AGENDA
Denver Board of Water Commissioners

Denver Water Board Room, 1600 W 12th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204 and

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Wednesday, May 13, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Board Coffee 8:30 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

A. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

B. Public Comment and Communications

At this point in the agenda, the Board may allow members of the public to address the Board on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the agenda for action. Speakers wishing to address a specific Action Item will be invited to address the Board when the item is being considered. Three minutes are allowed for each person unless the President determines otherwise.

1. Distributor Communications
2. Citizen Advisory Committee Communications

C. Ceremonies, Awards, and Introductions

D. Legislative Update — **Andrew Hill** — 5 minutes

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Items

Items listed below are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion and vote. If any Board member desires discussion beyond explanatory questions, or corrections to the Minutes, the President may order that item to be considered in a separate motion and vote.

1. Minutes from April 8, 2026
2. Minutes from April 22, 2026

B. Individual Approval Items

III. POLICY MATTERS

A.	**Drought Update**	**Nathan Elder, Greg Fisher, Stacy Chesney**	15 minutes
B.	**GRE Update**	**Jeff Martin**	15 minutes
C.	**First Quarter Performance Report**	**Jeff Mitchell**	10 minutes

IV. EXECUTIVE UPDATE

A. CEO Update

B. CFO Update

C. Operations Update

V. BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

A. Briefing Paper

1. Legislative Update

B. Report

1. March Monthly Financial Report

VI. ADJOURNMENT

VII. TRUSTEE MATTERS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may adjourn the regular meeting and reconvene in executive session on topics authorized by D.R.M.C Sec. 2-34.

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: May 13, 2026 Board item: V-A-1

Briefing Paper for Legislative Strategy

Summary

As of May 8, 2026, the General Assembly has introduced 625 bills. Since the last Board meeting, the legislature finalized work on the state budget and sent the $46.8 billion spending bill to the Governor's desk. In addition, Denver Water staff met with the proponents of a proposed "Right to Float" bill to discuss concerns about its potential impact on Denver Water property and infrastructure. Finally, HB26-1030, Data Center & Utility Modernization, was postponed indefinitely, and SB26-070, Ban Government Access Historical Location Information Database, was laid over until after the session. This is the final Briefing Paper before the legislative session adjourns May 13, 2026. Staff will provide the Board with a comprehensive review of the session at a future meeting.

Background

The following are summaries of notable bills that Denver Water staff are reviewing and tracking. A complete list of relevant legislation is attached to this briefing paper.

SB26-165 Species Conservation Measures. This bill provides $2,380,000 for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. Denver Water sits on the executive committee for the program and helps support the work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the recovery effort for native fish on the Upper Colorado River. **Recommended Position: Support**.

Owner Andrew Hill, Office of People and Strategy

Attachments Summary Table – 2026 Legislation

Respectfully submitted,

☒ Andrew Hill, Government Affairs Liaison

☒ Julie Anderson, Chief of Staff

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Summary Table – 2026 Legislation
As of May 8, 2026

Bill #	Title	Position	Status	Next Action Date	Review Status
HB26-1005	Worker Protection Collective Bargaining	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1008	Colorado Outdoor Opportunities Act	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1013	Ratio Utility Billing Systems	Monitor	Governor Signed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1030	Data Center & Utility Modernization	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1034	Modifications to Standards for Irrigation Equipment	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1037	Ban Government Purchase of Personal Data from Third Party	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1054	Protections for Worker Safety	Monitor	Referred Amended to Senate Committee of the Whole	5/11/26	Complete
HB26-1101	Criminal Offenses Related to Critical Infrastructure Metals	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1112	Regulation of Underground Injection Control Wells	Monitor	Referred Amended to Appropriations	TBD	Complete
HB26-1121	Public Accessibility of Emissions Records	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1145	Mobile Home Park Water Quality	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1205	Colorado State Forest Service Good Neighbor Authority	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1236	Arbitration Reform	Monitor	Referred Amended to Senate Committee of the Whole	5/8/26	Complete
HB26-1223	Modifying Certain Tax Expenditures	Monitor	Referred Amended to Senate Appropriations	TBD	Complete
HB26-1252	Updates to State Emergency Response Departments & Divisions	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1272	Extreme Temperatures Worker Protections	Monitor	Referred Amended to Senate Appropriations	TBD	Complete
HB26-1279	Public Utility Notice to Real Property Owner	Oppose	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete

HB26-1308	Lot Splitting Approval by Subject Jurisdictions	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1310	Wildfire Resiliency Grant Money	Oppose	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1319	Right to Be Out at Work	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1323	Wildfire Resiliency Prohibiting Taking of Beavers	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1334	Modify Standards of Wildfire Resiliency Code Board	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
HB26-1338	2026 Water Projects Bill	Monitor	Bill Passed	N/A	Complete
HB26-1340	Revegetate or Dry Farm Formerly Irrigated Agricultural Land	Monitor	Referred Amended to Senate Committee of the Whole	5/11/26	Complete
SB26-016	Prohibit Discharge Preproduction Plastic Materials	Monitor	Governor Signed	N/A	Complete
SB26-024	State & Local Unmanned Aircraft Regulation	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
SB26-025	Monument Records Placement Submission Maintenance	Support	Governor Signed	N/A	Complete
SB26-070	Ban Government Access Historical Location Information Database	Amend	Laid Over to 7/4/26	N/A	Complete
SB26-090	Exempt Critical Infrastructure from Right to Repair	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
SB26-093	Workers Compensation Verification	Monitor	Passed House Second Reading	5/8/26	Complete
SB26-102	Large Load Data Centers	Monitor	Laid Over Unamended	TBD	Complete
SB26-107	Modify Colorado Open Records Act	Monitor	Postponed Indefinitely	N/A	Complete
SB26-131	Sports Betting Protections	Monitor	Passed House Second Reading	5/8/26	Complete
SB26-165	Species Conservation Measures	Support	Passed House Second Reading	5/8/26	Complete
SB26-175	Adjust Experience Modification Factor in Workers' Compensation	Monitor	Passed House Second Reading	5/8/26	Complete

DENVER WATER FINANCIAL REPORT
MARCH 2026

$ in thousands	Current Budget	YTD Actuals	Rem. Mo. Forecast	Full Year Forecast	Budget Over/(Under)	Budget Var %	Variance Comments
Water sales	409,630	61,184	348,446	409,630	(0)	0.0%	Anticipated revenue impacts due to drought will be incorporated into the forecast in Q2
Hydropower	4,544	435	4,133	4,568	24	0.5%	
Special assessments and fees	6,171	1,384	4,787	6,171	0	0.0%	
Interest income	4,044	2,366	2,633	4,999	955	23.6%	
Other revenue	9,853	3,311	6,216	9,528	(325)	-3.3%	
Contributions	19,480	4,186	15,294	19,480	0	0.0%	
SDC revenue	34,764	16,709	18,056	34,764	(0)	0.0%	
TOTAL REVENUE	**$ 488,486**	**$ 89,576**	**$ 399,565**	**$ 489,140**	**$ 654**	**0.1%**	
Proceeds from debt/loans	375,000	50,000	325,000	375,000	-	0.0%	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	**$ 863,486**	**$ 139,576**	**$ 724,565**	**$ 864,140**	**$ 654**	**0.1%**	
Regular wages	107,643	24,585	82,322	106,907	(735)	-0.7%	Budgeted vacancy rate of 5.5%; forecasted vacancy rate, including LTE wages, is 6.5% due to implemented hiring delay (drought reductions)
Limited Term Employee wages	2,062	376	1,379	1,754	(308)	-14.9%	Included in vacancy rate above
Seasonal Labor	665	21	290	311	(354)	-53.3%	2026 internship program (drought reductions)
Other pay	9,613	1,974	7,768	9,742	129	1.3%	
Applied labor	(11,810)	(3,236)	(8,277)	(11,512)	298	-2.5%	
Benefits	52,489	13,262	39,110	52,372	(117)	-0.2%	Benefits savings related to additional salary savings (drought reductions)
Salaries and Benefits	**160,663**	**36,981**	**122,593**	**159,574**	**(1,088)**	**-0.7%**	
Professional services	8,294	1,153	6,655	7,808	(485)	-5.9%	Various changes across all divisions (drought reductions)
Contingent staffing	874	148	740	888	14	1.6%	
Purchased services	24,330	5,783	18,234	24,017	(313)	-1.3%	Various changes across all divisions (drought reductions)
Construction and field services	16,690	2,641	14,072	16,713	23	0.1%	O&M: Repairs at SOS facilities ($180K); various changes across all divisions (drought reductions)
Lead Service Line transfer	(1,813)	-	(1,813)	(1,813)	-	0.0%	
Waste disposal services	2,802	598	2,319	2,917	114	4.1%	
Facility services	7,730	1,075	6,531	7,606	(124)	-1.6%	
Utilities	10,337	2,394	8,297	10,691	354	3.4%	Mostly due to energy rate increases and Foothills outage
Professional and Purchased Services	**69,243**	**13,791**	**55,035**	**68,827**	**(417)**	**-0.6%**	
Materials and supplies	20,140	4,418	15,642	20,060	(79)	-0.4%	O&M: Repairs at SOS facilities ($88K); Various changes across all divisions (drought reductions)
Chemicals	11,012	1,526	9,450	10,976	(37)	-0.3%	
Materials, Supplies, and Chemicals	**31,152**	**5,944**	**25,092**	**31,036**	**(116)**	**-0.4%**	
Travel	650	75	412	487	(162)	-25.0%	Various changes across all divisions (drought reductions)
Training	422	78	333	411	(11)	-2.6%	Various changes across all divisions (drought reductions)
Conferences Registration	316	37	168	205	(111)	-35.2%	Various changes across all divisions (drought reductions)
Travel, Training, and Conferences	**1,388**	**189**	**914**	**1,103**	**(284)**	**-20.5%**	
Rents and leases	735	170	545	715	(20)	-2.7%	
Other insurance and legal claims	450	202	848	1,050	600	133.3%	
Misc. expenses	287	157	142	299	12	4.0%	
Other Expense	**1,472**	**529**	**1,535**	**2,064**	**592**	**40.2%**	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS w/o PROJECTS	**$ 263,917**	**$ 57,435**	**$ 205,169**	**$ 262,605**	**$ (1,313)**	**-0.5%**	
Collection	2,408	1,324	1,204	2,528	120	5.0%	Strontia Watershed Program ($101K), Strontia Permanent Bypass Study ($61K)
Distribution	1,022	66	1,017	1,082	60	5.9%	Willow Creek C128 Protection ($165K)
Expansion	3,284	131	2,899	3,030	(254)	-7.7%	Forest to Faucets (-$200K)
Operations Support/Other	12,399	2,157	9,933	12,091	(308)	-2.5%	No-fault Main Break Program ($432K), Deferral of multiple IT projects (-$878K)
Treatment	28	7	28	35	7	24.7%	
Operating Projects (incl. applied labor)	**19,141**	**3,685**	**15,081**	**18,767**	**(375)**	**-2.0%**	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	**$ 283,058**	**$ 61,121**	**$ 220,251**	**$ 281,371**	**$ (1,687)**	**-0.6%**	

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$ in thousands	Current Budget	YTD Actuals	Rem. Mo. Forecast	Full Year Forecast	Budget Over/(Under)	Budget Var %	Variance Comments
Collection	117,267	17,224	119,757	136,981	19,715	16.8%	Gross Reservoir ($15.6M), Strontia Outlet Works and EIC ($2.2M), Eleven Mile Electrical Upgrade ($1.1M), Meadow Creek Upstream Controls ($491K)
Distribution	64,633	13,898	52,712	66,610	1,976	3.1%	Main Replacements ($1.5M), Tower Road Recycled Water Main ($747K), Castlewood PS ($433K), Highlands PS - low side (-$1.8M)
Expansion	9,920	2,977	7,611	10,588	668	6.7%	Hazeltine Wet Wells ($787K), North Complex Aeration (-$183K)
Operations Support/Other	78,664	9,149	63,536	72,684	(5,980)	-7.6%	Recycle TP Solar ($2.0M), Marston TP Solar (-$8.0M)
Treatment	8,582	1,129	7,318	8,447	(135)	-1.6%	Foothills TP Caustic/Alum Upgrade ($406K), Marston Disinfection Improvements(-$474K)
TOTAL CAPITAL (incl. applied labor)	**279,066**	**$ 44,377**	**$ 250,933**	**295,311**	**$ 16,245**	**5.8%**	
Interest expense	65,678	22,565	43,716	66,280	602	0.9%	Additional 2 months of interest due to timing shift on commercial paper refunding
Principal payments	205,922	428	205,494	205,922	(0)	0.0%	
Debt Service	**$ 271,599**	**$ 22,992**	**$ 249,209**	**$ 272,202**	**$ 602**	**0.2%**	
TOTAL USES OF FUNDS	**$ 833,724**	**$ 128,490**	**$ 720,393**	**$ 848,884**	**$ 15,160**	**1.8%**	

Metrics
Revenue: +/- 5%
Operating expense categories: +/- 5%
Total Operating w/o Projects: +/- 2%

Gray: Items from prior months
Black: Items from current month

GRANT FUNDS - SUMMARY

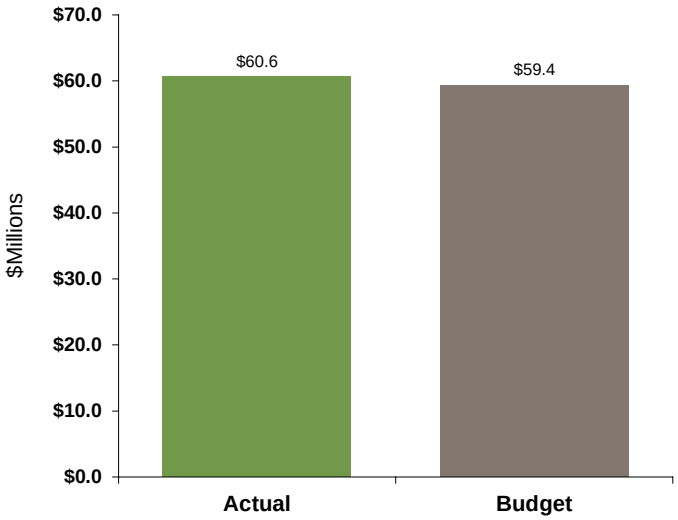
Grant Name	Revenue			Expense			Comments
	Actuals to Date	Current Year Forecast	Future Years Forecast	Actuals to Date	Current Year Forecast	Future Years Forecast	
CWBC - Turf Replacement Award amount: $25,000	$ 17	$ 8	$ (0)	$ 24	$ 1	$ (0)	Awarded by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources to remove and replace bluegrass with a native grass requiring little to no water at specified DW locations.
Clean Fleet Vehicle and Technology Award amount: $145,000	$ -	$ 145	$ -	$ 145	$ -	$ -	Awarded by the Colorado Department of Public Health to help organizations transition their fleets to low- or zero-emission vehicles.
Fleet-ZERO EV Charging Award amount: $86,000	$ -	$ 86	$ -	$ -	$ 86	$ -	Awarded by the Colorado Energy Office to provide funding for electric vehicle (EV) charging to support light-, medium- and heavy-duty EV fleets.
CWBC - Turf Replacement 25/26 Award amount: $70,000	$ -	$ 70	$ -	$ 30	$ 40	$ 0	Awarded by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources to remove and replace bluegrass with a water efficient option at specific locations
Clean Fleet Vehicle and Technology - 26 Award amount: $250,000	$ -	$ 250	$ -	$ -	$ 250	$ -	Awarded by the Colorado Department of Public Health to help organizations transition their fleets to low- or zero-emission vehicles.

**Note: The revenue and expenditures listed in this summary are not included in the preceding Denver Water financial report*

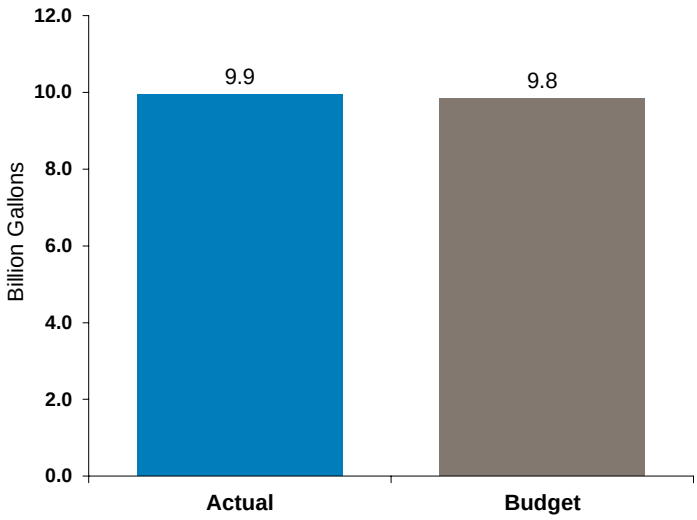
Billed Revenue and Consumption Actuals and Budget

March 2026

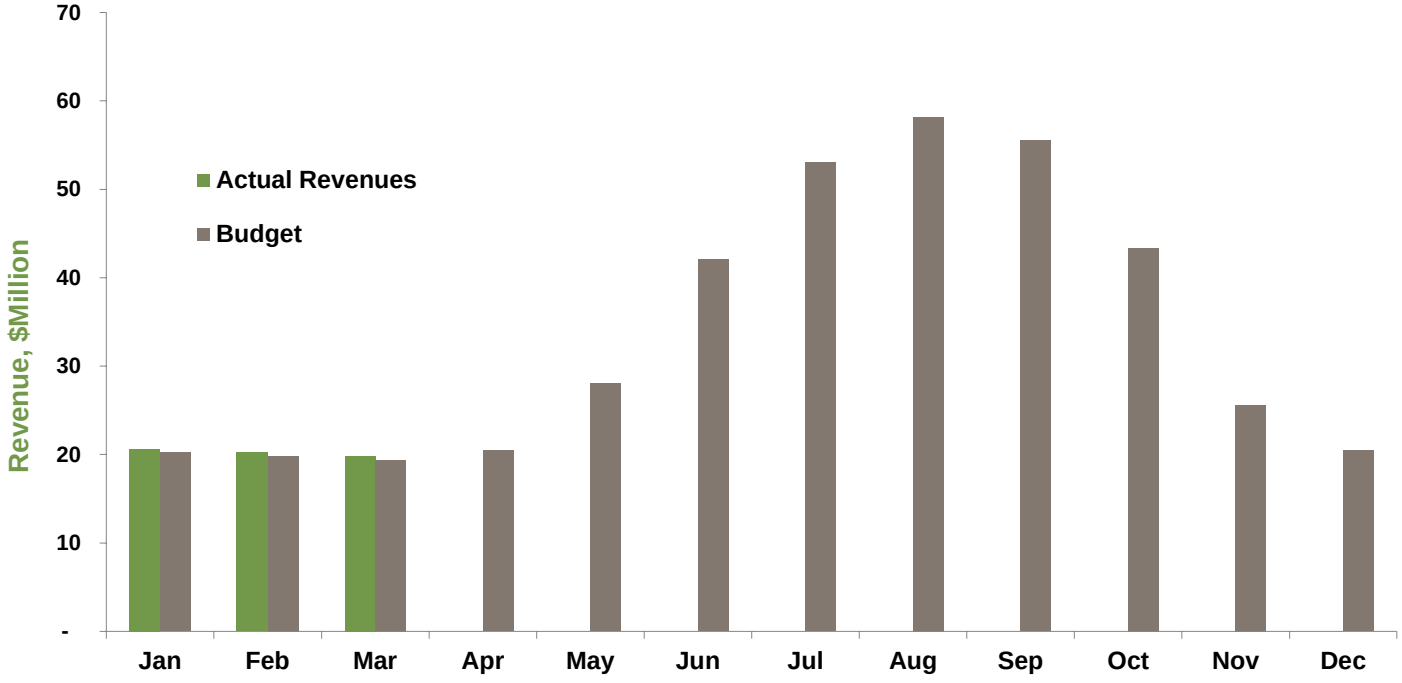
Graph 1: YTD revenue comparison[1]



Graph 2: YTD consumption comparison



Graph 3: Comparison of 2026 actual monthly revenue and consumption to forecast monthly revenue



1. *The values in this report are based on bill cycle periods which may not correspond with calendar month periods. As a result, the revenue and consumption in this report can vary from the revenue and consumption reported by accounting.*

The Billed Revenue and Consumption report compares the budgeted revenue and consumption with the actual revenue and consumption on both a monthly and year-to-date basis.

Graph 1: This bar chart compares year-to-date actual revenue to the budgeted revenue. Actual revenue is $60.6 million. Budgeted Revenue is $59.4 million.

Graph 2: This bar chart compares year-to-date actual consumption to the budgeted consumption. Actual consumption is 9.9 billion gallons. Budgeted consumption is 9.8 billion gallons.

Graph 3: This graph shows actual monthly revenue versus budget for each month in 2026 through March. January, February and March exceed the budget. No month is below the budget