

JUST THE FACTS – December 2017

BOARD MEMBERS

Redlands Mesa
 Debbie Christner
 Bryan Klaseen
 Upper Surface Creek
 Herman Kline - Vice President
 Bill Elkins
 Cedar Mesa
 Gerald Figueroa - President
 Dennis Grunkemeyer
 Member At Large
 Ellis Fritchman

EMPLOYEES

Dayton Myers - Operations Supervisor
 Amber McPherson – Office Manager, Secretary-Treasurer
 Timothy Frey - Water Operator
 Chuck More – Water Operator
 Tyler Head – Assistant Operator

**UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC
 WATER USERS ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 70
 Cedaredge, CO 81413
 (970) 856 - 7199 Voice
 (970) 856 - 7189 Fax

Location: 17257 Meadow Drive

Web Site www.uscdwua.com

e-mail ambermcperson@uscdwua.com

danhawkins@uscdwua.com

Office Hours: Monday -- Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
 Friday 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

To request E-billing – billing@uscdwua.com

METER READING DATES: Cycle 1: 18-20; cycle 2: 20-22; cycle 3: 22-24; cycle 4: 24-26; cycle 5: 26-28.

WATER RATES

Up to 7,500 gal/month	(245 gal/day)	.....	35.00
7,501 - 13,000 gal/month	(246-427 gal/day)	.....	1.00/1000 gal
13,001 - 20,000 gal/month	(427-655 gal/day)	.....	1.50/1000 gal
20,001 - 30,000 gal/month	(656-983 gal/day)	.....	2.00/1000 gal
30,001 - 40,000 gal/month	(984-1311 gal/day)	.....	4.00/1000 gal
40,001 - 50,000 gal/month	(1312-1639 gal/day)	.....	8.00/1000 gal
over 50,000 gal/month	(over 1640 gal/day)	.....	10.00/1000 gal

**SOME TYPICAL
 WATER BILLS**

gal/month	
7,500 -	\$ 35.00
13,000 -	\$ 40.50
20,000 -	\$ 51.00
25,000 -	\$ 61.00
30,000 -	\$ 71.00
40,000 -	\$111.00
45,000 -	\$151.00
50,000 -	\$191.00
55,000 -	\$241.00
(Figures will vary due to number of days between readings)	

Please restrict outside watering to the days marked with your symbol, which is found on your monthly bill.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Annual Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice 	22	23
24	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31						



UP THE CREEK
December 1, 2017

Vaya Con Dios

The only thing constant is change, said somebody at some time – and it's daily realized by a lot of people a lot of times. Even if we (perhaps foolishly) believe we are living in the best time possible, it cannot be forever. Your humble author came up against this basic reality November 30, the date of my retirement from USCDWUA. I decided that after 40 years, it is time for me to get out of the way.

In 1977, at age 33, I first picked up a shovel on behalf of this beloved company. That winter, the “Winter Without Snow,” I found myself installing pipelines along Ute Trail Road – known at the time as “Muck Lane,” and 2375 Road – then called “Robotham Lane.” The season following the Winter Without Snow became the Summer Without Water, the worst drought in my memory. That year was also memorable for the Denver Broncos' first trip to the Super Bowl, where they were rudely treated by the Dallas Cowboys. It would be 20 more years before Denver actually won a Super Bowl. This year, it will be shocking if they win a regular season game.

In 1977, the size of USCDWUA was 320 members. The office was housed in a converted back porch. The maintenance department lived in the back of a pickup. Board meetings were held as needed, sometimes one or two per year. Now we have an office and shop, regular monthly meetings, a water treatment plant, 105 miles of pipeline, and 1,014 members. Yeah, it's changed.

Yet, in seeming contradiction to the opening sentence of this letter, the more things change, the more they stay the same. There's a French version of that saying, but I don't know what it is, except I think the word “plus” occurs a couple of times, and there is a letter C with its tongue hanging down, and a letter E with a raised eyebrow, which is why I don't read French. It means that the challenges facing this water system forty years ago are facing us yet today. How to make sure we have enough water. How to make sure the water is safe. How to make sure the water tastes okay. How to make sure the pipes are large enough to support a growing population. How to make sure the pipes are not so large that the water stagnates. How to set our rates so that members are treated fairly and not bankrupted. How to comply with regulations imposed by government agencies, particularly when regulation 11.2a.(i) seems to be in direct opposition to regulation 13.4b.(iv). How to keep up with the cost of doing business in this inflationary world. Inflation – now there's a constant for you. It shall be with us always.

Dealing with all the above is a game for younger minds and younger bodies. It used to make my head spin – now it spins all by itself. Truly I will miss a lot about this job, and most of all I will miss the interaction with you, the members of the Association. You have always been supportive of our Board and staff, and have cooperated voluntarily when asked to conserve water, attend the annual meeting, send proxies, and in general make our job easier. To all of you I say thanks, and though my French is nonexistent, I have just enough Spanish to say *vaya con Dios*