

January 2021

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Cottonwood
Water & Sanitation District

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting. Access information is available on our website: www.cottonwoodwater.org

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.



Cottonwood
Water & Sanitation District

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

2021 Budget & Rate Changes

The Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors and the District's management company routinely review the District's financial condition. The District prepares annual budgets and as a part of that process, evaluates the need for rate adjustments. At the November 17, 2020 public meeting, the Board held a public hearing to discuss and consider the 2021 Budget and Mill Levy and the 2021 Water and Wastewater Rates.

Water and wastewater rates

The District Board seeks to keep rates as low as practical while covering operating costs, ensuring quality and reliable water delivery and efficient collection and treatment of wastewater. The District's rates include a fixed base fee for water and wastewater services and a use fee calculated on customers' monthly metered water consumption. The Board approved a 3% increase in water and wastewater use fees effective January 1, 2021. The water and sewer base fees were not increased.

Water and wastewater rates effective January 1, 2021 are as follows:

Conserving Rate per thousand gallons: \$4.38

Excessive Rate per thousand gallons: \$8.76

Abusive Rate per thousand gallons: \$13.14

Wastewater Rate per thousand gallons: \$8.25

A full schedule of rates is available on the District's website - www.cottonwoodwater.org. Please contact the District offices if you have additional questions.

Property taxes

A portion of every customer's property tax bill goes to the District to repay District debt. As part of the budget process, the Board of Directors certified the 2021 District debt service mill levy at the November 17th public hearing. The Board of Directors approved a decrease in the property tax mill levy from 14.0 mills to 13.5 mills for property taxes payable in 2021.

2020 Trash Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the 2020 Trash Survey. The District received 468 responses with results showing 62% in favor, 35% not in favor and 3% undecided. Many of the negative comments showed concern over the loss of personal control of trash/recycling service providers. The Board has currently tabled any decision on providing trash/recycling services. If you returned the form and provided your contact information at the bottom, you were entered into a drawing for one of eight (8) restaurant gift cards.

Congratulations to the drawing winners:

Mr. D. Van Biljon Ms. E. Woodhull Mr. J. Vellenga Ms. J. Antle
Ms. J. Pentland Mr. S. Prater Ms. E. Kinnaird Ms. K. Smith

Happy New Year!

See reverse for Annual District Transparency



**20²¹ 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 provided 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, Suite 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 Tovar luis@mulhernmre.com
District's website address (Required if choosing to post meeting notices online per AB 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 6:30pm held at 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO or 188 Inverness Drive West, Suite 150 Englewood, CO 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 and www.cottonwoodwater.org Emergency 24 hour emergency meeting notices will be posted at 8334 Sandreed Circle Parker, CO

Names and Contact Information of Board Members	(1) Board Chair Name: Steve Wasiecko Contact Info: lwasielko@yahoo.com <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> One-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term	(2) Board Chair Name: Linda Dillon Contact Info: lindadillon31@comcast.net <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> One-year term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
	(3) Name: William Thomas Contact Info: williamc.thomas@live.com <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> One-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term	(4) Name: VACANT Contact Info: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> One-year term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
Check applicable boxes for a Board Member whose seat will be on the ballot at the next regular election.	(5) Name: Joshua Stewart Contact Info: josh.stewart1981@gmail.com <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> One-year term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-year term	
	(6) Name: Contact Info: <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> One-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term	(7) Name: Contact Info: <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> One-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
For seven-member boards		

Date of next regular election	May 2 nd , 2022
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]	
Self-nomination forms for the next regular election must be received by the district by:	February 26, 2022, no later than 5:00 PM.
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]	
Designated Election Official:	Laurie Taillock
Contact Address:	c/o Mulhern MRE, Inc. 188 Inverness Drive West, #150 Englewood, CO 80112
Contact Phone:	303-649-9857
District election results will be posted on these websites:	www.cottonwoodwater.org Department of Local Affairs https://dola.colorado.gov/dlgs

District Mill Levy	13.500 mills, for collection in 2021
Total ad valorem tax revenue received in the previous year (note: if unaudited or otherwise incomplete)	\$ 1,722,201.00 unaudited

**This information is also available on the District website:
www.cottonwoodwater.org**