

October 2021

# YOUR WATER NEWS RESOURCE



Cottonwood  
Water & Sanitation District

**The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for THURSDAY October 14, 2021 beginning at 6:30pm at 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO.**

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  
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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](http://CottonwoodWater.org)



## *Long Term Financial Planning*

The District has been working for over 20 years to secure and develop its renewable water in an effort to reduce its reliance on the Denver Basin Aquifer. With this in mind, Cottonwood's work for the last 20 years allows us today to deliver to you close to 70% of renewable supply on every gallon of water you use and we are expected to hit 80% within the next couple of years... This has been possible with your support combined with the hard work of your Board of Directors!

There are still a few water supply projects yet to be developed within the next 8 years, starting around 2023. Those projects include the full development of its drought supply water, completion of its share in the Water, Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency ("WISE") remaining capital projects and the District's long-term capital replacement plan for the main components of the water and wastewater infrastructure. With this in mind, the District has developed options for its long-term financial plan to address these goals. As such, the Cottonwood Board desires input from District customers (tenants, homeowners and ratepayers) to discuss the options available to the District for funding these water supply projects and improvements. Through a Citizen's Advisory Committee, staff will discuss/present the District's funding options for capital improvements. If you have an interest in finding out more or joining the Citizen's Advisory Committee, please contact Kelly in the District office, 720-274-8309 or at [kelly@mulhernmre.com](mailto:kelly@mulhernmre.com).

## *Development of Cottonwood's Drought Water Supply*

***Your Water Board is pleased to announce the District's first step towards the development of its drought water supply. Cottonwood, in partnership with Castle Rock Water, Inverness Water and Pinery Water and Sanitation Districts held a ground breaking ceremony earlier this month for the construction of the Walker Reservoir. The Walker Reservoir has been in planning for several years and represents the District's first step toward physically securing water supplies for drought use. Please visit our website at [www.cottonwoodwater.org](http://www.cottonwoodwater.org) for more information.***





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## District E-Billing

Over the past year, the District has been sending paper bills and e-bills to all customers that have an email on file with us. In August, the District began sending e-bills to **ONLY** those accounts that confirmed with us they preferred email only bills. If you would like to continue receiving e-bills, please call Ellen at the office and let her know. She would love to set up that option for you. 303-792-9509.

## Customer Contact Information

Please call the District or reach out to us through our Contact Us tab on our website;  
[www.cottonwoodwater.org](http://www.cottonwoodwater.org) and update us on your phone number, email address and the number of household occupants (for water conservation allocation).

**KUS**  
Keystone Utility Systems

## Meter Upgrades 2021



Supplies are being delivered! The District is excited to let you know that our Water Meter Replacement Project is gearing up to begin scheduling customer appointments! The District is requiring a replacement or upgrade to all homes and businesses in Cottonwood in an effort to meet its goals for water meter upgrades to smart meters. The best part is, there is no additional cost to you! Our contractor, Keystone Utilities, will be circulating a mailing, emails and door hangers with information on how to schedule an appointment with them to replace or upgrade your home's water meter. To best suit your availability, please schedule your appointment as soon as possible. Keystone's customer service team can also help answer any questions you may have.



*It's time to winterize!  
Irrigation Season comes to a close on  
October 15th*

*All of a sudden, fall is here and that means it is time to prepare your irrigation system and landscape for winter. Freezing overnight temperatures will happen at any time now and thus irrigation systems need to be blown out, hoses need to be detached from spigots and drained, mulch needs to be added to planting beds and use tree wrap on new and thin bark trees to prevent sun and ice damage. Blowing out irrigation systems helps prevent freeze damage to sprinklers, backflow devices and places like basements and crawl spaces.*

*Always consider the following tips before cold weather hits:*

- Turn off and drain automatic and manual sprinkler systems before first freeze or before October 15th
- Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them
- Winterize unheated or vacant building
- Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before

