

January 2023

YOUR WATER NEWS RESOURCE



Cottonwood
Water & Sanitation District

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 beginning at 6:30pm located at 8334 Sandreed Circle in Parker, CO. The public is welcome.

Governed by a board of five elected property owners of the Cottonwood community, the District was established to provide the residents of the community with water and wastewater services. The District is a quasi-governmental, non-profit, entity that collects property taxes and fees for water and wastewater services to ensure that quality water is delivered to homes and businesses and that wastewater is removed, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of every year from the community.



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188 Inverness Drive West #150
Englewood, CO 80112

During normal business hours call:
303-792-9509

After Hours Water Emergencies call:
303-426-3167

Visit our website to stay informed:
CottonwoodWater.org

Water Meter Upgrades

The District has received the remaining supply to continue to upgrade water meters throughout our service area. District staff needs to schedule an appointment for our operators to access the meter in the basement or crawl space of your home. You may receive an email or phone call if the District has one on file – you can always reach out to us to schedule your meter upgrade by calling the District at 303-792-9509. Once you have a smart meter installed /upgraded, you will then have access to the new app, EyeOnWater, that will help you track your water use (updated every 15 minutes!) and possible leaks, a great feature during this cold weather season and even when you are away from home.

We appreciate your time and effort to make this change happen!

Please call the District office with any questions.

Winter is Upon Us

Prepare for the bitter cold temperatures of the season. Here is some advice for how to help prevent water pipes from freezing.

The pipes within your home that are most susceptible are those in crawl spaces and next to exterior walls. Provide ambient heat to these areas by opening cabinet or crawl space doors. Or place a safe heat source near the pipes. If leaving your home, don't set your thermostat below 65 degrees.

If your water pipes are frozen, or there is only a trickle coming out of your fixtures, you can apply heat with a blow dryer or similar heat source to get heat to disperse through your plumbing system. Pipes warmed too fast can also burst, so please do not use a blow torch or other intense heat source.

If your pipe does burst, turn off your water at your main shut-off valve. The main shut off is located on the waterline connected to your water meter. It is recommended to call a plumber at this point.

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Learning more about your Water District

Are you interested in finding out more information about your Water District but have no time to come to our regularly scheduled Board Meetings? That should not be a problem at all!

We offer a one-on-one meeting appointment with District Staff at our meeting house, up to 30 minutes per appointment between 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm during the last Friday of the month! Please call us at 303-792-9509 or send us an email to cottonwoodwater@mulhernmre.com to schedule an appointment!



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Winter Watering

Even in years when drought is not a concern – winter watering of trees is important, especially with evergreen trees. That's because tree roots, unlike dormant grasses, will continue to grow throughout the winter. Thus, they need moisture to survive. This time of year, shoveling snow can be more than just safety. Piling snow that is shoveled from driveways and sidewalks into the yard instead of the street allows the snow to melt slowly into the soil. It is also great for some extra winter watering. Piling snow into the street can create ice dams, making hazards for vehicles and preventing snow melt from reaching the stormdrain. Snow plows are about access for safety, not necessarily eliminating snow.

2023 Transparency Notice

Each year the District publishes a Transparency Notice that lists important information for you, our customer, to know. It includes meeting dates and times, meeting locations, website address and board member information.

Included with this month's bill and newsletter is a copy of that Transparency Notice for your information. You can also find the notice, as well as answers to frequently asked questions and other District information on our website at www.cottonwoodwater.org.

Eye on Water Application – FREE OF CHARGE!

If you have already replaced/upgraded your meter, please download the app, EyeOnWater, to access all of the information your new meter has to offer. This is an application provided through the meter manufacturer and the District provides this service at no additional cost to you. This application is accessible from your personal computer or smart phone. Instructions can be found online on our Home Page at www.cottonwoodwater.org



EyeOnWater can also be set up here:
<https://eyeonwater.com/signin>

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20²³ SPECIAL DISTRICT
"TRANSPARENCY NOTICE"
Notice to Electors 32-1-809 C.R.S.

Legal Name of Special District: Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District

This information must be provided¹ annually to the eligible electors of the district between November 16 and January 15.

Address and telephone number of district's principal business office	c/o Mulhern MRE Inc. 188 Inverness Drive West, #150 Englewood, CO 80112 303-649-9857
Name and telephone of manager or other primary contact person for district	Luis Tovar or Kelly Conover 303-649-9857
Email address of primary contact (Optional)	luis@mulhernmre.com
District's website address (Required if choosing to post meeting notices online per HB 19-1087)	www.cottonwoodwater.org
Time and place designated for regular board meetings [per C.R.S. 32-1-903]	3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. held at 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO 80134 and/or Via Zoom Meeting
Posting place designated for meeting Notice [per C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(c)]	Douglas County Clerk's office; www.cottonwoodwater.org

<p style="text-align: center;">Names and Contact Information of Board Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Check applicable boxes for a Board Member whose seat will be on the ballot at the next regular election.</i></p>	<p>(1) Board Chair Name: <u>Linda Dillon</u> Contact Info: <u>lindadillon31@comcast.net</u> <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year term</p>	<p>(2) Name: <u>Ron Hilton</u> Contact Info: <u>houseredbud@gmail.com</u> <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year term</p>
	<p>(3) Name: <u>William Thomas</u> Contact Info: <u>williamc.thomas@live.com</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-year term</p>	<p>(4) Name: <u>Judy Lavell</u> Contact Info: <u>JudyLavell811@msn.com</u> <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year term</p>
	<p>(5) Name: <u>Steven McCulloch</u> Contact Info: <u>sdmcculloch@comcast.net</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-year term</p>	
For seven-member boards	<p>(6) Name: _____ Contact Info: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year term</p>	<p>(7) Name: _____ Contact Info: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year term</p>

Date of next regular election	May <u>2</u> , 20 <u>23</u>	
<p>Self-nomination forms to be a candidate for district board member may be obtained from and should be returned to the Designated Election Official (or Board Chair or Secretary if no DEO). [per C.R.S. 1-13.5-303]</p> <p>Self-nomination forms for the next regular election must be received by the district by:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u> <u>24</u>, 20<u>23</u>, no later than <u>5</u>:<u>00</u> PM.</p> <p>Applications for absentee voting or for permanent absentee voter status are available from and must be returned to the Designated Election Official. [per C.R.S. 1-13.5-1003]</p>		
Designated Election Official:	<u>Laurie Tatlock</u>	
Contact Address:	<u>c/o Mulhern MRE Inc. 188 Inverness Drive West #150 Englewood, CO 80112</u>	
Contact Phone:	<u>720-274-8377</u>	
District election results will be posted on these websites:	<u>www.cottonwoodwater.org</u>	Department of Local Affairs https://dola.colorado.gov/lgis
District Mill Levy	<u>12.500</u> mills, for collection in 20 <u>23</u>	
Total ad valorem tax revenue received in the previous year (note if unaudited or otherwise incomplete)	<u>\$ 1,850,544.22 unaudited</u>	

File copy of this Notice with:

- Clerk and Recorder of each county in which the district is wholly or partially located
- Assessor of each county in which the district is wholly or partially located
- Treasurer of each county in which the district is wholly or partially located
- Board of commissioners of each county in which the district is wholly or partially located
- Governing body of any municipality in which the district is wholly located
- Division of Local Government
- District's principal business office where it shall be available for public inspection

¹ Notice must be provided in one or more of the following manners:

- a) Mail Notice separately to each household where one or more eligible electors of the special district resides (Note: Districts with overlapping boundaries may combine mailed Notices, so long as the information regarding each district is separately displayed and identified);
- b) Include Notice as a prominent part of a newsletter, annual report, billing insert, billing statement, letter, voter information card or other Notice of election, or other informational mailing sent by the district to the eligible electors;
- c) Post Notice on district's official website (Note: You must also provide the Division of Local Government (<http://www.colorado.gov/dola>) with the address of your district's website in order to establish a link on the DLG's site. Please use our Contact Update form available on our website or by request.);
- d) Post Notice on website of the Special District Association of Colorado (<http://www.sdaco.org>) (Note: Your district must be an SDA member. Send Notice to SDA by mail or electronic transmission); or
- e) For a special district with less than one thousand eligible electors that is wholly located within a county with a population of less than thirty thousand, posting the Notice in at least three public places within the limits of the special district and, in addition, posting a Notice in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of the county in which the special district is located. Such Notices shall remain posted until the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of the following May.