

January 2020

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Cottonwood  
Water & Sanitation District

Next Meeting Date  
Tuesday, January 21,  
2020  
6:30 PM  
8334 Sandreed Circle,  
Parker

## 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 in May 2020. The Board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the District meeting house located at 8334 Sandreed Circle in Parker.

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](mailto: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 January 31, 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.



Cottonwood  
Water & Sanitation District

188 Inverness Drive West #150  
Englewood, CO 80112

During normal business hours call:  
303-792-9509

After Hours Water Emergencies call:  
303-426-3167

Visit our website to stay informed:  
[CottonwoodWater.org](http://CottonwoodWater.org)

## 2020 Rate Changes

The Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors and the District's management company routinely review the District's financial condition. The District prepares annual budgets and as a part of that process, evaluates the need for rate adjustments. At the November 17, 2019, public meeting, the Board reviewed the District's financial results and projections. The District has experienced rising costs of water supply and wastewater treatment and the District is also 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.

### Water and wastewater rates

The District's rates include a fixed base fee for water and wastewater services and a use fee calculated on customers' monthly metered water consumption. The Board approved a 3% increase in water and wastewater use fees effective January 1, 2020. The water and sewer base fees were not increased. Based on 2019 customer use, the average District residential customer will see a \$1.50 per month increase in their 2020 monthly bills.

### 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 certified the 2020 District debt service mill levy at the November 17th public meeting. The Board of Directors approved a decrease in the property tax mill levy from 14.5 mills to 14.0 mills for property taxes payable in 2020. A full schedule of rates is accessible on the District's website - [www.CottonwoodWater.org](http://www.CottonwoodWater.org). Please contact the District offices if you have additional questions.

# Happy New Year!

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20 20 SPECIAL DISTRICT  
 "TRANSPARENCY NOTICE"

Notice to Electors 32-1-809 C.R.S.

Legal Name of Special District: Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District

This information must be provided annually to the eligible electors of the district between November 16 and January 15.

Address and telephone number of district's principal business office	c/o Mulhern MRE, Inc. 188 Inverness Drive West, #150 Englewood, CO 80112 303-649-9857
Name and telephone of manager or other primary contact person for district	Randy Warren or Kelly Conover 303-649-9857
Email address of primary contact (optional)	randy@mulhernmre.com; kelly@mulhernmre.com
District's website address (Required if choosing to post meeting notices online per HB 19-1087)	www.cottonwoodwater.org
Time and place designated for regular board meetings [per C.R.S. 32-1-903]	Third Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30pm Cottonwood Meeting House, 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO
Posting place designated for meeting Notice [per C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(c)]	www.cottonwoodwater.org 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO

Names and Contact Information of Board Members  Check applicable boxes for a Board Member whose seat will be on the ballot at the next regular election.	(1) Board Chair Name: <u>Stephen M Wasiecko</u> Contact Info: <u>lswasiecko@yahoo.com</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
	(2) Name: <u>William Thomas</u> Contact Info: <u>williamc.thomas@live.com</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
For seven-member boards	(3) Name: <u>Linda Dillon</u> Contact Info: <u>lindaadillon31@comcast.net</u> <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
	(4) Name: <u>Nathan Bandaries</u> Contact Info: <u>natebandaries@gmail.com</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
For seven-member boards	(5) Name: <u>VACANT</u> Contact Info: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
	(6) Name: Contact Info: <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term
For seven-member boards	(7) Name: Contact Info: <input type="checkbox"/> This office included on next regular election ballot for a <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year term <input type="checkbox"/> Three-year term

Date of next regular election	May <u>5</u> , 20 <u>20</u>
Self-nomination forms to be a candidate for district board member may be obtained from and should be returned to the Designated Election Official (or Board Chair or Secretary if no DEO). [per C.R.S. 1-13.5-303]	
Self-nomination forms for the next regular election must be received by the district by:	February <u>28</u> , 20 <u>20</u> , no later than <u>5</u> : <u>00</u> PM.
Applications for absentee voting or for permanent absentee voter status are available from and must be returned to the Designated Election Official. [per C.R.S. 1-13.5-1003]	
Designated Election Official:	<u>Laurie Tatlock</u>
Contact Address:	<u>188 Inverness Drive West, Suite 150 Englewood CO 80112</u>
Contact Phone:	<u>303-649-9857</u>
District election results will be posted on these websites:	<u>www.cottonwoodwater.org</u> Department of Local Affairs <a href="https://dola.colorado.gov/lois">https://dola.colorado.gov/lois</a>
District Mill Levy	14.000 mills, for collection in 20 <u>20</u>
Total ad valorem tax revenue received in the previous year (note if unaudited or otherwise incomplete)	\$ <u>1,581,274.60</u> unaudited