

Monthly Renewable Water Resource Fee

Your BMR Metropolitan District Board of Directors is committed to the role of immediate, short term, and long term water resource management. Long term planning includes exploring how our community can augment non-renewable groundwater sources with renewable water sources.

The District's objective is to become aligned with a larger entity that has the technical expertise and resources to engage with long term planning and renewable water acquisition associated with State of Colorado water management. The chosen larger entity is Castle Rock Utilities. Castle Rock is adjacent to the Ranch and has been working with regional partners to participate in joint infrastructure and water acquisition projects. Because we have a community water system with a fully functional distribution system (as opposed to individual homeowner wells), we are uniquely positioned to explore the option of purchasing water from Castle Rock Utilities. The utility has a long term goal of providing 75% of its water production from renewable resources. Our Bell Mountain Ranch wells access water in underground aquifers, which are considered a non-renewable water resource.

The District's plan is twofold. First, we will continue investments and spending levels that protect and enhance our current wells and treatment processes. The second part of the plan is to explore renewable water options. This exploration includes:

- BMR community communication and education.
- Acquiring the expertise required to create feasibility studies with cost/benefit analysis.
- Legal expenses associated with contract negotiations, water right transfers and marketable asset valuations.
- Obtain State and Federal grants and low interest loans.
- Develop specific construction plans for interconnection to the Castle Rock system.
- Develop plans to operate the district's distribution system, billing system and to meet regulatory requirements.

This exploration will require additional funds not currently part of the annual budget. The District is considering implementation of a monthly Renewable Water Resource Fee of \$10.00 per month effective on your January 2015 bill. Formal adoption of the Renewable Water Resource Fee will be on the agenda of the November 4th, 2014 Board meeting held at 6:00 pm at Lowell Ranch.

We will continue to update the community on this project through our 1st Tuesday of the month Board meetings at Lowell Ranch, the Bell Mountaineer Newsletter and our website www.bmrmetro.com.

For general information regarding water in Colorado, visit the website of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. <http://www.yourwatercolorado.org/>

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