

Automated Bill Payments



We have about 8 people on our list of those who would like to see automated bill paying (electronic funds transfer) made available.

This is an option wherein your payment is automatically deducted from your bank account and transferred to the District's account. In this situation the customer still receives a "bill" but it is marked "Draft Customer" and is provided for information only. In order to initiate this, we need about 20 participants. If you are interested, please contact our office. If there is enough interest, we will set it up.



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If you have an emergency
and the answering machine
picks up at the office,
Barry Dykes can usually be reached
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WATER DISTRICT NEWS

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Newsletter



Water Supply Update

Return to Quarterly Billing

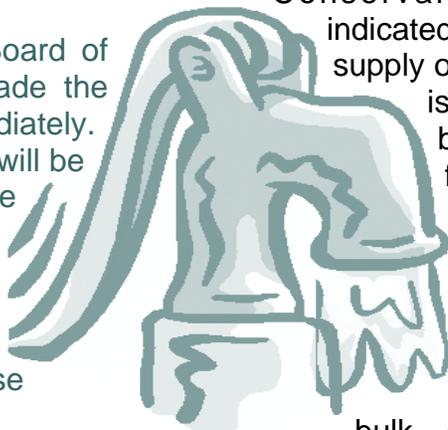
At the regular business meeting of the District Board of Directors on October 14, 2003, the Directors made the decision to return to quarterly billing effective immediately. This means that the next water bill you will receive will be in the first week of January, 2004, and will be for the period October 1, 2003 through Dec 31, 2003.

The current rates will remain in effect, except that all three months of the quarter will be included on one bill. The current rates based on quarterly use are as follows:

\$60.00	Minimum Charge (includes 30,000 gallons)
\$4.00/1000 gallons	All water used over 30,000 gallons in the quarter

The above rates will be reconsidered at a future meeting. We have experienced increases in the cost of providing service for several years. An increase in rates will probably occur in the near future.

Recent projections by the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District indicated that the water supply outlook for 2004 is significantly better than the forecast of one year ago.



They anticipate that Lake Granby (where the bulk of our water originates) will be at 40% capacity on April 1, 2004. Further, Carter Lake and Horsetooth Reservoir will be close to full by that time. One year ago, the forecast was that Granby would be at zero capacity on April 1, 2003, Carter Lake would be close to full and Horsetooth Reservoir would be at below 25% capacity.

Due to a very good snowpack

last winter, above average rainfall this spring, and conservation efforts, the outlook is much better now than projections from last year indicated. However, we are not out of the woods yet. We will need several more "above-average" years (in terms of precipitation) to see water levels in Granby approach 100% capacity. With that in mind, the Conservancy District issued an initial quota for 2004 of 50%. Additional allotments could be issued in the spring should snowpack and other conditions allow.



The District Board of Directors will consider this issue and determine what effect that quota will have on our customers, and adjust individual allotments and water rates accordingly.