

# Sage Water Users Association Newsletter

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## CCR REPORT

Attached you will find the Consumer Confidence Report or the annual drinking water quality report for SWUA. Because our water is supplied by Mid-Colorado Investments, we have collaborated in the preparation and delivery of this report. Federal Law mandates the language contained in the report, as well as the preparation and delivery to every user of the water system. This report contains information about everything that is found in the tap water, showing the levels of all substances and what the government allows. In addition to meeting Federal guidelines, we want to present this report to you to show that our water is below government specified levels and to explain any violations; our water system is safe.

## *Water Conservation*

Colorado summer on the Front Range means hot weather and high water usage. Our water system is designed to provide a maximum of 300 gallons per minute. When this limit is exceeded, some homes will see a drop in pressure, or have no water at all.

You are allowed to water the following total area:

Sage Creek North – 2,000 sq. ft.

Sage Creek South – 2,000 sq. ft.

Blue Sage – 1,600 sq. ft.

We are fortunate to have a water supply that is not affected by drought, but everyone should conserve to ensure constant pressure and save on their water bill.

### Billing Paying Option

No more mailing checks to pay your water bill! **PayClix** is here. Pay your bill on line by ACH or credit card. Go Green and sign up for email billing. Check our website [www.sagewater.org](http://www.sagewater.org) for more info. We have links to the registration site and a link for those registered to go ahead and pay their bills

To set up an account have your current water bill handy. You will need the current amount due. Don't confuse it with the Due if paid after the 25<sup>th</sup>. For assistance you can contact PayClix at 1-866-729-2549 toll free. Or email to [websupport@payclix.com](mailto:websupport@payclix.com)

## Current Water Rates

Current rates effective July 1, 2020. No increase this year. The rates are determined by our water provider Mid Colorado Investment Company, Inc.

### **Current Rates -**

Customer Charge: **\$11.23 to \$11.98** per month

Water Charge: **\$4.44 to \$4.71** per hundred cubic feet

Maintenance Fee: **\$20.00 – No Change**

## Board Meetings

Board meetings are currently held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of odd months (Jan, Mar, May . . .). The meeting starts at 7:00 pm at the Sagecreek Community Church, 6160 Murr Road. All homeowners are welcome.

## **Locates - Call Before You Dig!** 1-800-922-1987

### *T-Posts*

T-Posts are placed to locate valve holes on your property. We would like to remind you that these posts are not to be removed. A \$25 fee will be assessed on your bill for each post removed.

### *Valves & Meters*

The only personnel authorized to access valves and meters connected to the SWUA water system are those individuals employed by the current water maintenance contractor or designated by the SWUA board. Any damage done by unauthorized personnel will be billed to the current account holder. Please call to arrange shut off or turn on.

### *Fencing*

You must provide open access to all utility meters, including your water meter. Meters that cannot be accessed may incur additional fees or removal of any obstructions at the owner/renter's expense. You may also be held liable for any injuries that happen to meter readers due to fences, animals, or other obstructions that interfere with meter access.

**WEEDS** - Summer is here and we would like to remind you to weed around your meter and valve pit. Weeding is your responsibility. Weeds should be kept below 5 inches to ensure proper meter readings, and the safety of our water maintenance personnel. If weeds are over 5 inches, you will be charged \$10.00 for SWUA to trim your weeds.

## VIOLATIONS

Water supply to Sage: Mid-Colorado Investment (El Paso), PWSID CO0121465

Mid-Colorado had violations for “Failure to Monitor And/Or Report” analytical data for “Nitrate,” and for “Failure to Deliver an Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report to the Public/Consumers.” According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, these are “Non-Health-Based violations,” and “These violations do not usually mean that there was a problem with the water quality.”

Sampling for nitrate in 2020 was indeed missed, primarily due to a non-COVID health emergency of mine, but corrected in 2021. Nitrate levels have always been very low, close to the laboratories’ limits of detection; the result from sampling on 4/25/21, <0.1 mg/L (the lab’s detection limit), as shown in the table, is consistent with this history.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was in fact delivered to the consumers; delivery was late, as detailed below. Confusion arose due to a single CCR being prepared for two separate water systems (different PWSID identification numbers). I prepared this combined CCR and sent it electronically to SWUA. However, I neglected to send the Health Department confirmation of delivering the report to SWUA, although it had been delivered. This paper error has been corrected.

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Sage Water Users Association, PWSID CO0121745

Sage Water Users Association had one violation, for “Failure to Deliver an Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report to the Public/Consumers.” The following explanation was sent to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and that agency accepted the explanation. This violation was a “Non-Health-Based Violation.”

There were two issues. The first was a delay in processing by the publishing service which caused the CCRs to be delivered on day late. Secondly the version they sent out did not include the actual CCR but instead they double printed the violations page which resulted in a reprinting and additional mail out which was past the June 30th deadline. Email communication through personnel not directly involved in printing process and lack of hard copy proofs were major contributing factors. The conditions noted were direct result of COVID lockdown. This year we’re back to in person coordination with hard copy proofs prior to mailing. This should preclude last year’s errors. CCR will be mailed to reach customers prior to June 30, 2021.

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