

# North Carter Lake

water district

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WATER DISTRICT NEWS

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Billing Inquiries,  
New Service,  
Existing Service  
Problems:  
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Effective January 1, 2006 the water rates were increased by the Board of Directors of the District.



	Old Rates	New Rates
Quarterly minimum (includes 30,000 gallons)	\$75.00	\$90.00
All water used in excess of 30,000 gallons	\$2.50/1000 gallons	\$3.00/1000 gallons

The need to establish additional reserves for anticipated water line replacement was the primary reason for the increase.

Additionally, we have received a 10% increase in water processing rates from Little Thompson each year for the last 3 years. Finally, the need to purchase additional Colorado-Big Thompson Water Units to increase our water rights ownership to more closely match our demand also played a part in the decision.

The District has worked on a "break-even" budget for several years, but for the reasons listed above the budget will now include monies designated for future expenditures.

## RECENT SURVEYS

Thanks to all of you who have completed and returned the various surveys we sent out. With new rules and regulations from both the EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, we are required to provide both agencies with new information .



There will be more of these surveys in the future, and we ask for your cooperation in completing them and returning them to us.

## CARTER LAKE OUTLET PROJECT



A project is in the planning stage that will result in an additional outlet for water from Carter Lake at Dam #1 (the south dam). Hopes are that the Carter Lake Outlet Project design will be complete and ready to go out for bids in November 2006, and that a contractor will be in place in early 2007. Actual construction in the reservoir will primarily be in the fall-winter of 2007-08. Plans are to have construction completed and in operation by April 2008.

Actual schedules, impacts and planning of reservoir elevations are currently being evaluated, but it looks like during construction of the tunnel and tower, the lake level will be at or near 20% of capacity - between 20,000 and 25,000 acre feet. The lake was near that level last November and December. More information will be available on the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District website ([www.ncwcd.org](http://www.ncwcd.org)) in the near future.

## WATER QUALITY LEAD AND COPPER TESTING

We continue to monitor lead and copper content of our water. Since we received notification in 2003 of two samples that had a lead level slightly above the EPA Action Level, we have been required to adhere to a strict schedule of follow-up monitoring and testing for that contaminant. Test results for all samples have been "below detectable limits" - or well below the EPA established Action Level. We are required to complete one more round of testing in 2006, and assuming that the tests continue to be below the EPA Action Level, will return to a "normal" testing and monitoring schedule in 2007. Of course if any samples are returned with unusual results or results higher than the Action Level, we will notify all customers immediately.

### TAP FEE INCREASE

Effective January 1, 2006 tap fees were raised to keep pace with increasing costs and use. We have seen an increase in average use, and along with lower allotments per share of water, the District Board of Directors voted to increase tap fees and C-BT Water requirements. The increase in tap fees will have no effect on current customers, but all water taps sold in the future will cost more.

	Old Tap Fee	New Tap Fee
In-district cash portion	\$3,000	\$6,000
Additional out-of-district cash portion	\$7,042	\$7,042
C-BT water requirement	1.0 Units	1.5 Units