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The Work Behind Your Water: Challenges and Solutions

Ever wondered what it takes to keep water flowing in Truth or Consequences? From smartphone-based meter readings to tackling leaks and budget challenges, the Water Department works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure accurate billing and reliable service. This article dives into the details of their process, the technology they use, and the dedication of the team making it all happen. Read the full story on the city homepage at torcnm.gov to learn more about how your water system stays strong and transparent.

City and County Join Forces on Cantrell Dam Project

At its December 17, 2025 meeting, the Truth or Consequences City Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Sierra County Flood Director Sandy Jones to support the Cantrell Dam project. The agreement follows the 2020 flood that spurred regional mitigation efforts and years of planning. The City has secured over $8 million from the Water Trust Board for dam breaching and downstream improvements, requiring an $800,000 cash match. Sierra County will contribute $400,000 in flood control funds, used exclusively for construction and reimbursed per Water Trust Board procedures. This partnership formalizes collaboration among the City, Sierra County, and the Village of Williamsburg, marking a major step toward reducing flood risk and improving infrastructure resilience.

City Extends Public Comment on Animal Ordinance Amendment

During the December 17, 2025 City Commission meeting, officials announced a 30-day extension for public comment on proposed changes to Ordinance No. 771, which amends Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code. The ordinance, focused on animal regulations, has undergone two public meetings and two hearings, with recent feedback centered on livestock provisions. Officer Knull introduced revisions to clarify interactions with the livestock community, including guidance from the NM Livestock Board. Changes aim to “soften” enforcement on livestock running at large and shift from selling animals to rehoming them. The amended draft will be republished for review, as recommended by City Manager Gary Whitehead. Residents can view the proposed changes at torcnm.gov/chapter3

A Legacy of Unity and Support: Commissioner Mary Jo Fahl’s Final Act

Discover the story behind a powerful moment of unity in Truth or Consequences during the City Commission meeting. Residents, leaders, and law enforcement came together to discuss Resolution 31 25/26—a measure aimed at strengthening cooperation and community safety. Find out what the commission chose and how this meeting became a testament to what makes our city extraordinary. Read the full article now on the city homepage news section.