



AUDIENCE: Town of Kearny Residents and Water Use Stakeholders

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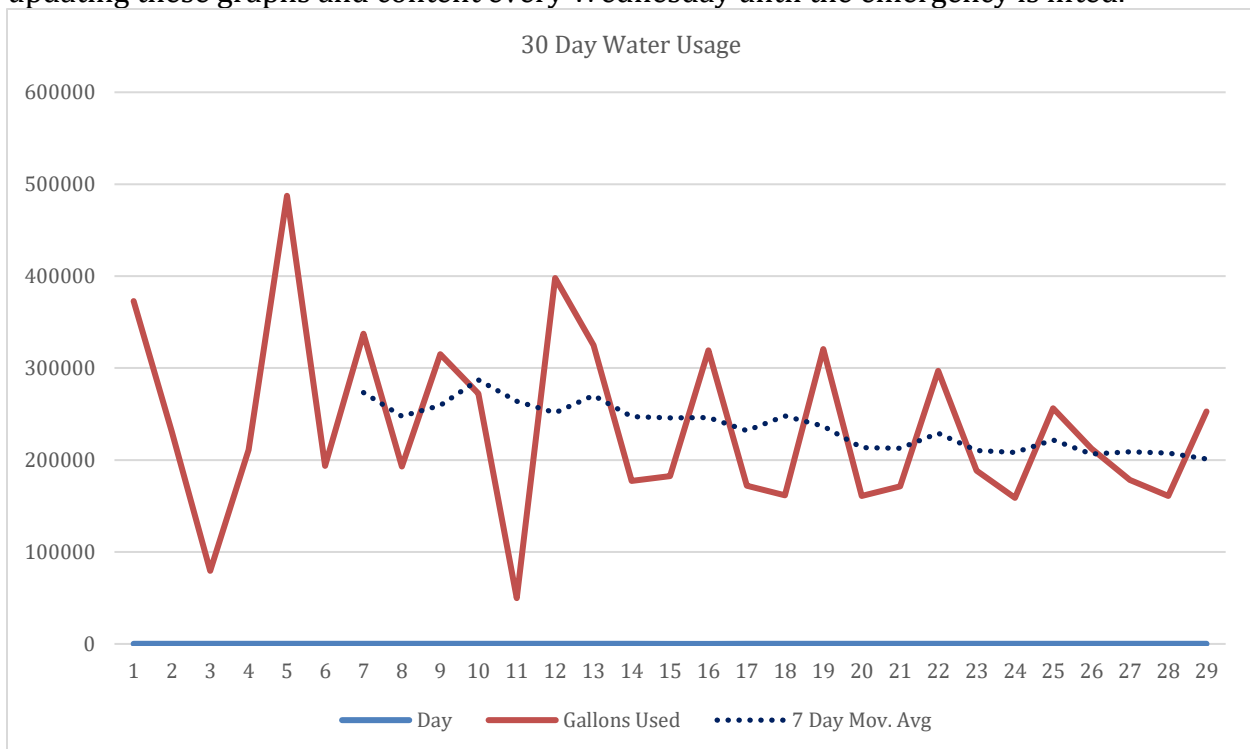
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SUMMARY: The Town of Kearny has received a reduced allotment of water from the Gila River Water Commissioner based on the Globe Equity Decree of 1935 necessitating water restrictions. This weekly communication serves as a regular update to the residents regarding the situation.

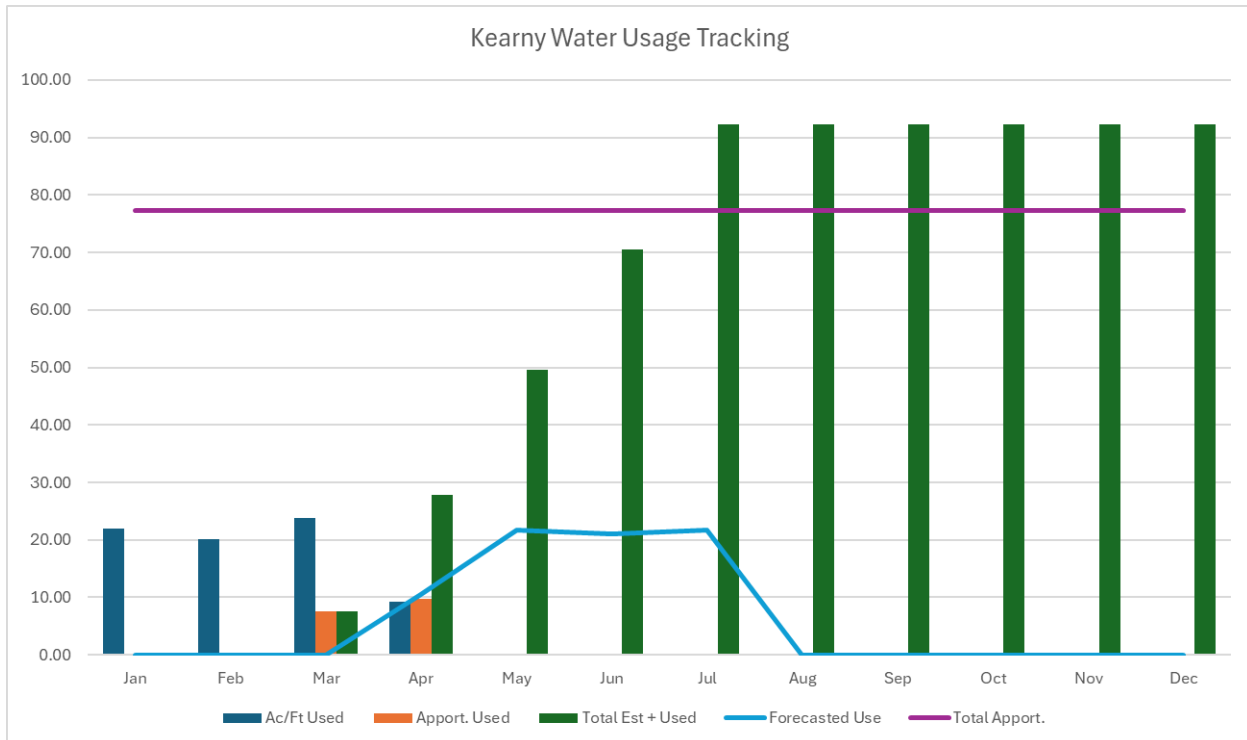
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**CURRENT USAGE RATES:**

The data indicates progress, while we still need to continue to reduce water usage I want to thank you for hearing the message and doing what you can to stretch our water. We will be updating these graphs and content every Wednesday until the emergency is lifted.



The 30-day water usage trendline based on a 7-day rolling average is trending lower which is excellent news for the town! Thank you to everyone who is working to reduce their usage.



The longer-term outlook has not yet changed; we will need a few more weeks of reduced usage to see a change in the long-term outlook. Quick math would indicate that just in your reduction in usage over the last week we have bought ourselves 2 more days before we run out. Please continue to reduce wherever you can.

#### EXTERNAL MEETINGS HELD THIS WEEK:

1. Resolution Copper – briefed Resolution on the water situation in Kearny, no immediate solutions available. Resolution will be looking for some options and will get back to us. Resolution will help with anything they can to get us through this.
2. ASARCO – update on water usage data, ASARCO continues to seek a solution. Providing legal and technical support.
3. Arizona Water Co. – briefed them on the current water situation. AWC is willing to provide technical assistance in looking for any potential leaks within the system that could be leading to water losses. They will review their water rights along the Globe Equity Decree area and get back with us if there are options. We will be meeting with them again in a week or two.
4. Media interviews – Ch12, ABC15, Fox 10, The New York Times, Independent Journalists. These reports are publicly available.
5. Representative Crane’s Chief of Staff – offering to help where possible. Will be reaching out to several stakeholders seeking a solution or a proposed solution. Representative Crane is our lifeline to federal agencies like the Department of Interior who are key stakeholders in any solution we might come up with.



6. Senator Rogers – Our State Senator continues to provide what support she can, unfortunately this issue is Federal and cannot be resolved at the state level.
7. Gila River Water Commissioner – update on ToK water situation. Please DO NOT direct questions to her office, direct them to Town Hall.
8. Senator Kelly – conversation around what his office might be able to do to help. We will follow up with them on 4.16.26.

**ADDITIONAL MESSAGING:**

**FIRE –**

It should be obvious that fire represents a very significant threat to not only life and property but also our water supply. It takes a lot of water to extinguish a fire, prevention requires none. Please take a moment and evaluate your property, if you see dry weeds standing in your yard get them cleaned out to help prevent fire on your property. It should also be obvious that any use of open flame in your yard right now is strictly prohibited.

The recent fire in Kearny cost the town 30,000 gallons of water.

**RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT:**

Mr. & Mrs. Cude – well done to you both. The Cude’s reduced their monthly water usage by 10,000 gallons! That’s a massive reduction and we all thank you for your sacrifice and support in these efforts. The Cude’s are doing this by bringing water in from outside Kearny to help keep their landscaping alive. If you see them on the street please thank them for their efforts.

**ONGOING INFORMATION**

Reduction Goal: 30% +

Current Reduction (7-day average): **11.8%**

**FAQ**

Question	Response
May I water my lawn or landscaping?	No – strictly prohibited
May I wash my vehicle?	No – strictly prohibited using Kearny water
May I wash my driveway or outside surfaces like sidewalks?	No – strictly prohibited
May I fill my pool?	No – strictly prohibited
What about a small pool like a “kiddie” pool, can I fill that?	No – strictly prohibited
Can we use water for dust control, at the corrals or on dirt roads?	No – strictly prohibited Exception: Use of lake water is allowed for this purpose, you must pump it and haul it yourself
How can I reduce my water usage?	- Fix all leaks - Shower smart, keep them short



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Re-wear clothing to the extent possible to reduce laundry</li> <li>- Low flow shower heads</li> <li>- Flush less frequently</li> </ul>
Are other towns impacted by the shortage? Hayden, Winkleman, others?	Not at this time. Our water rights are junior (not as old) to those used by our neighbors. We feel the pain first.
How is our water allowance calculated?	The amount of water in San Carlos reservoir determines our water apportionment. The lake has less than 2% capacity as of 4.14.2026.
What is “the plan”?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduce water usage at least 30%</li> <li>- Continue repairing wells located north of the town to supply some of the water we need</li> <li>- Stretch our apportionment to the monsoon season</li> <li>- Continue to work with our community partners like ASARCO, GRIC, Resolution Copper, SCIP, and others to find a solution</li> </ul>
What CAN we use the water for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sanitation, showering, dishes</li> <li>- Life supporting activities</li> </ul>
What is the Town doing about this?	This emergency is our entire focus. Water law is very complicated; our situation is similar to the Colorado River situation. They have been negotiating that deal for years and have no success. Any solution to our emergency is going to take time.