

February 2018

Fitch Ratings

AA-

In 2016 CRW issued Revenue Bonds to fund the First Phase of the Backbone project (see: <http://crwater.com/the-backbone-projects-2016-2023>). The purpose of this funding is to build infrastructure to connect the North and South service areas of the District.

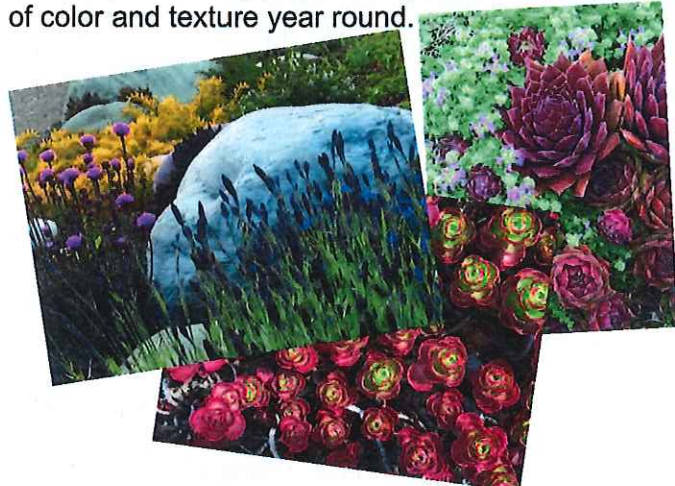
In January 2018 Fitch Ratings affirmed the Clackamas River Water Revenue Bond rating of AA- with a stable outlook. Key rating drivers include:

- Strong Revenue Defensibility
- Moderate Operating Risk
- Solid Financial Profile

This was a periodic review of the financial position of the District and confirms good financial management, and the District's ability to cover operating costs and debt payments on the bonds.

How Does YOUR Garden Grow?

With spring just around the corner it's time to start thinking about the yard and garden this year. Thoughtfully grouping plants together with similar water needs will allow them all to thrive and let you use water in the most efficient way possible. At the furthest regions of your yard or irrigation system is usually the best place to put your driest zone – but this area can be the most exciting in your landscape! Drought tolerant, sun loving plants can give an amazing palate of color and texture year round.



Winter heathers will produce some of the first flowers of the year, while some varieties of heathers that bloom in the summer will be your brightest plants in the winter (such as the brilliant red winter foliage of the variety 'Robert Chapman'). Sedums, stonecrops, and creeping thymes have show-stopping flowers in the spring and summer and provide beautifully textured foliage year round. A small patch of pink or red dianthus will perfume your whole yard.

Many flowering bulbs benefit from dry conditions in the summer, making them wonderful planting companions with drought tolerant ground covers. They add an exciting explosion of color in the spring – or even the fall in the case of fall flowering crocus! Low growing varieties like crocus, miniature daffodils, miniature tulips, glory-of-the-snow, and rock garden irises blend wonderfully with the fine textures and low growing plants.

Though many of these plants will need extra water and attention during their first year, a well-established garden containing drought tolerant plants may only need to be watered once or twice during Oregon's driest months.

Treating yourself to a landscape that is exciting and colorful – but also waterwise – means that you can feel good about doing your part to conserve water when we need our precious resource the most, the dry hot months of summer.

Upcoming Events

- March 24, 2018 Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the District offices, located at 16770 SE 82nd Drive, Clackamas. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. See www.crwater.com for more meeting information.

Fix a Leak Week is Coming- March 19th to 25th!



It's estimated that 12% of the average American household's water use is actually due to household leaks. Nationally this translates into more than 1 trillion gallons of water leaking from U.S. homes each year, or the equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined!

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Mark your calendars for EPA's tenth annual Fix a Leak Week, March 19 through 25, 2018—but remember that you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

Follow CRW on Facebook and Twitter during Fix a Leak Week to learn how to find and fix household leaks.

Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks

When it's time to change your clocks because of daylight saving time, use it as a reminder to check your preparedness kit to make sure you refresh your emergency water supply.



**Daylight Savings
time begins on
March 11, 2018**



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Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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