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Cottonwood
Water & Sanitation District

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 beginning at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be available via Zoom Meeting. Please visit our website; www.cottonwoodwater.org for meeting information.

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

2022 Budget & Rate Changes

The Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors and the District's management company routinely reviews the District's financial position. The District prepares annual budgets and as a part of that process, evaluates the need for rate adjustments. The 2022 Budget and Mill Levy was approved following the public hearing held during the November 16, 2021 meeting of the Board. The Board of Directors approved the District budget for 2022 and a decrease in the property tax mill levy from 13.5 mills to 12.5 mills for property taxes payable in 2022.

The District Board seeks to keep rates as low as practical while covering operating costs, ensuring high quality and reliable water delivery and efficient collection and treatment of wastewater. At the December 10, 2021 public meeting, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed rates for 2022. The Board approved an increase in water and wastewater usage fees of 2.5% and 3.5% respectively. The chart below shows the rate per 1,000 gallons of use effective January 1, 2022.

Conserving Rate per thousand gallons: \$4.49 **Abusive Rate per thousand gallons:** \$13.47
Excessive Rate per thousand gallons: \$8.98 **Wastewater Rate per thousand gallons:** \$8.54

**The District also collects a stormwater fee on behalf of the Town of Parker. In 2022, the stormwater fee per single family home will be \$8.08.

2022 Tap and Development Fees

The District board will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed change in the water and sewer tap and development fees at the next meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the District Meeting House located at 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker and is open to the public. If approved, the change in fees will be effective beginning January 1, 2022. Proposed changes are available for review at the District office at 188 Inverness Drive West, Suite 150, Englewood. Final action will be taken on the proposed changes at this meeting.

Announcing.....Xpress Bill Pay

We wanted to let you know that Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District has a new online payment provider, Xpress Bill Pay. The switch was made to provide you with many new and enhanced features like full bill presentation, paperless billing, billing history, auto pay, stored payment info, email notifications, and many more.

You will be directed to the new website when you select the "Pay Your Bill" option on the District's website or you can access Xpress Bill Pay at <https://xpressbillpay.com/#/?org=CWSD10794>. You will need to visit the site to establish an account. If you had recurring ACH payments (Auto Pay) with the District previously, you will **NOT** need to re-establish the Auto Pay with Xpress Bill Pay. Your Auto Pay with the District will be automatically set up.

If you were previously signed up for paperless billing, you **WILL** need to re-establish this by creating an account and opting in for paperless billing. We know you will love the new features. If you have any questions, you can reach Xpress Bill Pay via email at support@xpressbillpay.com or via telephone at 800-766-2350.

Happy New Year!

**20²² 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: Linda Dixon Contact Info: linda@ltd31@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
	(2) Name: Judy Luwell Contact Info: judyluwell11@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
Check applicable boxes for a Board Member whose seat will be on the ballot at the next regular election.	(3) Name: William Thomas Contact Info: wthomas@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: Oni Prasad Contact Info: <input checked="" 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	(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

Date of next regular election	May 3, 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 25, 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/dlajis
District Mill Levy	12.500 mills, for collection in 2022
Total ad valorem tax revenue received in the previous year (note: if unaudited or otherwise incomplete)	\$ 1,711,845.00 unaudited

This form can also be found on our website, <https://www.cottonwoodwater.org/district-transparency>