



WATER OUTLOOK Statewide the water outlook is much better than last year, particularly in southwest Colorado. However, in Summit County most indicators reflect lower than average snow pack. While snow pack in the higher elevations is down in measurement, there appeared to be more snow in the lower valleys. Factors including the current spring storms and cooler weather that delay run off all contribute to more favorable water conditions than last year.

Even in the best years, the water availability in our region can be limited. Over half of the water usage in the District each year is for outside irrigation. As part of the conservation practices that the District encourages, the voluntary water restrictions will begin May 1st for the summer season. The water restrictions are detailed elsewhere in this information. The voluntary restrictions are structured as a guideline for residents to use water sensibly and allow flexibility.

Water “holidays” suggested on Mondays and Thursdays have proven very effective in providing our aquifer a rest period to recharge. Due to wind and heat of the day evaporation, outside water applied in the middle of the day is the most wasteful use of water we observe. Please irrigate only before 10 AM or after 6 PM. Hand watering has no restrictions to allow residents the ability to wash cars when convenient or maintain new plantings as needed. Properly maintained drip irrigation systems are also not restricted as they are a very efficient way of irrigating landscaping suitable in our high mountain environment.

Water Quality Report Enclosed with this mailing is the annual Water Quality Report (also called the Consumer Confidence Report). The high quality of water provided by East Dillon is reflected by the report. Additional information concerning our water source is included in the report.

Summit Cove Medians The East Dillon Water District is nearing completion of an agreement with Summit County Government regarding a combined effort to include new medians during the reconstruction of Cove Boulevard this summer. The installation of the water pipes for the median irrigation system last summer was a factor in determining that Cove Boulevard needed a complete reconstruction from the base up. The existing roadway and medians will be completely removed and replaced with a new roadway, including medians, designed for better drainage and traffic flow. The cooperation between the two entities and the County’s assistance in properly preparing the median base areas will result in the most cost efficient installation of a new road entryway used by a majority of the District’s homeowners. The District anticipates the work will be underway early this summer. The homeowners who have graciously committed to the voluntary funding of the medians will receive information in the July billing on starting the contribution suggested at \$25 per quarter for two years or \$200. Over a period of time the medians will be paid for by voluntary contributions and new development funding. The District will oversee the landscape maintenance on the medians while the County will provide the maintenance of the structural portion of the medians. More detailed information regarding the District’s position on the use of the medians as an example of xeriscape and prudent landscaping for this area is available on the District web site or by request.

VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

The voluntary water restrictions for the East Dillon Water District begin May 1st. The restrictions are:

- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed on Mondays and Thursdays.
- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM.
- ❑ Hand watering, using either a watering can or a hose with a shut off nozzle is ALLOWED at anytime (no restrictions as to days or time).
- ❑ Outside usage using drip irrigation systems is not restricted.

The voluntary restrictions are for outside usage and are in effect until October 1st. The District monitors water levels in our aquifer and customer usage patterns. Should weather patterns, usage levels or water source problems warrant, the District can impose mandatory water restrictions.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday May 23rd in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 12 or email admin@eastdillon.com.