



# Metro News

## July – September 2023 Newsletter

### WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Crested Butte South Metropolitan District produces an annual Water Quality Report that summarizes data regarding water sources, detected contaminants, compliance details, and educational information. Water Quality Reports are released annually with information from the previous calendar year. Water Quality Reports for our service area are available on our website:

[https://www.cbsouthmetro.net/files/ugd/98b7ee\\_c7adc6794b584160a6d79a430a40be42.pdf](https://www.cbsouthmetro.net/files/ugd/98b7ee_c7adc6794b584160a6d79a430a40be42.pdf)

### KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

Crested Butte South was established in 1970 and the Crested Butte South Metropolitan District was formed in 1977. The Crested Butte South Metropolitan District is special district responsible for drinking water, sanitation, and road maintenance. The District currently bills on a flat rate based on equivalent residential use units, or EQR'S.

### WATER

The District provides water inside and outside your home for drinking, irrigation, and fire suppression. The District is serviced by 3 wells and 2 storage tanks. The District is moving towards meter billing. Please flip for more information!

### SEWER

Did you know a sewer treatment plant is like a pet? As waste travels through the treatment plant, it is treated by being consumed as food by biology that is aerated and cared for daily as efficiently as possible. It travels through various stages and is put back into the river after the final step of UV treatment. The District strives to process waste with the least amount of solids hauled away and most product hauled away is used for Gunny Gold compost.

### ROADS

The District was tasked with the maintenance of the public roads within the District in conjunction with Gunnison County. Sign up for E-Alerts for emergencies notices and road closures as well as snow removal at [www.cbsouthmetro.net](http://www.cbsouthmetro.net)

### Q&A

Below you will find answers to common questions the District receives.

- What is the residue on my dishes? The District has hard water because it is serviced by well water, and this may leave residue on dishes after they have been cleaned in the dishwasher and cause calcium buildup.
- How does that District fund operations? The District's operations are funded by user fees and property taxes.
- Why is my road not paved? The District is funded for road maintenance but is not funded for the capital improvement of roads.



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### CB South Water Meter Program

This summer CBSMD will begin the first steps toward the integration of a water meter program for the District. While there are currently water meters in all homes and commercial properties, we have not developed a system to read those meters. We are working through the final details of the infrastructure that will be installed this summer. This will allow us to collect water usage data and functionality of equipment. For the metering program to become active, we will need your assistance by allowing us access to your meters to add a small radio transponder, and for some older properties, to replace your existing meter.

#### Timeline:

Our goal is to install the communication infrastructure in June and then begin installing individual radios and meters in homes starting in July. We will work to complete 150 installations by September. These 150 locations, as well as all other properties in the District will remain on our flat rate billing system for 2023.

The installation of radios and meters in all remaining properties will take place in 2024 with a goal of 90% completion by August 1, 2024. All properties will remain on the flat rate billing system through 2024 and may have access to metered water use data to inform household practices and prepare for a metered billing program in 2025.

The goal is for all properties to be on metered billing starting January 1, 2025. More information about the rate structure will be provided prior to implementing this metered billing system.

#### Installation Requirements:

We will contact homeowners in July to schedule access for radio and meter install.

- We will contact you via e-mail with a date and time for install.
- Install should take no more than one hour.
- Locate your water meter and plan for access to be available on your scheduled day and time.
- Materials and labor will be covered by CBSMD unless there are any plumbing modifications needed to allow for a functional meter.
- Any discovery of non-metered water within a residence will require you to contract a plumber to adjust plumbing and the meter will need to be purchased from CBSMD.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this process.