

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, March 7th at 12:30 PM 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.

FLUORIDE IN THE WATER. The East Dillon Water District has **NOT** been adding fluoride to the drinking water since an equipment failure in 2010. The information below is to request the comments of users regarding adding fluoride to the water in the future.

The District began adding fluoride to the water in the 1980's as part of a State and Federal program to improve dental health in children. There are strong feelings on both sides of the argument regarding the benefits or health concerns of fluoride. An internet search on fluoride will result in detailed information regarding the pros and cons. The District has water of excellent quality and has followed a practice of not using chemicals for water treatment. The exception is chlorination that is a State requirement for disinfection.

Fluoride occurs naturally in the East Dillon water source at 0.2 mg/L. In the past, fluoride was added to obtain a recommended concentration for dental care of 1.1 mg/L. Recently the EPA has released information suggesting the level should be reduced. While there may be benefits from fluoride, there are potential health concerns if a person is exposed to too much fluoride.

The logic behind the EPA decision and the current tentative action of the District to not add additional fluoride to the water is there are now many sources of fluoride available. These include dental care products like tooth paste. The addition of fluoride to the water may remove a choice of some users to restrict fluoride in their health maintenance.

The Board of the District will consider at their March 2011 meeting if they should obtain new equipment to again add fluoride to the water supply. Any opinions or comments you would like to have considered by the Board should be included with your payment, by email to admin@eastdillon.com or by phone to (970) 668-5655.

2011 WATER RATES

The East Dillon Water District bills quarterly and in arrears. This billing is for the 4th quarter of 2010.

The 2011 base rate will increase from \$34 to \$35 per quarter effective with the next billing. Depending on your total water bill the increase is 2.9% or less. This is the first increase in the District base rate in 12 years. The rates are based on covering operating costs and to allow sufficient reserves for major infrastructure repairs and replacement.

2011 Quarterly Water Rates

Base rate \$ 35

Usage (per 1,000 gallons)

0-23,000 gallons	\$ 1.75
23,001-50,000 gallons	\$ 5.00
Over 50,000 gallons	\$10.00

The base rate in Summerwood above the booster pump station is \$65.

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.

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