



## North Table Mountain Report – August 2016

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**New Water Rates:** The Board has adopted the following new water rates which will become effective October 10, 2016. The rates and fees are posted in the reports section of our website.

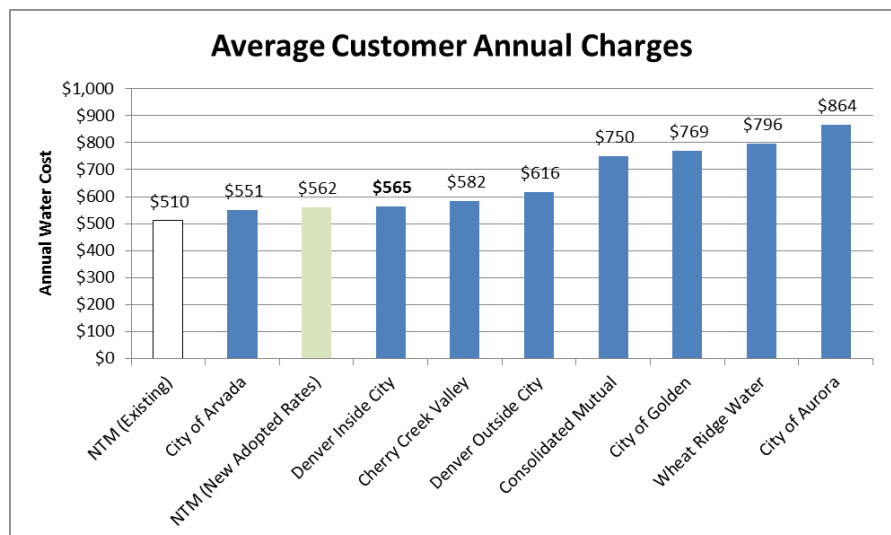
Residential Water Rates (Effective 10/1/2016)	
0 - 5,000 Gallons	\$3.32/1000 Gallons
6,000 - 60,000 Gallons	\$4.27/1000 Gallons
61,000 - 125,000 Gallons	\$5.63/1000 Gallons
Over 125,000 Gallons	\$7.67/1000 Gallons

System efficiency upgrades and electrical improvements have helped us to delay a rate increase. The District has not increased water rates since 2013 and we are proud to have some of the lowest water rates in the local area. However, over the past three years many expenses out of our control have continued to escalate. We have continued to see increases in the rates that we pay Denver Water to purchase raw water as well as the fees we pay to Metro Wastewater in order to process our wastewater.

The District continues to invest in our water system each year to provide a reliable supply system with high quality water. We have been aggressively rehabilitating the sewage collection system to minimize groundwater infiltration and therefore limit the amount of fees paid for wastewater treatment.

Many municipalities and districts collect property taxes through a mill levy in order to finance portions of operations. The District paid off all of its debt in 2001 and currently does **not** collect any revenue through taxes. All of our operations are financed by water and sewer rates.

The graph to the right illustrates that we continue to have very competitive water rates. The graph displays an *average* customer's annual water costs and compares them with other front range utilities. This customer used about 15,000 gallons during their winter quarter and peaked at about 57,000 gallons during the summer quarter.



**Sewer Rates:** For most customers the sewer is billed at 130% of the water cost of their winter quarter water usage. Our crews maintain the sewage collection system, however, we send the sewage to Metro Wastewater for treatment. Sewage is complicated and is costly to treat due to the stringent discharge limitations. We do our best to ensure that the sewer system is well maintained and quietly serving our customers needs.