

SERVICE LINES. The following information is regarding service lines as the Water District policy on repair of these lines has been changed to provide better protection to homeowners. The water service into your home is something that each owner expects and usually is only thought about when there is a service stoppage. The Water District has main distribution lines buried under the roadways. The water to each property is delivered from a pipe connected to the main line referred to as the service line. Depending on your location the service line can extend from the opposite side of the roadway in front of your property, from under the roadway or from the roadway side nearest to your property. At your property line, there is a service line shut off valve referred to as a curb stop. All of the lines are located a minimum of eight feet under the ground to protect them from freezing. The curb stop has a surface access that should be clearly marked should it need to be accessed during the winter.

Failures of service lines are rare, but they can happen. Of the nearly 1,500 properties served by East Dillon, there were two service line failures last year. Failures can be a result of fatigue over time or improper water line construction. **The service line is owned by the property owner from the main line into the house.** While any service line repair can be costly, service line problems that occur from the main line to the property curb stop can be more expensive due to roadway issues including asphalt and traffic control.

Beginning in 2005, the East Dillon Water District assumed the responsible for the cost to repair a service line from the main line to the curb stop. While the District believes it is the only water provider to adopt this policy in Summit County it was based on a similar policy used by Denver Water. The reason for the change is the cost of a repair of this type can be over \$10,000 and in many cases it is not covered by homeowner insurance. As the role of the District is to be of service to its customers, it was felt all homeowners would be best served to absorb this cost within the quarterly water fees rather than as a one time major expense to an individual. This change only applies to the portion of the service line from the main line to the curb stop; the service line from the curb stop to the house remains the responsibility of the homeowner to repair.

Summit Cove Medians Summit County Government has reported to the District that it has budgeted for the Cove Boulevard road work in the summer of 2006. The County plans on using a newer type of road repair method that utilizes the removal and relaying of existing asphalt as the base surface. The District has no role in the determination of the construction method or timing of the road work. Pending the outcome of the bidding process it remains the intent of the East Dillon Water District to include demonstration landscape medians as part of the road construction. Funding for the medians would be through voluntary contributions, grants, conservation funds and other sources.

2006 WATER RATES

There is no change in the 2006 Water Rates. Water is billed in arrears so the 2006 rates will apply to the next billing in April.

2006 Quarterly Water Rates

Base rate \$ 34

Usage (per 1,000 gallons)

0-23,000 gallons	\$ 1.75
23,000-50,000 gallons	\$ 5.00
Over 50,000 gallons	\$10.00

The base rate in Summerwood above the booster pump station is \$64.

Tap Fee (new construction) \$ 7,500 per unit. The Board of Directors will be considering an increase to the tap fee at the February meeting

The base rate does not include any water usage. The District utilizes a base rate structure as it is in an area with numerous vacation and second homes. The District incurs the same costs to insure water service is available to all properties, regardless if occupied full-time or on a limited basis during the year. These costs include the maintenance of water lines, pump capacity, treatment facilities and operations staff. Income from water usage charges also contributes to fixed costs and additional costs of delivering water.

The escalating rate scale of the District is intended to promote water conservation and sensible use of a limited resource. During the 4th quarter, only 7% of the District users exceeded 23,000 gallons. During the summer landscape water usage periods, 27% of the District users exceeded 23,000 gallons.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday February 27th in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 12 or email admin@eastdillon.com.

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