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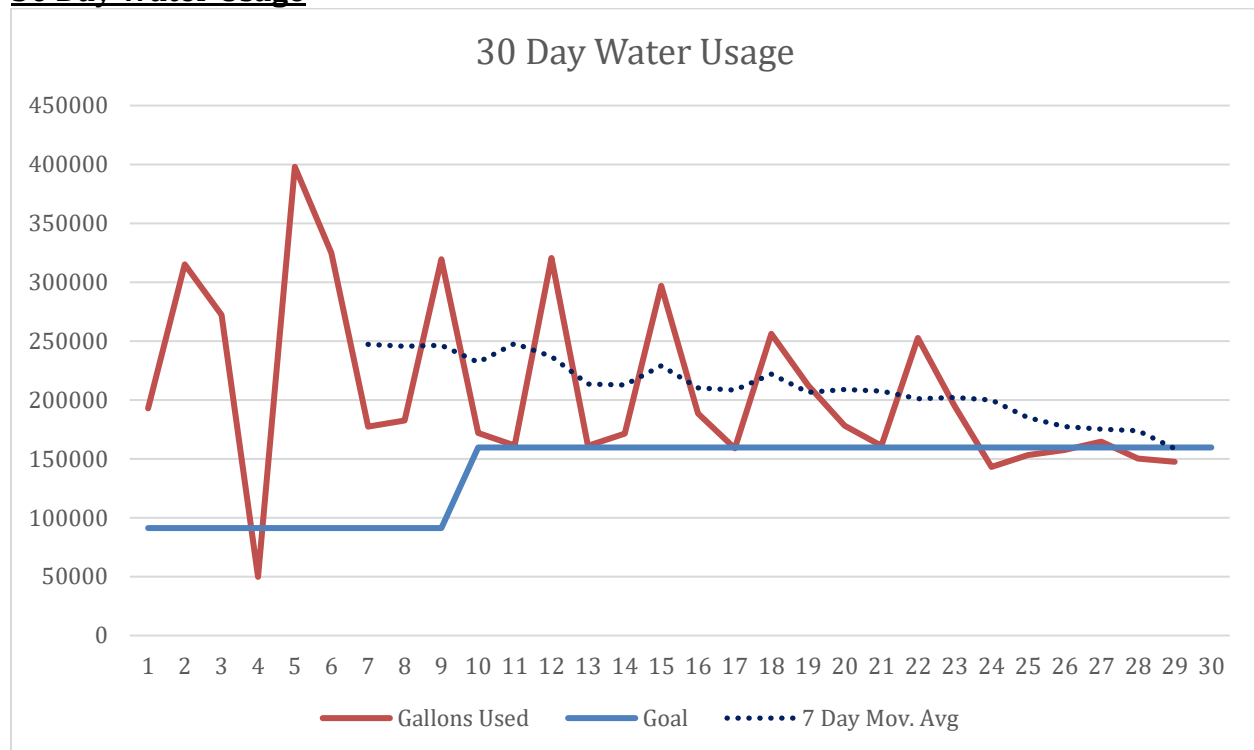
SUMMARY: The Town of Kearny has received a reduced allotment of water from the Gila River Water Commissioner based on the Globe Equity Decree of 1935 necessitating water restrictions. This weekly communication serves as a regular update to the residents regarding the situation.

4.22.2026

CURRENT USAGE RATES:

The data indicates further progress. We will be updating these graphs and content every Wednesday until the emergency is lifted.

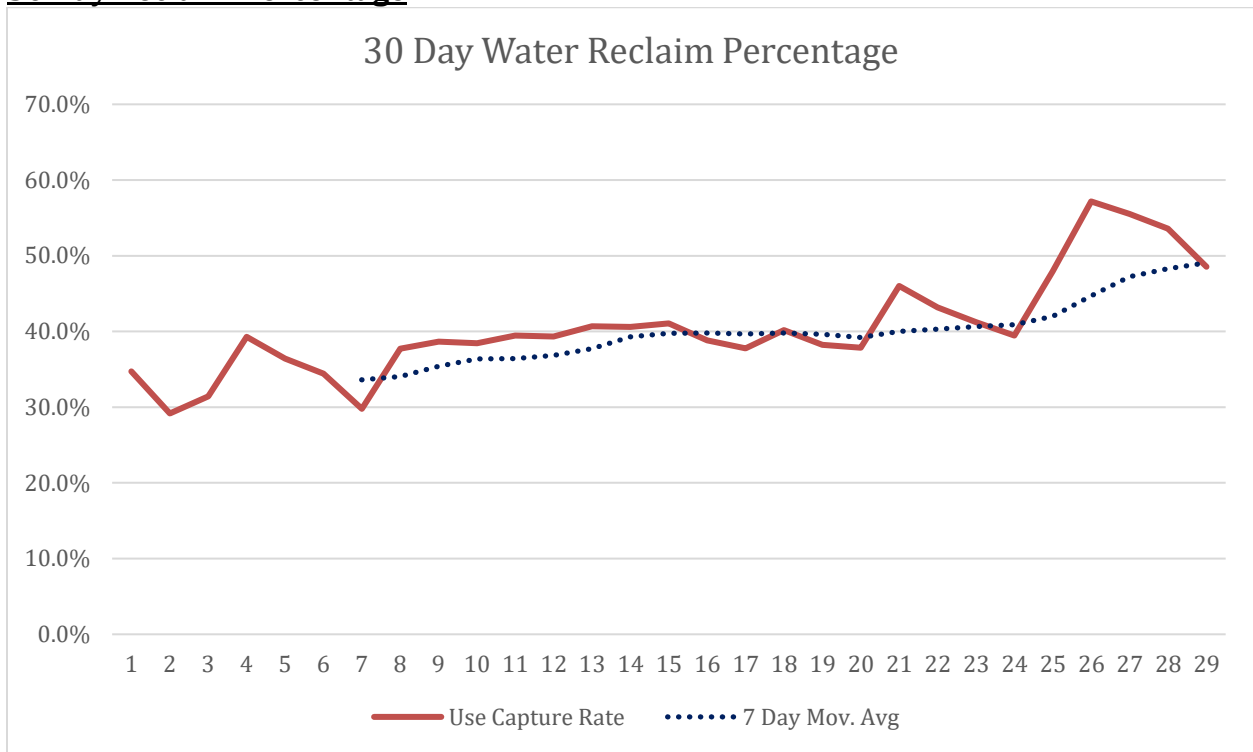
30 Day Water Usage



The 30-day water usage trendline is based on a 7-day rolling average. The trend continues to drop, and we are very near our goal of reducing water usage by 30%! This week we have added the “Goal” line. We need to move that dotted line below the Goal line and try to keep it there. Thank you to everyone who is working to reduce their usage, what we are doing is working.



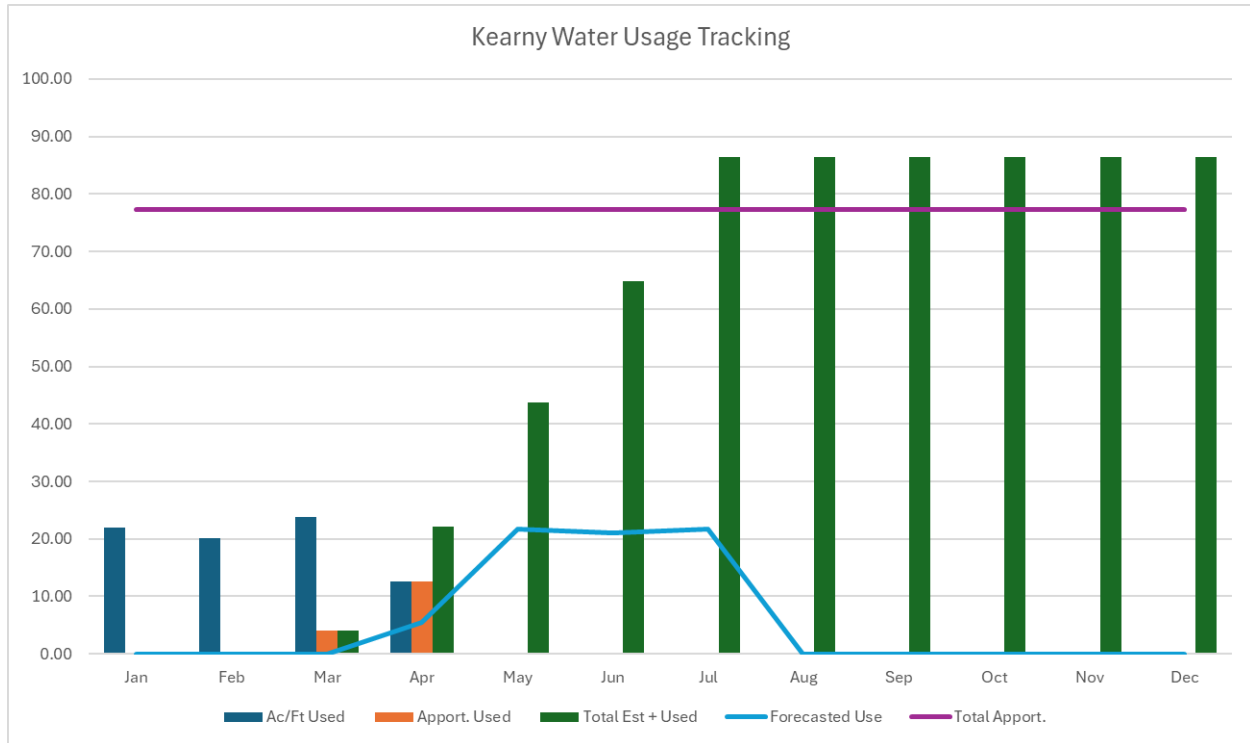
30 Day Reclaim Percentage



New this week, the 30 Day Reclaim Percentage graph shows how much water we are re-capturing at the wastewater treatment plant vs how much water is being removed from the ground (supplied to residents). This percentage helps us understand how much water is being used for life sustaining activities vs other activities such as irrigation or outdoor washing, a good portion of it is also used at the corral area. This is not a perfect performance indicator as many of you are capturing grey water for use on your landscaping, an effort which we at the Town fully appreciate and encourage. Our goal for this measurement is 60-70%, we feel we are in full compliance with the emergency decree at those capture rates.



Long Term Outlook



The longer-term outlook has changed a little. We need a couple more weeks of data, however based on the Official March 2026 usage number and the average daily usage for the last couple of weeks we are very near making it to August! I will update the forecast by changing the theoretical usage rate after next week's actual usage data is collected. I expect this to change the forecast significantly and allow us to make it to August. Please continue to reduce wherever you can, just because we are near our goal does not mean that we cannot do more and exceed it. More sacrifice now means less sacrifice later.

2026 OFFICIAL USAGE

Month	Unofficial Usage (ac/ft)	Official Usage (ac/ft)	Notes
March	7.5	4.0	We had the total at 7.5 ac/ft based on the daily call sheets that are reported online, the daily call sheets are estimates based on historical usage. The official amount is based on our reporting of the actual amount of water used in the month and the amount of priority water available based on our water rights. We report our usage at the end of each month.



For the month of March, we used more water than normal based on the last few years (it was hot), however there was enough priority water available to us to offset the additional usage. This resulted in a lower Official usage number.

What this Means:

The Official usage is what our apportionment is charged against. The Unofficial usage is based on the estimated usage provided by the GRWC on a daily basis. Any Official usage numbers that are lower than the Unofficial usage numbers are a good thing.

KEY EXTERNAL MEETINGS HELD THIS WEEK:

1. ASARCO – update on water usage data, ASARCO continues to seek a solution. Providing legal and technical support.
2. Resolution Copper – Resolution continues to seek Hydrologist support for the town.
3. Media interviews – Az Family News, Arizona Republic, Az Central. These reports are/will be publicly available once published.
4. Patrick Adams (Senior Advisor for Water Policy, Office of Governor Katie Hobbs) – working with GRIC on water issues facing Arizona, they will be discussing with GRIC if Kearny's issues can be included and resolved through the ongoing water discussions.
5. Representative Crane's Chief of Staff – chasing down an EPA grant from 2022-2023 for water infrastructure, Congressman Crane has directly discussed the matter with Administrator Zeldin at the EPA who are responsible for administering those funds.
6. County Attorney Miller – discussion regarding his office supporting any legal efforts we may pursue.
7. Senator Rogers – providing advocacy in support of Kearny among the constituents along the Globe Equity Decree as well as legislative support.
8. Gila River Water Commissioner – update on ToK water situation and usage. Please do not direct questions to her office, direct them to Town Hall.

ADDITIONAL MESSAGING:

PROGRESS –

It feels like this week was a bit slower because there was not a massive media blitz to deal with. We have proposed both a temporary and a permanent solution to our community partners and continue to work through the details related to how either solution might work. I cannot overstate the complicated nature of resolving this, there are a lot of stakeholders that need to be on board with any proposed solution. The technical aspects of any solution are relatively simple; the people aspects are far more complex. I continue to have a positive outlook for a resolution; timing is the challenge. We need to continue to exercise discipline in our water usage to stretch our apportionment as far as we possibly can. Our goal is to pursue a permanent solution so future residents and administrators do not have to go through this again. It's a 70-year-old problem that we need to solve, I believe we have the right community partners, leadership, and momentum to get this done.



PIONEER DAYS –

We have received several questions regarding Pioneer Days and how that event impacted our water supply. I am very happy to report that hosting Pioneer Days last week resulted in an increase in water usage of only 4,500 gallons, about the same amount used by a typical Kearny residency in a month. Additionally, the week of Pioneer Days was the lowest week of water usage since tracking began in March! The impact of Pioneer Days on our water supply was therefore negligible.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT:

This week's spotlight shines on the Ray School District Agricultural Science Program for grades 6-8. On Monday, Amanda Kenny and Mayor Stacy accompanied by representatives from Eli Crane's office Lori Mills and Belinda Rodriguez (herself a graduate of Ray High School), met with students and faculty at Ray Middle School to discuss the current water emergency in Kearny and how they could serve as our consultation firm in seeking solutions focused on food supply in drought conditions. Students were briefed on the current situation, answered questions presented by Town Officials and had focused questions which were answered by town officials. Conservation ideas were discussed and challenge coins were handed out as awards to those students who provided insights and answers to questions presented.

Students are now working on specific deliverables to be presented to the Superintendent and Town Council at a future date. Their real-world solutions will become part of our long-term roadmap to successful water management in the Town of Kearny. What a great example of community working together to solve problems and we look forward to their presentation.

One story from a young man stands out. He told us that he grew up in Mexico and most nights there was no water available for anyone. His father would capture rainwater in a tank to be used at night and that was just a normal part of their lives. His story is not uncommon in most of the world and illustrates the profound abundance we are privileged to live with here in the United States. What we consider a disaster, most people around the world consider normal. He and his family are far better prepared than most of us to weather these kinds of storms, and his story serves as an example to us all about perspective. He's not worried, from his perspective he has faced this before, we should take comfort in his courage and learn from it.

ONGOING INFORMATION

Reduction Goal: 30% +

Current Reduction (7-day average): **30.4%**

WELL REHABILITATION (USDA PROJECT)

Background –



The Town of Kearny owns wells outside the Globe Equity Decree. These wells have historically not produced enough water to sustain the community; they can however supplement water in times of drought. The Town of Kearny began a USDA project to rehabilitate the town's storage tanks, booster pump station, and two wells numbered 3 and 4 which were historically the highest producers in the well field. The two wells being rehabilitated are 1200 feet deep. The wells have been in disrepair and out of service for 20 years. This year, because of the water emergency, the town reactivated well 4 which in its current state is producing 26 GPM, for prospect, wells 2 and 2A produce 500 GPM.

Well 3 is completely non-functional at this time and is the first to be rehabilitated as part of the USDA project.

Historically Well 3 has produced 30 GPM.

Well 3 Project Status -

Phase	Status	Notes
Engineering	Complete	
RFQ/Bid Process	Complete	
Bid Award	Complete	
Contract Signing	Complete	Completed week of 4.20.26
USDA Approval	Ongoing	In review
Procurement of Parts	Partial	The Town pre-ordered long lead time components 2 months ago to reduce the project completion timeline Contractor has on-hand stock for electrical components
Work Begins	Started	Pull pump, piping and all electrical components
Well Rehabilitation	Not Started	Clean out existing well, install new casing, install new pump
Electrical Rehabilitation	Not Started	Electrical equipment installation
Permitting	Started	Town staff is advancing the final permit with APS and County officials ahead of project completion
Commissioning	Not Started	
On-Line	Not Started	July



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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fix all leaks - Shower smart, keep them short - Re-wear clothing to the extent possible to reduce laundry - Low flow shower heads - Flush less frequently
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"> - Reduce water usage at least 30% - Continue repairing wells located north of the town to supply some of the water we need - Stretch our apportionment to the monsoon season - Continue to work with our community partners like ASARCO, GRIC, Resolution Copper, SCIP, and others to find a solution
What CAN we use the water for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanitation, showering, dishes - Life supporting activities
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.