

# M *Castle Pines North* METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Providing the people, families, neighborhoods and small businesses of Castle Pines with clean, safe, reliable drinking water, renewable water, wastewater, storm water, parks and open space services in the most fiscally responsible manner, while serving as stewards of the community's water-related assets and Standard & Poor's AA and Moody's A1 bond ratings.

— December 2014 —

## NEW RATE AND FEE STRUCTURES TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2015

Based upon the District's review of the MWH Rate Study, the District will be adjusting its rate and fee structure to reflect the actual cost of service to its customers. In 2012, the District Board engaged MWH Global to conduct a comprehensive rate study that would enable the District to responsibly and transparently cover expenses and that would allow for annual rate and fee adjustments. Consistent with that cost-of-service model and following the public hearing at its meeting on November 17, the District adopted a monthly water, wastewater, and storm sewer increase that will take effect January 1, 2015, as shown below.

### 2015 Monthly Water Rates Per 1,000 Gallons of Water Use Organized By Customer Classification (3/4-inch meter)

CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	CUSTOMER CHARGE <sup>1</sup>	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE <sup>2</sup>	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	TIER 4
			water use of up to 100% of monthly allocation	water use between 100% and 120% of monthly allocation	water use between 120% and 140% of monthly allocation	water use that exceeds 140% of monthly allocation
Residential	\$ 9.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.85	\$ 6.95	\$ 13.25
Irrigation	\$ 9.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 4.55	\$ 5.90	\$ 8.45	\$ 16.10
Commercial	\$ 9.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 3.55	\$ 4.61	\$ 6.60	\$ 12.60
Indoor Use	\$ 9.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75
Out-of-District	\$ 11.88	\$ 34.38	\$ 4.69	\$ 6.06	\$ 8.69	\$ 16.56
Out-of-District Irrigation	\$ 11.88	\$ 34.38	\$ 5.69	\$ 7.38	\$ 10.56	\$ 20.13

### 2015 Monthly Wastewater Rates Per 1,000 Gallons <sup>3</sup>

CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	WASTEWATER SYSTEM CUSTOMER CHARGE <sup>3</sup>	VOLUME CHARGE
Residential	\$ 10.40	\$ 5.60
Townhouse	\$ 10.40	\$ 5.60
Commercial/Indoor Use	\$ 12.35	\$ 5.60
Out-of-District (Residential)	\$ 13.00	\$ 7.00

### 2015 Monthly Storm Water Infrastructure Fee <sup>4</sup>

CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	FLAT RATE
Residential	\$ 5.00
Out-of-District (Residential)	\$ 6.25



Additionally, due to damage to the District's storm water conveyance system (photos above) incurred during the storms of September 2013 and again in July of this year, the District Board elected to implement a one-time charge of \$30 per Single Family Equivalent to allow repairs to the storm water system to take place during the summer of 2015. The additional charge will appear on customers' bills as a \$10 charge during each of the months of February, March and April.

Highlights of the 2015 rate and fee increases translate as follows \*:

- approximately 84% of monthly residential bills will reflect a combined water, wastewater, and storm drainage bill increase of \$10 or less;
- the median monthly **water** bill will increase \$4.90;
- the median monthly **wastewater** bill will increase \$1.02;
- the median monthly **storm drainage** bill will increase \$1, for a 3/4" In-District meter; and
- the storm water increase is necessary to repair damage to storm water infrastructure resulting from recent flooding.

*\*Note: Out-of-District customers are charged 125% of In-District customers*

**Please email District Administrator Janet Burnham at [janet@cpnmd.org](mailto:janet@cpnmd.org) or District Manager Jim Nikkel at [jim@cpnmd.org](mailto:jim@cpnmd.org) with questions.**

<sup>1</sup> **Customer Charge - Water** on your monthly bill applies to the District's day-to-day water-related operations, including, but not limited to: (a) transporting the District's seasonal renewable water through Centennial Water and Sanitation District's water treatment plant to our District's pump station and water distribution system, (b) maintaining and repairing water infrastructure (e.g., water treatment plant, ten groundwater wells and associated pumps), (c) paying for the electricity required to operate the District's renewable water pump station, groundwater well pumps, booster pumps, and the water treatment plant, (d) adjudicating and monitoring the District's water rights, (e) water quality monitoring and testing, (f) funding the water rebate program, and (g) staff.

<sup>2</sup> **Capital Improvement Fee - Water** on your monthly bill applies to construction and/or acquisition of water-related infrastructure including, but not limited to: (a) the ICPP pump station & pipeline, (b) groundwater well replacement, (c) Chatfield Expansion & Reallocation Project, (d) water rights, and (e) future renewable water infrastructure.

<sup>3</sup> **Customer Charge - Wastewater** on your monthly bill applies to the District's day-to-day wastewater-related operations, including, but not limited to lift station and sewage treatment operations.

<sup>4</sup> **Storm Drainage Charge** on your monthly bill applies to the District's storm water operations and infrastructure maintenance and repair.



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