

General Update 04/15/2026

• **Ditch Maintenance prior to irrigation start/opening. Volunteers Welcome!**

- **Targeting May 2nd @ 9am** (pending weather)
 - Meeting at Shining Mtns 2 Mailboxes
 - If there is weather concerns push to May 3rd as alternative
 - Break into x3 groups pending projects
 - Cold Spring Creek - x1 Crew
 - Blaine Spring - x1 Crew
 - Misc Support - x1 Crew
- Shovels, Racks, & Brush cutting devices welcome.
- The SMWUA board has been evaluating general projects but always open for feedback and to support any issues identified. Please send a separate email to: shiningmountainswua@gmail.com

• **Irrigation Water Opening**

- Volunteers Meeting at Shining Mtns 2 Mailboxes @ **9am May 16th, 2026**
 - Blaine Spring (via kaiser ditch)
 - Cold Spring Creek
- Volunteers needed to walk waterways. **We appreciate the support!!**
- Blaine Spring (via economy ditch)
 - Based on Bar 7 ranch open date
- Wigwam
 - May 30th (tentative)
 - Still evaluating improvement options

• **SMWUA Legal Update**

- Crowley & Fleck - Water attorneys that represent SMWUA users.
 - Voted by users and board to hire Nov 2024
- What has SMWUA done to support defending our water rights?
 - Collected and organized evidence. 100's of hours from board members and volunteers
 - SMWUA firmly defends it has not abandoned it water rights and does not want to see a reduction in use: 1. Active Users utilizing for "beneficial use" & options for future users to utilize water.
 - Supported attorney requests
 - Crowley and Fleck Requested a hydrologist to review current water and usage.
 - Hired Feb 2026
 - Paid by donation
 - Positive 3rd party support.
 - Why has Case taken so long?
 - Reason 1: duration extended due to prolonged Gov shutdown specifically for members of the fed water court
 - Reason 2: Challenges communicating w/ other attorneys

- Reason 3: Crowley & Fleck complete a attorney change due to primary moving locations.
- What is the next steps ?
 - Legal Filing Date: April 27th, 2026
 - Judge to review current cases
 - SMWUA board is pushing for a final resolution as we believe the following has exasperated funds and taken an extended amount of time.

- **Financial Update**

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- **SMWUA did not raise 2026 dues but is kindly asking for donations to help support final legal fees and continuing to operate SMWUA**
 - Please send checks payable to SMWUA. Notate as a donation. SMWUA can provide a receipt for tax/donation purposes.
- 2025 Tax Year: Non Profit Taxes Filed
- 2026 Insurance dues PAID

- **When is the Next SMWUA Meeting?**

- Targeting post water case hearing
- Date & Time TBD

Thanks,

SMWUA Board of Directors