

# 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 2013 —

## New rate and fee structures take effect January 1, 2014

Following two consecutive years of adopting no drinking water, wastewater, or storm water rate or fee increases in 2011 and 2012, the District Board tasked StepWise Utility Advisors (now MWH Global) with completing a comprehensive rate study. Last year, based on MWH Global's recommendations, the District Board adopted a cost-of-service model that will enable the District to responsibly and transparently cover expenses, but that will likely require annual rate and fee adjustments. Consistent with transitioning to that cost-of-service model, the District implemented a bill increase for 2013, as shown below.

### 2013 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 of 100.01% to 120% of monthly allocation	water use of 120% to 140% of monthly allocation	water use of more than 140% of monthly allocation
Residential	\$ 8.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 3.37	\$ 4.38	\$ 6.56	\$ 12.52
Irrigation	\$ 8.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 4.10	\$ 5.33	\$ 7.63	\$ 14.56
Commercial	\$ 8.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 3.53	\$ 4.58	\$ 6.56	\$ 12.52
Indoor Class	\$ 8.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.53
Out-of-District	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 5.46	\$ 8.20	\$ 15.65
Out-of-District Irrigation	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 5.12	\$ 6.66	\$ 9.53	\$ 18.20

### 2014 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 100.01% and 120% of monthly allocation	water use between 120% and 140% of monthly allocation	water use that exceeds 140% of monthly allocation
Residential	\$ 8.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 3.55	\$ 4.61	\$ 6.60	\$ 12.60
Irrigation	\$ 8.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 4.30	\$ 5.60	\$ 8.05	\$ 15.30
Commercial	\$ 8.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 3.55	\$ 4.61	\$ 6.60	\$ 12.60
Indoor Class	\$ 8.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.55
Out-of-District	\$ 10.63	\$ 31.25	\$ 4.44	\$ 5.76	\$ 8.25	\$ 15.75
Out-of-District Irrigation	\$ 10.63	\$ 31.25	\$ 5.38	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.06	\$ 19.13

Following the public hearing at its meeting on November 18, the District Board adopted monthly water, wastewater, and storm water bill increases that will take effect January 1, 2014.

Highlights of the 2014 rate and fee increases translate as follows:

- approximately 71% of monthly residential bills will reflect a combined water, wastewater, and storm drainage bill increase of \$6 or less;
- the monthly **water** bill will increase \$2.76;
- the median monthly **wastewater** bill will increase \$1.33;
- 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.

2013 Monthly Wastewater Rates Per 1,000 Gallons			
CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	CUSTOMER CHARGE <sup>3</sup>	VOLUME CHARGE	
Residential	\$ 9.15	\$	5.20
Townhouse	\$ 9.15	\$	5.20
Commercial	\$ 12.35	\$	5.20
Out-of-District (Residential)	\$ 11.43	\$	6.50

2014 Monthly Wastewater Rates Per 1,000 Gallons			
CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	CUSTOMER CHARGE <sup>3</sup>	VOLUME CHARGE	
Residential	\$ 9.80	\$	5.37
Townhouse	\$ 9.80	\$	5.37
Commercial	\$ 12.35	\$	5.37
Out-of-District (Residential)	\$ 12.25	\$	6.71

2013 Monthly Storm Drainage Charge <sup>4</sup>		
CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	FLAT RATE	
Residential	\$	3.00
Out-of-District (Residential)	\$	3.75

2014 Monthly Storm Drainage Charge <sup>4</sup>		
CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	FLAT RATE	
Residential	\$	4.00
Out-of-District (Residential)	\$	5.00

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) Meadow Island Ditch 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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