

# EAST DILLON WATER DISTRICT

JULY 2023

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:30 PM at the East Dillon Water District office at 58 Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting please call (970) 468-6256 or email [admin@eastdillon.com](mailto:admin@eastdillon.com).

## VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

The District encourages all users to conserve water. The voluntary water restrictions for the East Dillon Water District begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. The restrictions are:

- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed on Mondays and Thursdays.
- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM.
- ❑ Hand watering, using either a watering can or a hose with a shut off nozzle is ALLOWED at any time (no restrictions as to days or time).
- ❑ Outside usage using drip irrigation systems is not restricted.

The voluntary restrictions are for outside usage and are in effect until October 1<sup>st</sup>. The District monitors water levels in our aquifer and customer usage patterns. Should weather patterns, usage levels or water source problems warrant, the District may impose mandatory water restrictions.

Landscaping can have a beautiful summer appearance with sensible watering. Turf grass should not be watered daily as too much water encourages shallow roots. Please do not water in the middle of the day when heat and wind can evaporate the water being applied before it can be used by the plants. Unintentional high-water usage can occur from leaks in irrigation systems.

## METER REPAIR PROJECT

The East Dillon Water District uses a "smart" water metering system to read customer water meters for billing purposes. We also receive usage information and sometimes we can detect unusual usage or usage that appears unintentional such as a running toilet. The Meter Transmitting Unit (MTU) is a device that attaches to customer meters and transmits meter reading info to us. The MTU batteries are purported to last 20 years, but we are finding that is not the case. We are contacting customers as time and materials permit to schedule meter repairs. For more information on the meter repair project, visit our website at [www.eastdillon.com](http://www.eastdillon.com).

## 2023 WATER RATES

The East Dillon Water District bills quarterly and in arrears. This billing is for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.

The 2023 base rate increased from \$46 in 2022 to \$61 per quarter in 2023. Water usage rates increased 10% for each usage tier. This increase is based on increased operating and infrastructure costs and designed to allow for sufficient reserves for major infrastructure repairs and replacements. The last rate increases occurred in 2018.

### 2023 Quarterly Water Rates

Base rate           \$ 61

### Usage (per 1,000 gallons)

0-23,000 gallons	\$ 2.20
23,001-50,000 gallons	\$ 6.16
Over 50,000 gallons	\$12.32

The base rate in Summerwood above the booster pump station will increase from \$76 to \$126 per quarter. This rate is based on covering costs to replace aging infrastructure required to provide domestic water service and fire suppression to upper Summerwood customers.

The District charges a \$ 25 late fee plus 3% interest per quarter for all late payments. A comprehensive 2023 Rate Schedule can be found at [www.eastdillon.com](http://www.eastdillon.com).

**Tap Fee** (new construction) \$ 10,000 per unit.

**Tap Fee** (Upper Summerwood) \$15,000 per unit.

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.

## ESTIMATED WATER USAGE?

**Does your water bill say "ESTIMATED WATER USAGE"?** If yes, it means we were not able to read your meter remotely, nor can we monitor your meter for unintended water use. Please contact District Administrator Tom Oberheide to schedule a time for our staff to replace equipment free of charge. Call 970-468-6256 or email [admin@eastdillon.com](mailto:admin@eastdillon.com) to schedule.