

# CMWSC Water Connect

April 2026

## Meet New Director—Paul McKnight



A warm welcome to Paul McKnight!

The Board of Directors appointed Paul McKnight to the board at the January 21, 2026 board meeting after running unopposed.

Paul McKnight has been a member of Creedmoor Maha Water Supply Corporation since 1994, bringing over three decades of utility and technology experience to the board. Paul began his career with the City of Austin Planning Department before serving as GIS Manager at Austin Water, where he managed distribution and collection system mapping, demand modeling, and critical system integrations with GIS, including CMMS and SCADA. In 2011, he founded Spry Wireless Communications, a fixed wireless internet provider serving rural Central Texas communities.

Since leaving Austin Water, Paul has consulted on enterprise data quality projects for organizations including VISA International and Charles Schwab. He currently balances consulting work for a major insurance company with growing Spry Wireless's footprint across the region.

Outside of his professional endeavors, he is an avid offshore angler and holds a USCG Merchant Mariner Credential (Captain's License), allowing him to charter his boat when time permits.

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Can you find little Quenchy on each page? ➡



# Student Art Brings Water Conservation to Life

Creedmoor Maha Water Supply Corporation (CMWSC) recently teamed up with **Del Valle Independent School District** to engage 5th-grade students at **Creedmoor Elementary School** in a creative lesson on water conservation.

Students were invited to express how everyday actions can help protect water resources through original artwork inspired by incorporating the theme **“Be a Water Saver, Anywhere and Anytime!”** Their creativity and enthusiasm were celebrated during the school’s January 23, R.O.A.R. Rally.

CMWSC General Manager Matthew Pickle, joined by Quenchy, the organization’s water conservation mascot, helped present awards to the student winners during the school’s Roar Rally.

## Art Contest Winners

- 1st Place:** Karen T.
- 2nd Place:** Alison R.
- 3rd Place:** Gianna R.



CMWSC also thanked art teacher **Ms. Child** for her collaboration and support by presenting her with three art kits to continue fostering student creativity.

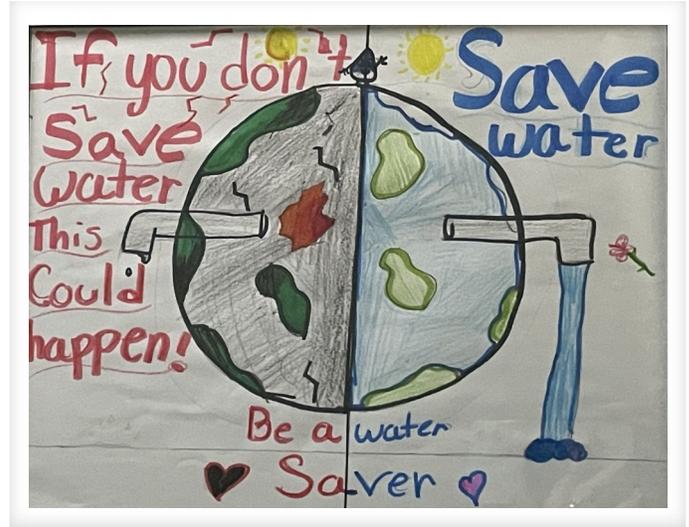
To extend the conservation message beyond the classroom, students received certificates and conservation-themed swag donated by **Barton Springs–Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**, **Take Care of Texas**, and CMWSC.

Programs like this help connect students, schools, and local utilities in meaningful ways while building awareness today and encouraging responsible water use for the future.



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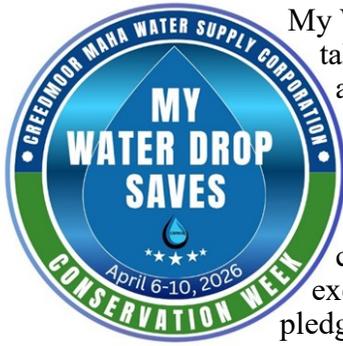
2nd Place  
Alison R.



3rd Place  
Giana R.



# My Water Drop Saves Campaign



My Water Drop Saves is our new annual week-long water conservation campaign taking place April 6–10, 2026. The campaign emphasizes how small individual actions, when combined, can lead to meaningful water savings.

The campaign incorporates daily themes, community challenges, school engagement, and CMWSC’s water conservation mascot, Quenchy, to educate and engage members. Each day of the campaign will focus on a different conservation theme, including finding leaks, watering wisely outdoors, reducing excessive water pressure, encouraging water awareness at schools, and taking a pledge that every drop matters.

## Day 1: “Catch the Leak!”

**Message:** Even the tiniest drip adds up.

## Day 2: “Water Wisely Outdoors”

**Message:** Most household water waste happens outside.

## Day 3: “Power Down the Pressure”

**Message:** Big water pressure = big waste.

## Day 4: “Every Drop Counts at School”

**Message:** Students can lead the way in saving water.

## Day 5: “Take the Pledge – This Is My Water Drop”

**Message:** Change starts with one drop — and one person.

**We are in an Exceptional Drought. Every Drop Saves!**

Water Conservation Week  
Monday, April 6, 2026

Day 1  
Catch the Leak



- Check faucets, toilets, and outdoor spigots
- Fix or flag even small drips
- Reminder: tiny leaks add up fast

Water Conservation Week  
Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Day 2  
Water Wisely Outdoors



- Water early morning or late evening
- Adjust sprinklers to avoid sidewalks and streets and high water bills
- Skip watering if rain is in the forecast

Water Conservation Week  
 Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
**Day 3**  
**Power Down the Pressure**



- Take shorter showers
- Install faucet aerators or low-flow fixtures
- Be mindful of water pressure indoors

Water Conservation Week  
 Thursday, April 9, 2026  
**Day 4**  
**Every Drop Counts at School**



- Students, teachers, and staff share water-savings ideas
- Classroom pledges, drawings, or short lessons
- Focus on learning and leadership

Water Conservation Week  
 Friday, April 10, 2026  
**Day 5**  
**Take the Pledge**  
**This is My Water Drop**

**Water Conservation Pledge**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, commit to take action to conserve at home, outdoors, and at school because ...

#MyWaterDropSaves

- Catch the Leak
- Water Wisely Outdoors
- Power Down the Pressure

Friday, April 10, 2026



## Local Businesses Join “My Water Drop Saves” Campaign

Creedmoor Maha WSC is pleased to recognize the following businesses and cities who too the pledge to participate in the inaugural **My Water Drop Saves** campaign, which will take place April 6–10, 2026.



- **Town & Country Veterinary Hospital**
- **BSC Concrete Structures**
- **Creedmoor Market & Deli**
- **City of Mustang Ridge**

CMWSC appreciates the support of local businesses like these for helping promote responsible water use and reminding our community that every drop truly counts.

# CMWSC Launches New Scholarship Program

Creedmoor Maha Water Supply Corporation is proud to introduce its new scholarship program, approved by the Board of Directors in October 2025. This new initiative reflects CMWSC's commitment to supporting education and investing in the future of our community.

**Beginning this year, CMWSC will offer \$2,000 scholarships to eligible members or immediate family members living in the same household as a CMWSC member in good standing.**

## New Scholarship Program!



Each scholarship will be distributed as \$1,000 for the fall semester and \$1,000 for the spring semester, provided the student maintains the required GPA and proof of enrollment in an accredited program.

Scholarships are available to **Del Valle ISD, Lockhart ISD, and Hays CISD high school** seniors who have been accepted as full-time students at an accredited college, university, or technical/trade school. Applicants pursu-

ing a college or university degree must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, while applicants pursuing a technical or trade program must have a minimum 2.0 GPA at the time of application.

CMWSC is also pleased to share that **BGIGO** has generously **agreed to match both scholarships**, doubling the impact of the program and providing even greater support to local students pursuing higher education or technical training.

Applicants must submit a completed application along with a transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a brief personal essay describing their educational goals and career plans.

Applications for this year's scholarship program were due March 1, 2026 but the deadline has been extended to **April 10, 2026**. Students need to reach out to their College and Career Counselor at school.

This new scholarship program represents an exciting step in CMWSC's ongoing efforts to support students and strengthen the communities we serve.

**For questions about the scholarship program, please contact your campus College & Career counselor.**

For additional questions contact:

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# All Things Board-Related

## Notable Board Meeting News & Actions

**January:** The February board election was canceled due to no opposed candidates. Two candidate packets were returned but only one qualified. The Board of Directors appointed Paul McKnight to the board at the January 21, 2026 board meeting.

**February:** General Manager Matt Pickle presented the State of the Corporation at the Annual meeting. Unopposed incumbent Director Bobby Burklund will serve another three years on the board of directors.

**March:** The board meeting was canceled.

All board meetings begin promptly at 6:00 PM.  
CMWSC board meetings are open to members!

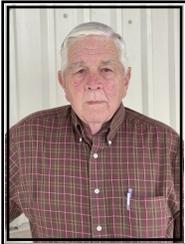
**Help Shape the Future of Your Water System**

We currently have one Board vacancy.  
We welcome members who are interested  
in serving their community.

**Please contact our office to learn more.**



## Meet Your Board of Directors



**Vice-President** Yvonne Gil-Vallejo, **Board President** John Gray, **Secretary/Treasurer** Anna Ortiz,  
Director Darrell Walenta, Director Bobby Burklund, Director Jay Vaughn, Director Ben Horton, Director Paul McKnight

## Report a Leak. Save \$50.

CMWSC members who report a verified water leak within our CCN service area may receive **\$50 off their next water bill**. Reporting leaks helps us protect our water system, reduce water loss, and ensure reliable service for the entire community.

If you notice water flowing where it shouldn't be, please report it to our office. By helping identify leaks early, you are playing an important role in conserving water and protecting this valuable resource.



**Creedmoor Maha WSC**



**See a leak?  
Report it.**



Save water. **Save \$50.**

### CMWSC Management & Staff

General Manager:.....Matthew Pickle  
Executive Support.....Darla Damron  
Operations Manager.....Scott Rickabaugh  
CS Manager:.....Kristi Temple  
Business Manager:.....Cassie Taylor  
CSR.....Precilla Mancias  
CSR.....Sylvia Sandoval  
CSR.....Sheryl Mitchell  
Field Tech.....Ulises Perez  
Field Tech.....Clayton Schmidt

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Director:.....Ben Horton  
Director:.....Paul McKnight  
Director:.....Vacant



### Important Information

#### Holiday Schedule

April 3—Good Friday  
May 25—Memorial Day  
June 19—Juneteenth

Utility Locate: 811  
**(CALL BEFORE DIGGING!)**

#### Report a Leak

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