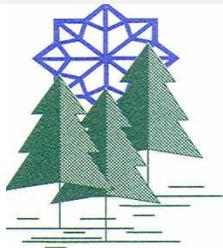




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Welcome to CMCMD News

Welcome to the first issue of *CMCMD News*, a quarterly newsletter designed to provide Copper Mountain property owners with important District information, news and events.

To subscribe to *CMCMD News*, please visit our website www.coppermtnmetro.org, send an email to clerk-treasurer@cmcmdi.com, or give us a call at 970-968-2537 extension 201.

Please do not hesitate to let us know what you think. We would love your feedback. We also welcome any ideas you have for feature articles or content to be incorporated into the newsletter on a regular basis.

We can be reached by calling 970-968-2537, visiting our website at www.coppermtnmetro.org or stopping by the District Building at 0477 Copper Road.

Thanks and hope you enjoy *CMCMD News*!

**The 2013 Water Quality /Consumer
Confidence Report is now available
on our website:**

**[2013 Drinking Water Quality
Report for Calendar Year 2012](#)**



2013 Wildfire Season



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The [Copper Mountain Fire Department](#) (CMFD) is preparing for the [2013 wildfire season](#). Drought conditions in Summit County, and across parts of the United States, have elevated our concern for the upcoming fire season. CMFD Firefighters are trained and certified in wildfire suppression strategy and tactics, fire behavior, firefighter survival, and prevention. Firefighters in Summit County and across the nation complete an annual refresher training process to assure that their skills are up to date and their certifications are current. Summit

County firefighters are required to perform a minimum of 8 hours of wildfire training in April of each year. They are also required to complete a physical fitness pack test to receive their recertification annually.



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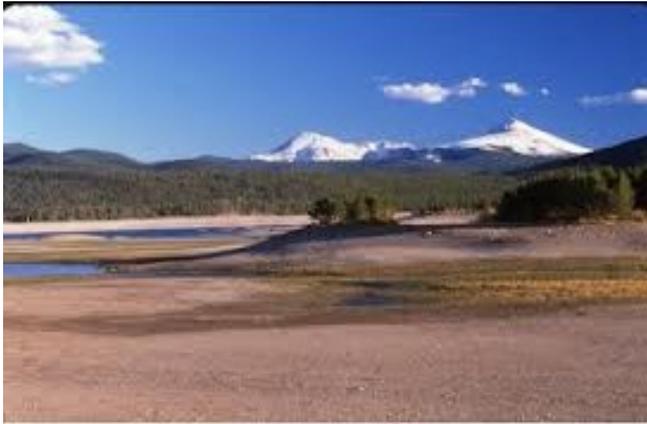
CMFD recently received a custom built Type 6 Wildland Fire Engine that is in the bay and ready for use. The Type 6 is a 4-wheel drive vehicle that has a 250 gallon water tank, a pump, several hundred feet of small diameter hose, and all the necessary wildfire equipment. Our strategy is to extinguish wildland fires at an early stage before they threaten structures. The Type 6 is specifically designed to allow fire crews to access and extinguish wildland fires in our District, our response area, Summit

County, Colorado and across the nation if we so choose. The successful completion of the Type 6 project was a result of collaboration between the Copper Mountain Water and Sanitation Department, Leadville Fire District, Snake River Fleet Services and the CMFD.

In December 2012 CMFD sent a fire engine with four firefighters to the Fern Lake Fire near Estes Park, Colorado. It was a great opportunity for our firefighters to gain experience, get valuable on-the-job training, work alongside firefighters from all over the nation, and to work towards higher certification levels. Most of all, we were glad that we were able to help out a community in need. The District received a check for expenditures and services provided during the week that CMFD was at Fern Lake. CMFD will continue to consider deployment opportunities in the future. In addition to gaining valuable experience and the ability to assist others, future deployment can provide an addition source of potential revenue for the District.



Voluntary Water Restrictions



Those of us who are residents in Colorado know that we've been in a moderate to severe drought for the past two years. This spring the runoff melt is not anticipated to be sufficient to fill the storage reservoirs located all around the state. Because of this continued shortage, water use restrictions have already been put in place on the Front Range, primarily by the Denver Board of Water Commissioners and their associated water providers.

The District's water rights are directly tied to storage in several reservoirs on the tributaries of the Colorado River, as well as water rights extending well out into the Front Range. Our ability to divert water and supply it to our customers is directly tied to reservoir storage volumes. If reservoirs do not fill, our supply is lessened, and therefore our ability to supply water is lessened.

The [Copper Mountain Metro District](#) has regulations available to impose water use restrictions in the event of draught or mechanical failure. It may become necessary this spring and summer to apply these regulations.

Step one will be voluntary Stage 1 restrictions:

VOLUNTARY compliance with outside water use. Sod, seedbeds shrubs and trees shall be irrigated every other day, for no longer than 20 minutes per irrigation zone. No water will escape to cover sidewalks, pavement or other impervious areas. Voluntary restrictions will be imposed during drought conditions within Summit County and the State of Colorado.



Step two will be mandatory Stage 2 restrictions:

MANDATORY compliance with outside water use. Sod, seedbeds shrubs and trees shall be irrigated every other day, for no longer than 10 minutes per irrigation zone. No water will escape to cover sidewalks, pavement or other impervious areas.

It will up to the Board of Directors to determine if any restrictions will be imposed. Hopefully conditions improve and mandatory restrictions will not be enforced. Please contact the [Water and Sanitation Department](#) with any questions. The CMCMD Water and Sanitation Department can be reached at 970-968-2537 extension 206.

District Studies Water and Sewer User Rates

In 2008, Summit County approved a Major Amendment to the Copper Mountain Planned Unit Development (PUD) Designation thereby amending the previous 2006 PUD. As a result of the County’s approval of the 2008 PUD, the [Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District](#) found it necessary to update its Long Range Plan for the [Water and Sanitation Department](#). In updating the Department’s Long Range Plan, it became necessary to determine the adequacy and equitability of the District’s existing user charge system. The District initiated work on a Water and Sewer User Rate Equitability Study to



attain two major goals: (1) to assure adequate revenue is recovered for the Department’s expenditures for normal operation and maintenance, loan debt service, new construction, and repair and replacement of aging system facilities; and (2) to assure that each customer pays their “fair share” of the revenue necessary to meet the water and sewer service needs of Copper Mountain in the future.

The District has been studying the Water and Sewer User Charge System since 2009 in order to ascertain that the above goals are attained in adopting any changes to the District’s historic Water and Sewer User Charge System. A 2011 Water and Sewer User Rate Equitability Study documented that “commercial customers were using more water than other customer classes...which resulted in lower revenue per 1,000 gallons than other customer classes.” The 2011 Study summarized the cost that each customer class paid for 1,000 gallons of water in the table below.

Customer Cost per 1,000 Gallons under Current Rate Structure

Customer Class	Cost per 1,000 Gallons ⁽¹⁾
Single Family	\$29.81
Multi-Family	\$26.96
Commercial	\$16.56
Mixed Use	\$18.78
Irrigation	\$3.04

(1) Costs do not include wastewater costs

Recognizing that the 2011 Study concluded that the Multi-Family Customer is paying 90%; the Mixed Use Customer is paying 63%; the Commercial Customer is paying 56%; and the Irrigation Customer is paying 10% of what the Single Family Customer is paying for 1,000 gallons of water, the District decided it was necessary to further analyze the Water and Sanitation Department’s water meter data and historic budgetary expenditures in order to integrate additional information into the 2011 Study. (continued on page 5)

Water and Sewer User Rates (continued from page 4)

The analysis aided staff in drafting a 2013 Water and Sewer User Charge System Report recommending necessary modifications in the current user charge system in order to attain the 2009 goals.

It is anticipated that the 2013 User Charge System Report will be presented to the Board for review and modification in May. Once the Board has reviewed and modified the report, the Board will authorize distribution of the report and initiate the public review process. Further information regarding the public meeting schedule and the District's approval and implementation schedules will be available when the 2013 Report is released. Check www.coppermtnmetro.org for future information on the review process, schedule, and public comment opportunities. You may also obtain additional information by contacting Dave Erickson at P.O. Box 3002, 0477 Copper Road, Copper Mountain, CO 80443.

Cable Services - Know What's Below!



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

The Copper Mountain Metro District [Cable Services Department](#) would like to remind residents that the end of winter signals the beginning of excavation season. If **ANY DIRT WORK** is to be performed by an individual, professional, HOA, or a property management company, make sure you contact the [Utility Notification Center of Colorado](#) (UNCC) for utility locates prior to digging. Protect yourself and buried facilities that might be located in or around your property by calling 8-1-1. Know what's below!

The Cable Services Department would also like to remind residents that if any unit or home remodeling projects are planned for the summer season, we are happy to check CATV signal strength and make recommendations on moving or adding outlets, locating splitting devices, and making sure that coax cable, fittings, and any other associated items are properly installed.

The CMCMD [Cable Services Department](#) can be reached at 970-968-2537 extension 202.

New District Staff

Missy Stabile joined the Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District staff as Clerk-Treasurer Administrative Assistant in February. A resident of Frisco, Missy brings considerable clerical, administrative and financial experience to the District. She can be reached at 970-968-2537 extension 201, at clerk-treasurer@cmcmdi.com or by stopping by the District Building at 0477 Copper Road. Please do not hesitate to contact her with any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions.





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