

**TOILET LEAKS.** District users who feel their water usage is higher than expected may want to check their toilets. A toilet leak is not something that is obvious to most homeowners and does not leave any obvious signs. What is meant by a leak is the tank parts are either out of adjustment or worn out and allow a small amount of water to continually run down the drain line.

A toilet can be easily checked by placing food coloring in the tank. If color shows up in the bowl, then there is a leak in your toilet. A leaking toilet can add thousands of gallons to your quarterly bill.

Every year the District has several running toilet problems. Normally these are in second homes or homes for sale where a toilet is flushed to check operation and the handle sticks causing the toilet to stay on when no one is in the home. A toilet left on can use 50,000 gallons or more during a week!

**Financial Summary** The East Dillon Water District desires to provide high quality water at a reasonable cost for all residents and to build capital reserves for long-term infrastructure replacement. 2006 was another successful year for the District.

**In 2006 District revenues were from the following sources:**

Water sales	\$ 404,071	51%
Property taxes	201,744	26%
Interest income	33,401	4%
New construction fees	150,075	19%

**Expenditures for the District in 2006 were allocated to:**

Debt payment (water rights)	\$ 293,528	37%
Operating costs	281,178	36%
Capital projects	138,391	17%
Increased reserves	76,193	10%

*The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 2 or email [admin@eastdillon.com](mailto:admin@eastdillon.com).*

**2007 WATER RATES**

There is no change in the 2007 Water Rates. Water is billed in arrears so the 2007 rates will apply to the next billing in April. This is the third year of the current water rates. Users who use less than 23,000 gallons have had the same water rates for 8 years! During high usage periods in the summer 75% of all users are on the lowest rate; during the winter quarters over 90% of all users have the lowest rate.

**2007 Quarterly Water Rates**

Base rate	\$ 34
<b>Usage (per 1,000 gallons)</b>	
0-23,000 gallons	\$ 1.75
23,000-50,000 gallons	\$ 5.00
Over 50,000 gallons	\$10.00

The base rate in Summerwood above the booster pump station is \$64.

Tap Fee (new construction) \$ 7,500 per unit.

The base rate does not include any water usage. The District utilizes a base rate structure as it is in an area with numerous vacation and second homes. The District incurs the same costs to insure water service is available to all properties, regardless if occupied full-time or on a limited basis during the year. These costs include the maintenance of water lines, pump capacity, treatment facilities and operations staff. Income from water usage charges also contributes to fixed costs and additional costs of delivering water.

The escalating rate scale of the District is intended to promote water conservation and sensible use of a limited resource. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 86% of the District customers used less than 23,000 gallons. During the summer landscape water usage periods, 25% of the District users exceeded 23,000 gallons.

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