 12 months after the financial statements date or shortly thereafter (for example, within an additional three months if currently known). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, or contracts or grant agreements that we report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing and reviewing the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes of the Auburn Water District in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the Uniform Guidance based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements, fixed asset assistance, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes, and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation and review of the financial statements, and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

We will provide **two** bound copies of our reports to the Auburn Water District. If you would like additional bound copies, the fee is **$100.00** per copy. Management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of RHR Smith & Company and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to an oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of RHR Smith & Company personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by an oversight agency. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Ronald H.R. Smith is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, confirmation provider fees, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed the amount broken down as follows:

December 31, 2026:	
Financial Statement Audit	$11,960

Additional annual price of Single Audit (if necessary) - $6,000 for each major program.

A retainer of 75% of the estimated professional fees is due upon execution of this engagement letter. The retainer represents an advance payment for professional services and will be applied against fees as they are earned. If this engagement is terminated for any reason other than a scope limitation that may force us to withdraw from the engagement, we will refund any portion of the retainer that exceeds fees and expenses incurred through the date of termination. An itemized statement showing fees and expenses incurred through the date of termination will be reviewed with you before a refund is issued.

Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to conclude our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of conclusion, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of conclusion. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

You may request that we perform additional services not addressed in this engagement letter. If this occurs, we will communicate with you regarding the scope of the additional services and the estimated fees. We also may issue a separate engagement letter covering the additional services. In the absence of any other written communication from us documenting such additional services, our services will continue to be governed by the terms of this engagement letter.

Reporting

We will issue written reports upon completion of our audit of the Auburn Water District's financial statements. Our reports will be addressed to the Board of Trustees of the Auburn Water District. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will state (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The report will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the Auburn Water District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Auburn Water District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very Best,

RHR Smith & Company

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs
RHRS/YB/26

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Auburn Water District.

Management signature:____

Title:____

Date:____

Rodrigues, Drum & Company, LLC

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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To RHR Smith & Company, CPAs and the
Peer Review Committee of New England Peer Review:

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of RHR Smith & Company, CPAs (the Firm) in effect for the year ended September 30, 2023. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility
The Firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The Firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

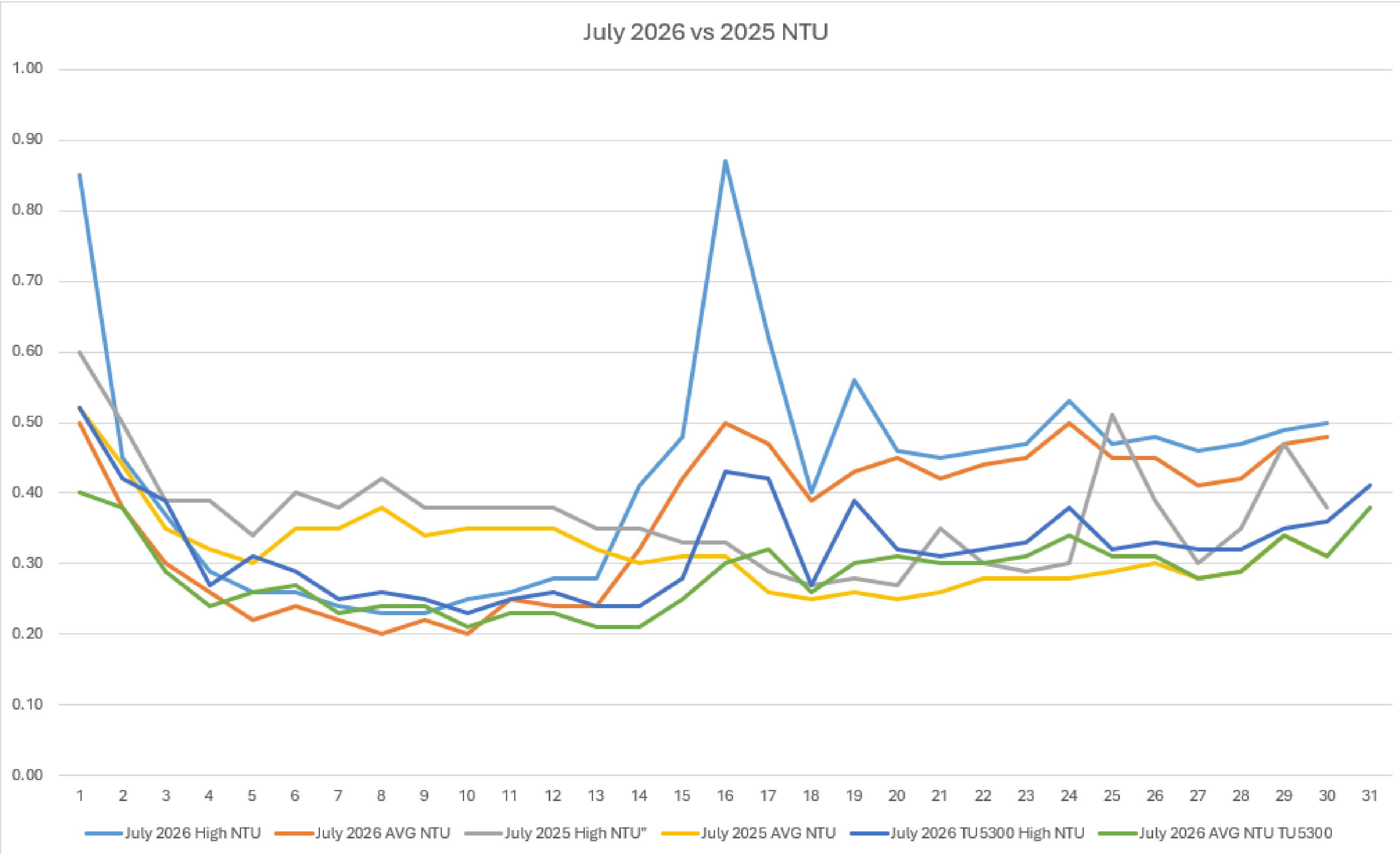
Peer Reviewer's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the Firm's system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations
Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act. As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the Firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion
In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of RHR Smith & Company, CPAs for the year ended September 30, 2023 has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency (ies)* or *fail*. RHR Smith & Company, CPAs has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Rodrigues, Drum & Company, LLC

June 12. 2024



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AUBURN WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
JULY 2026

Water Main Leak Investigations and Repairs

Task/Time Spent	Hrs	Location/Description	Leak Check: On District	Leak Check: On Owner	Repair: Repair Completed	Repair: Boil Water Order?
Leak Investigations	9	46 University Dr., 145 Lake St., 93 Merrow		3		
		(all related to meter work, private side)				
Main Repairs	72	Taylor Pond, 102 Spring St., 10 Minot Ave.	2	1	3	
Total for Month	81					
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Year to Date Total	696					
Previous Year Total*	1223					

* Total hours for previous year are approximate

WATER GATE VALVES

Task/Time Spent	Hours	Location/Description	Adjust or Repair	Install New	Misc.
Raise/Lower Gates for Paving	13	Spring St.	√		
Repair Gate Valves	10		√		
Total for Month	23				
Year to Date Total	469				
Previous Year Total	19				

HYDRANTS

Task/Time Spent	Hrs.	Location/Description	Broken	Frozen	New	Misc.
Shovel/Mark/Check	0					
Repair Hydrants	51	Several	5			
Flushing Hydrants	105	Spring Flushing Program - system wide				
Total for Month	156					
Year to Date Total	1254					
Previous Year Total	1704					

NEW SERVICES

Task/Time Spent	Hrs	Location/Description	Install	Contractor Coordination
Install New Services	1	254 South Main (Preliminary Meeting)	1	
Total for Month	1			
Year to Date Total	99			
Previous Year Total	98			

WORK ON SERVICES

Task/Time Spent	Hrs.	Location/Description	# Locations
Frozen Service	0		
On/Off for Repairs	23	Various	20
Repair Service Box	10	42 Louise St	1
Shut off for Non-Payment	19	15 locations shut off, 13 reinstated	15
Multis Tagged	4		17
Total for Month	56		
Year to Date Total	439		
Previous Year Total	313		

METERS

Task/Time Spent	Hrs.	Location/Description	# Locations
Frozen Meters	0		
New Meter Install	2	113 Wyman	1
Change Out (Replace w/ KamStrup)	4	3 Lilian, 145c Mystique, 54 Flightline	3
2026 Meter Replacement Program	143	"	See Hydrocorp Report
Final Reads	15	Various	28
Meter Reading	20	System-wide	
Remove/Install Meter (Seasonal)	0		
Total for Month	184		
Year to Date Total	951		
Previous Year Total	972		

STATION CHECKS

Task/Time Spent	Hrs.	Location/Description
Poland Booster Station	23	Transfer Switch Repaired
Poland Spring Booster Station	0	
New Gloucester Booster Station	4	OK
Stable Ridge Booster Station	3	OK
Brentwood Booster Station	0	
Total for Month	30	
Year to Date Total	85	
Previous Year Total	241	

WATER QUALITY CALLS

Task/Time Spent	Hrs.	Location/Description	Dirty	Color	Taste or Odor	Misc.
Respond to calls	9	Various - water quality testing, BWO on Merrow Rd.				4
Total for Month	9					
Year to Date Total	17					
Previous Year Total	15					

LABORATORY

Month	Dist. Sys. Tests	Temp (°C) Air	Temp (°C) Water	Avg. NaOH gal/MG	Avg. Cl mg/l	Avg. Fl* mg/l	Avg. Turb. (ntu)	SWTR Tests
January	47		2.3	23.73	3.05	0.72	0.35	31
February	44		2.6	23.75	2.97	0.75	0.33	28
March	51		2.4	23.72	2.99	0.74	0.33	31
April	46		4.0	23.86	2.98	0.74	0.52	30
May	47		12.2	24.18	2.89	0.73	0.71	31
June	50		15.2	24.20	2.78	0.71	0.49	30
July	47		24.4	24.22	2.71	0.71	0.34	31
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
YTD Avg			9.0	24.0	2.9	0.7	0.4	
YTD Totals	332							212

*Fluoride Offline 7/30/2026

LAKE AUBURN

Month	No. Patrols	Withdrawals * AWD	LWD	Total	Elevations ** 1st	High	Yr.	Low	Yr.
January	6	2.32	3.13	5.45	259.09	261.41	2023	257.2	2001
February	7	2.36	3.24	5.60	259.09	261.70	1996	257.1	2002
March	9	2.36	3.30	5.66	259.07	261.41	2010	257	2002.00
April	17	2.34	3.06	5.40	260.22	262.40	1953	258	2002.00
May	20	2.43	3.29	5.72	261.06	261.82	2023	259	2007.00
June	15	2.58	3.53	6.11	261.19	261.80	2003	259	2007.00
July	16	2.84	4.21	7.05	260.71	261.70	2013	259	1960.00
August						261.32	2023	258	1999.00
September						260.92	2013	257	1999.00
October						261.10	1981	258	1952.00
November						260.95	2011	257	1952.00
December						261.30	1981	257	1952.00
Avg. Daily		2.46	3.39	5.86					

* Average Daily Withdrawals MGD ** Elevation Above Sea Level

WEATHER

Month	Precipitation Snowfall (in.)	Normal Snowfall (in.)	Departure from Normal	Rain (in.)	Normal Rain (in.)	Departure from Normal	Max (ºF)	Min (ºF)	Avg (ºF)	Normal (ºF)
January	23.90	**16.50**	7.40	2.07	**1.10**	0.97	41.0	-7.0	17.0	**20**
February	7.50	**14.90**	-7.40	1.17	**1.4**	-0.23	29	11.0	20.0	**23**
March	15.50	**10.40**	5.10	2.75	**2.3**	0.45	41	23.0	32.0	**32**
April	0.40	**2.50**	-2.10	5.20	**3.4**	1.80	52	33.0	42.5	**43**
May	0.00	**0.10**	-0.10	5.69	**3.5**	2.2	63	44.0	53.5	**54**
June	0.00	**0.00**	0.00	3.77	**3.6**	0.2	76	55.0	65.5	**63**
July	0.0	**0.00**	0.00	0.19	**3.2**	-3.0	79	58.0	68.5	**69**
August		**0.00**			**3.1**					**67**
September		**0.00**			**3.3**					**59**
October		**0.40**			**4.2**					**48**
November		**4.60**			**3.7**					**38**
December		**14.60**			**2.1**					**26**
YTD Totals	47.30	64.00		20.84	34.90					

* From https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/cdo-web/search POLAND, ME US USC00176856

DIG SAFE

Month	Total	Contractors	MDOT	APW	School Dept.	Lewiston Water	CMP	AWD	ASD	GAS	Other
January	30	11	0	0	0	0	13	6	0	0	0
February	41	7	0	0	0	0	27	6	1	0	0
March	99	53	1	10	0	0	25	7	1	2	0
April	174	119	8	29	0	0	8	4	0	5	1
May	135	77	3	16	0	0	25	7	0	6	1
June	175	76	0	81	0	0	6	6	0	5	1
July	142	70	2	32	0	0	17	9	0	11	1
August											
September											
October											
November											
December											
YTD Totals	796	413	14	168	0	0	121	45	2	29	4

DUTY FORMAN CALLS

(Overtime)

Districts	Total # Calls	High/Low Pressure	Water Quality	Alarms	Service Issue	Leak	Misc.	Hydrants	Meter	Fire Calls
Sewerage District	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water District	10	0	0	0	6	2	2	0	0	0
Total for Month	10									
Year to Date Total	74									
Previous Year Total	65	0	0	0	6	2	2	0	0	0

OTHER ACTIVITIES (TRAINING, MAINTENANCE AND INVENTORY)

Activity	Hours
Plowing and Sanding/Snow Removal (Split with Sewerage District)	0
Equipment Maintenance	35
Truck Maintenance	21
General Tasks including meetings, paperwork, housekeeping	187
Building Maintenance	4
Inventory	30
Operator Training	20
2026 Paving Projects	458