

North Carter Lake

water district

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WATER DISTRICT NEWS

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New Service,
Existing Service
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Water Supply Update

As many of you may have read in the newspapers recently, the water supply outlook for the remainder of 2003 is much better than 2002. The snowpack in the Colorado River Basin is about average this year compared with 27% of average in 2002.

Carter Lake is the only reservoir in the area that is close to being full. All other reservoirs in the Colorado-Big Thompson System are well below 50% capacity, and in most cases below 25% capacity. Lake Granby is at about 7% of usable capacity. Predictions are that it will take up to 8 years of average snowpack to refill those reservoirs.

Recent snowfall and rain on the east slope have re-charged our soil to some extent. Hopefully the spring moisture will continue and provide us at least an average amount of precipitation. Recently the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District issued an additional 10% allotment to its shareholders. That means that instead of getting just a 30% allocation on our shares, we now get 40%. In addition, CEMEX Inc., of

Longmont donated 20 a.f. of C-BT Water to the District. This was a part of some 160 a.f. (valued at more than \$80,000) they contributed to local communities.

Conservation efforts by our customers continue to be successful, and have contributed to the improvement of our supply greatly. That, along with some additional rental water we obtained, has greatly improved our supply.



Increased Allotment Beginning May 1, 2003

The District Board of Directors, at their April meeting considered our current water supply situation and elected to raise each customer's monthly allotment beginning May 1.

As you will recall, we currently allow 5,000 gallons usage for the monthly minimum of \$20.00. The new allotment is 10,000 gallons for the monthly minimum of \$20.00. All use over 10,000 gallons will be billed at the penalty rate of \$10.00 per 1000 gallons.

The Board will again consider the situation at their June meeting. Should our supply continue to improve, restrictions and/or allotments may be further adjusted. Keep in mind that if the situation worsens, strict restrictions may return.



Additional Rental Water

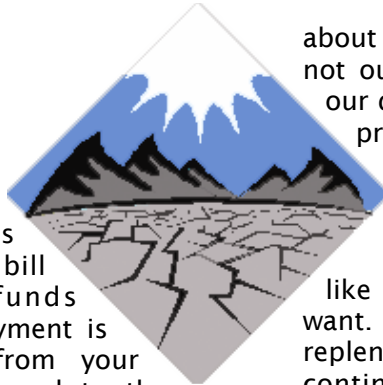
If you would like a larger allocation on your account, you may transfer additional C-BT water to the District for your use. It will be applied to your account so that you will avoid the "penalty" phase of the rate structure as long as you have enough water in the account to cover your excess use.



Conservation — 2003

Automated Bill Payments

We have had a couple of inquiries regarding automated bill paying (electronic funds transfer) - where your payment is automatically deducted from your bank account and transferred to the District's account. In this situation, the customer still received a "bill", but it is marked "draft customer" and is for information only. In order to initiate this option, we must have at least 20 participants. If you are interested, please contact our office. If there is enough interest, we will set it up.



We here at the District are still concerned about the amount of water available for 2003. It is not our desire to unduly restrict water use. It is our duty to assure that we have enough water to provide your "domestic" needs during this drought period. We continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to our operations as conditions dictate.

It is our business to sell water. We would like to sell every tapholder all the water they want. However, until mother nature sees fit to replenish our water supplies, we will continue to be on limited use restrictions. Please understand that we are doing everything we can to get you as much water as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



Continued Conservation Efforts Needed

We are not out of the wood yet. Continued conservation efforts by our customers are needed and appreciated. You have all read suggestions as to how to conserve. Please keep those suggestions in mind as the year progresses. Without your efforts up to this point, we would not be able to increase the allocation as much as we have. *KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!*

The District Board of Directors sends out a big THANK YOU to all of our tapholders for their efforts. The outlook for the remainder of the year is encouraging due to your efforts.

~ Contact Numbers For The District ~

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If you have an emergency and the answering machine picks up at the office, Barry Dykes can usually be reached via cell phone at 303-517-9982