

**Sage Water Users Association
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Changes are coming to Sage Water Users Association!

First a little history - the well that supplies our water is owned by Mid-Colorado Investment Company, Inc. (MCI) Sage Water Users (SWUA) owns the distribution system that carries water to our homes.

For many years, MCI agreed to not increase the cost of water to SWUA which has been beneficial to us, but as we know expenses have risen over the years. Recently, MCI negotiated an agreement to sell the well. As part of the negotiations, MCI has requested SWUA return to the original contract which stipulated that SWUA use the Colorado Springs Outside City Limits rates to determine the price for purchasing water. The buyers, High Plains Ranch Water Resources, have requested this in order to get the loan needed to buy the well.

In response to this request, SWUA appointed a committee of homeowners to review the contract and make a recommendation to the board. As a result of the committee's recommendations, the board then negotiated with MCI. (Minutes of the meetings are available on the Sage Water website – www.sagewater.org) MCI has agreed to make three initial improvements:

1. MCI will install two new generators to ensure there is continual water flow in case of loss of electricity.
2. MCI will install new pumps to better maintain consistent water pressure.
3. MCI will install a 300,000 gallon cistern as a back-up in case the well stops working.

As these improvements are made, SWUA has agreed to increase the amount of payment to MCI. This will require a rate increase to homeowners.

As a good faith gesture, SWUA has agreed to implement the first increase as of October 1, 2021. In addition, SWUA is moving to a two tiered schedule with users of more than 1400 cubic feet per month paying a higher rate. There will be increases approximately every year as each improvement is completed. The increase in October will go from the current rate of \$4.71 to \$5.75 per 100 cubic feet (ccf) for 1399 cubic feet or less with water usage over 1400 at \$6.75 per ccf. The current Consumer Charge of \$11.98 per month will increase to \$17.75 on October 1, 2021. Additional increases to the Consumer Charge will occur on July 1, 2022 = \$23.50, January 12023 = \$29.25 and July 1, 2023 = \$34.95

MCI and the new owners have worked with SWUA to find solutions that are beneficial for all concerned. The SWUA Board is also committed to working with them!

Again, minutes regarding the meetings and decisions are located on the www.sagewater.org website in documents.

For more information, please plan to attend the Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 5 at Sage Creek Church, 6160 Murr Road at 7 pm. Attendees will also get a discount on their October bill for attending or submitting their proxy!

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