

December 15, 2011

Dear ACWWA Ratepayer:

Subsequent to a Public Hearing held on December 14, 2011, the Board of Directors for the Arapahoe County Water & Wastewater Authority (ACWWA) adopted a budget for 2012 that considers ACWWA's financial goals and includes revised rates and fees for water and wastewater services. The Board finds that these revised rates are reasonable, rational and non-discriminatory.

While considering the 2012 budget, the Board of Directors looked closely at the need for renewable water resources and, after careful consideration, adopted rate adjustments for water user fees, wastewater user fees, tap fees, and other rates and charges effective January 1, 2012 and will appear on the February bill.

The attached tables reflect the primary rates imposed by ACWWA. A copy of ACWWA's Rules and Regulations can be found on the website at www.arapahoewater.org and rates and fees are listed in the Appendix A to the Rules and Regulations.

Residential Water /Irrigation Rates

Charges for Residential water service include a monthly service fee of \$37.55 plus a volume charge for each 1,000 gallons of metered usage:

| Usage gal/mo | From | To | Rate |
|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Block 1 | 0 | 4,000 | \$3.28 |
| Block 2 | 4,001 | 10,000 | \$4.10 |
| Block 3 | 10,001 | 30,000 | \$5.12 |
| Block 4 | 30,001 | Above 30,001 | \$6.41 |

Monthly services charges do not apply to irrigation meters unless the account is irrigation only.

Wastewater Rates

Residential Wastewater Rates:

All Residential customers will be charged a monthly fee of \$18.75 per month plus a volume charge of \$4.22 per 1,000 gallons. For Residential customers with a single water meter, volume charges will be based on the lesser of average metered water usage for the period December through March or actual metered usage. For those residential customers with separate in-house use and irrigation meters, volume charges will be based on in-house metered water usage.

Non-Residential Wastewater Rates:

Commercial users will be billed a monthly service charge of \$41.30. The volume charge will be \$6.28 per 1,000 gallons. For Non-Residential customers with a single water meter, volume charges will be based on the lesser of average metered water usage for the period December through March or actual metered usage. For those Non-Residential customers with separate in-building use and irrigation meters, volume charges will be based on in-building metered water usage.

Water and Sewer Tap Fees

For Residential development, each separate housing structure is considered to be a Tap Equivalent (TE). For Commercial or Multi-Family developments, Water and Sewer Tap Fees are calculated on the service requirements of the specific property, including landscape irrigation, and expressed on a Tap Equivalent (T.E.) basis. The Authority's Tap Fee per Tap Equivalent (T.E.) as of January 1, 2012 is as follows:

- \$ 23,306 per T.E. for potable water service
- \$ 23,306 per T.E. for non-potable water service
- \$ 5,950 per T.E. for sewer service

Water Resources Fee

The water resource fee for 2012 will be \$39,958 per acre foot

Non-Residential Fire Line Rates

There will be no change in Fire Line fees for 2012.

Water Investment Fee

There will be no change in the water investment fee for 2012.

Construction Water

The deposit for all hydrant meters will remain at \$2,000 for all sizes.

All construction water will be billed at \$7.37 per 1,000 gallons of usage.

The monthly meter rental fee will be:

\$115 per month for a 1" meter

\$185 per month for a 2" meter

\$260 per month for a 3" meter

Miscellaneous Rates and Fees

Operation and Administrative staff's time will be billed at \$75 per hour

Backflow Testing will be billed at \$75 per test

Account Transfer Fees will be billed at \$150 each

Duplicate Bills will be billed at \$10 per bill

Posting Termination Notices at the Service Address will be billed at \$75

The 1% interest fee will be replaced with a flat fee of \$15 per month for all residential customers and 2% of the past due amount for all non-residential customers.

Bills will be due on the 25th of the month that they are billed and delinquent fees will be accessed on all bills not received in ACWWA's office by the 25th of each month.

If you have any questions, please call the billing office at (303) 790-4830 extension 316.

Sincerely,

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