



November Newsletter

2022

Hello Colorado City, my name is Greg Collins I am one of your Metro Board members. I am writing this month to get you up to date on a few things we have done this month to try to improve our water in Colorado City. This month we have had several developments. I am going to address the most unpopular one first. The board voted to increase the water charged per gallon from .00438 per gallon to .00526 per gallon for the first 5,000 gallons. See the chart for complete info.

¾" household tap

OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW	USAGE SCALE
Per Gallon	Per Gallon	Per Thousand	Per thousand	
.00438	.005256	4.38	5.26	1 to 5k gallons
.00570	.00684	5.70	6.84	5,001 to 15,000
.00684	.00821	6.84	8.21	15,001 to 35,000

The base charge will remain the same as it has been. So, the rate increase will only affect the portion of your bill that is for gallons used. Conservation will help to keep your costs down.

This is a 20% increase per gallon across all rate scales. Unfortunately, this is not enough to close the inflation gap since the last water rate per gallon increase, but the board felt it to be too much if we tried to completely compensate for inflation through the rate hike. We have made cuts where we can to save money and hope

this will be enough to keep us in the black. The biggest single cause here is inflation which nobody here in the valley controls.

The Board has also discussed doing a sort of LEAP program for Colorado city residents that this rate increase may harm. It would be voluntary, and we still are working on details. Any input or suggestions would be welcome.

You've probably noticed construction equipment working on water lines on Waco Mish and Talley Drive. The program to repair / replace some water lines and repair / reline the water tanks is coming along nicely, still within budget and time.

The program to add a prefilter and repair Lake Beckwith Dam is also moving forward. Jim is actively working with many agencies to find funding for engineering and construction. Even after finding the funding the engineering and approval process will take time, but we should see dirt moving in three to four years.

Remember, we will have a "Chat with Board Members" again February 21, 2023, at 6 pm. We welcome everyone interested to attend and discuss any questions and concerns with members of the CCMD Board. It won't be a formal meeting...just a chat.

The activities program at the Rec Center next to the pool is up and operating. Pool, foosball, table tennis, and more, are available activities. Contact Josh Briggs 719-676-3059 or cocityparksandrec.colorado.gov for times, cost, and more information.

Happy Holidays!