



Keeler Community Services District's quarterly newsletters detail the most recent water system updates. Under the State Water Resources Control Board's Administrator Program, Provost & Pritchard continues to oversee system operations until the Keeler system can independently maintain compliance with State regulations and drinking water standards.

Meter Installation Complete

Meter installation was completed in March 2026, with 67 active service connections now metered. Water usage data is now available and is being used to better understand system demand and identify potential leaks.

A leak detection survey was also completed on January 20, 2026. Results are currently being reviewed and cross-referenced with meter data to prioritize repair locations.

Initial data indicates that several service connections are using significantly higher volumes of water compared to typical residential usage of approximately 300 gallons per day. This may be due to leaks, irrigation use, or other factors. Provost & Pritchard will continue monitoring system data and will notify customers with unusually high usage as more reliable trends are established.

Bottled Water Service Update

Bottled water distribution has been provided by RCAC since 2021 through State funding. RCAC's contract expired in March 2026 as program eligibility is being re-evaluated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Provost & Pritchard coordinated bottled water distribution for April 2026 on an interim basis. Efforts are ongoing to secure continued bottled water supplies outside of State grant funding. The community will be updated as soon as additional information becomes available.

The system remains under a Do Not Drink notice. Current arsenic levels continue to exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL).

Boiling water does not remove arsenic or manganese and may increase contaminant concentrations. Bottled water should continue to be used for drinking and cooking.

Technical Assistance Update

Provost & Pritchard serves as the Administrator and Technical Assistance provider for Keeler CSD.

A hydrogeologic study was completed to evaluate potential locations for a test well and a new groundwater well. While feasible locations were identified, development of a new well would require significant environmental review and permitting on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. In addition, a new source would likely require decommissioning of the existing well to prevent continued groundwater extraction.

Meter installation is now complete, and ongoing data collection will be used to better understand system demand. Leak detection results are also being reviewed to reduce water loss. These efforts will help ensure the treatment system is appropriately sized based on actual system demand.

If water demand proves higher than anticipated, an alternative approach may include separating potable and non-potable water uses to reduce treatment and operational costs.

The next step is to finalize an Engineering Report evaluating and comparing these alternatives.



Incident Reports

Four system incidents were reported this quarter, including three leaks and one unplanned system shutdown. Two incidents have been resolved, and two remain under monitoring or in progress.

Repairs included a leak at Laws Avenue and response to the system shutdown associated with a new service connection installation. One additional leak identified through meter data is currently being addressed with the property owner.

Please report issues to Keeler CSD, Provost & Pritchard, or Golden State Water Company.

URGENT MATTERS

Call 1-800-999-4033 or email customerservice@gswater.com

NON-URGENT MATTERS

Call Provost & Pritchard at 559-449-2700 or email keeleradmin@ppeng.com OR call Keeler CSD at 760-608-3208

System Operations and Improvements

Recent system maintenance activities included exercising all valves, hydrants, and blowoffs. Several non-functioning valves were identified and flagged for replacement. These replacements are currently on hold due to a temporary pause in State grant processing with the changeover in fiscal year.

Near-term efforts are focused on addressing priority repairs. Regional shared services remain a longer-term consideration but are not an immediate priority due to limited operator capacity in the region.

Contamination Corner

Contaminant	Measurement Date	Result	MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)
Arsenic	April 2026	68 µg/L	10 µg/L
	January 2026	84 µg/L	
Manganese	April 2026	97 µg/L	50 µg/L
	January 2026	120 µg/L	

