

## NEW RATE AND FEE STRUCTURES TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2016

Based upon the District's review of the Hawksley Consulting Rate Study, the District will adjust its rate and fee structure to reflect the actual cost of service to its customers. In 2012, the District Board engaged Hawksley Consulting to conduct a comprehensive rate study, enabling us to responsibly and transparently cover expenses and identify necessary annual rate and fee adjustments. Following the public hearing November 16, the District adopted a monthly water, wastewater, and storm sewer increase that is consistent with the cost of service model. The changes for 2016 are outlined below.

| 2016 Monthly Water Rates Per 1,000 Gallons of Water Use<br>Organized By Customer Classification (3/4-inch meter) |    |       |                               |       |   |       |  |       |  |       |   |        |
|--|----|-------|-------------------------------|-------|---|-------|--|-------|--|-------|---|--------|
|  |    |       |                               |       | Т   | IER 1 | Т  | IER 2 | Т  | IER 3 | 1   | TIER 4 |
| CUSTOMER<br>CLASSIFICATION   |    |       | CAPITAL<br>IMPROVEMENT<br>FEE |       | water use<br>of up to<br>100% of<br>monthly<br>allocation |       | water use<br>between<br>100% and<br>120% of<br>monthly<br>allocation |       | water use<br>between<br>120% and<br>140% of<br>monthly<br>allocation |       | water use<br>that exceeds<br>140% of<br>monthly<br>allocation |        |
| Residential  | \$ | 10.30 | \$                            | 29.70 | \$  | 4.20  | \$   | 5.44  | \$   | 7.80  | \$  | 14.84  |
| Irrigation   | \$ | 10.30 | \$                            | 29.70 | \$  | 4.95  | \$   | 6.45  | \$   | 9.20  | \$  | 17.55  |
| Commercial   | \$ | 10.30 | \$                            | 29.70 | \$  | 3.55  | \$   | 4.61  | \$   | 6.60  | \$  | 12.60  |
| Indoor Use   | \$ | 10.30 | \$                            | 29.70 | \$  | 3.75  | \$   | 3.75  | \$   | 3.75  | \$  | 3.75   |
| Out-of-District  | \$ | 12.88 | \$                            | 37.13 | \$  | 5.25  | \$   | 6.80  | \$   | 9.75  | \$  | 18.55  |
| Out-of-District<br>Irrigation  | \$ | 12.88 | \$                            | 37.13 | \$  | 6.18  | \$   | 8.06  | \$   | 11.50 | \$  | 21.94  |

### 2016 Monthly Wastewater Rates Per 1,000 Gallons

| CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION       | WASTEWATER SYSTEM<br>CUSTOMER CHARGE |       |    | VOLUME CHARGE |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|----|---------------|--|--|
| Residential                   | \$                                   | 11.40 | \$ | 5.95          |  |  |
| Townhouse                     | \$                                   | 11.40 | \$ | 5.95          |  |  |
| Commercial/Indoor Use         | \$                                   | 12.35 | \$ | 5.95          |  |  |
| Out-of-District (Residential) | \$                                   | 14.25 | \$ | 7.44          |  |  |

| 2016 Monthly Stormwater Infrastructure Fee |           |      |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-----------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION                    | FLAT RATE |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential                                | \$        | 5.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Out-of-District (Residential)              | \$        | 6.25 |  |  |  |  |  |

#### District Moves Forward with Plan to Replace Non-Renewable Ground Water with Renewable Surface Water

After a 20-year study and permitting effort, the Chatfield Reallocation project was approved this year by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Castle Pines North Metropolitan District, as one of the project's many participants, received a low interest rate loan from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to partially fund its involvement in the project. Additionally, the District must pay for ten percent of its stake in the project.

The need to fund renewable water projects such as the Chatfield Reallocation Project, as well as construction of future improvements to treat and transmit renewable surface water, will continue to increase the District's operational costs.

Improvements necessary for the Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority treatment plant in order to satisfy upcoming nutrient removal requirements, will require an increase in costs for wastewater service.

Highlights of the 2016 rate and fee increases translate as follows \*:

- a majority (≈89%) of monthly residential bills will reflect a combined water, wastewater, and storm drainage bill increase of \$15 or less;
- the median monthly **water** bill will increase \$5.84;
- the median monthly **wastewater** bill will increase \$2.00;
- the median monthly storm drainage bill will not increase.

#### \*Note: Out-of-District customers are charged 125% of In-District customers

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