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Cottonwood
Water & Sanitation District

The next meeting date is Tuesday, October 20, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm at the District Office and via Zoom.com

Notice of Board Vacancy for the Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District

The Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District has a recent vacancy on their Board of Directors and desires to fill this position. To be eligible to serve, the candidate must be a resident of the District or an owner (or the spouse or civil union partner of the owner) of taxable real or personal property situated in the District. The candidate must also be registered to vote in the State of Colorado. This position will be filled by appointment of the Board and the person so appointed will serve until the next regular election. The Board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at either the District Meeting House at 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker or the District Office at 188 Inverness Drive West, Suite 150, Englewood as well as via Zoom Meetings.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact the District office c/o Kelly Conover at Mulhern MRE, 188 Inverness Drive West, Suite 150, Englewood, CO 80112 or via email at kelly@mulhernmre.com. You will be forwarded a Board of Directors Application form to be submitted along with a short letter of interest and a resume or summary of qualifications. Applications for this board position are due at the District offices no later than November 6, 2020.

Governed by a board of five elected property owners of the Cottonwood community, the District was established to provide the residents of the community with water and wastewater services. The District is a quasi-governmental, non-profit, entity that collects property taxes and fees for water and wastewater services to ensure that quality water is delivered to homes and businesses and that wastewater is removed, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of every year from the community.

2021 Proposed Budget and Rate Changes

The Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors and the District's management company routinely reviews the District's financial performance and condition. The District prepares annual budgets and as a part of that process, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2021 Budget at the November 17, 2020, public meeting.

Water and wastewater rates

In addition to the addressing the budget, the District Board will hold a public hearing at the November 17, 2020, public meeting to consider water and wastewater fee modifications to be effective January 1, 2021. The District's rates include a fixed base fee for water and wastewater services, a use fee calculated on customers' monthly metered water consumption, and tap or development fees related to new construction.

Over the past several years, the District has experienced rising water supply and waste water treatment costs. Additionally, the District is experiencing inflationary increases in utilities and labor costs as well as increases in infrastructure supplies, repairs, and maintenance expenses. The District Board seeks to keep rates as low as practical while covering operating costs, ensuring high quality and reliable water delivery, and efficient collection and treatment of wastewater.

The District Board anticipates no changes to water and sewer base rates and 2-3% increases in water use rates and wastewater treatment rates for 2021 corresponding to increased water costs and wastewater treatment costs.

Property taxes

A portion of every customer's property tax bill goes to the District to repay District debt. As part of the budget process, the Board of Directors will certify the District debt service mill levy at the November 17th public meeting. The District does not yet have final assessed value numbers from Douglas County, however, the Board anticipates that its mill levy will be slightly lower for the coming year.

Additional information

District financial and rate information is accessible on the District's website – www.CottonwoodWater.org. Please contact the District offices if you have additional questions.



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