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Water News From East Boulder County Water District

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Meetings

All meetings are at 4pm in the Library at St. Ambrose unless otherwise noted

5/29 **Special Community Meeting**

6/17 **Regular Meeting**

Community Meeting

The District will hold a Community Meeting on May 29, 2002 to solicit input from the community regarding all water issues including rationing. This meeting will take place at St. Ambrose church at 7:00pm. All residents are invited to attend.

Rationing

Due to the prolonged drought, the City of Lafavette has adopted an ordinance that establishes new water usage fees and restrictions.

The East Boulder County Water District is required to comply with these restrictions. Because you are not direct customers of Lafayette, the District has adopted its own amended rate schedule and regulations to implement Lafayette's ordinance. Copies of the amended rate schedule, revised regulations, and Lafayette's notice to customers will be available on the District's web site, at the Community meeting and will be mailed to those who cannot attend.

A draft rate schedule can be found at the District's web site under "2002 Summer Water Emergency. "

Welcome Rick!

Dr. Richard (Rick) Moeller has been elected to the board, taking Bill Barclay's seat as vice-chair. Rick currently lives in Rock Creek while his house is built at 370 Paragon.

We have a board vacancy that we must fill by appointment. Please help us by contacting Mike Deck to learn more.

In A Nutshell

Very briefly, our new rates, fees, and regulations to go into effect June 1st are as follows.

- We will pass on Lafayette's higher water usage rates for usage above 15,000 gallons.
- Unrestricted usage is limited to 25,000 gallons. We'll read the highest-volume users' meters weekly and notify you when you reach 20,000 gallons. At 25,000 gallons we'll install a 1/8" flow restrictor until the end of the month. It will cost \$250 to have it removed.
- We will be defining irrigation subzones within the district based on address. You can water lawns at most once a week on the day specified for your zone. Lawn watering is limited to two hours or 1/2 inch whichever is less water.
- 4. Lafayette's usage restrictions, including a ban on car washing, are passed on to our district's residents. We have defined a penalty structure for violations.

Voluntary compliance by all district residents will save the district a lot of time, expense, and hassle. The Board are all unpaid volunteers and if we have to pay employees or counsel those costs will have to be passed on in rate increases.

The 25,000-gallon per-household limit will be reduced in July if the District fails to meet its overall maximum. Please conserve.

Lafayette's crisis is severe but hopefully temporary. We need to do our part to get through it.