



SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO

Water Conservancy District

"Your investment in water"

August 11, 2026

To: Agriculture and Municipal Entities

Re: Proposed 2027 Project Water, Storage Rates, and Surcharges

Dear Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Customer:

The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) is considering proposed adjustments to its Project Water, Storage Rates and Surcharges beginning in 2027. As a valued customer of the District, we would like to invite you to participate in the District's rate-setting process, learn more about the proposed adjustments, and provide your comments and feedback.

Customer Rate and Surcharge Information Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Office, 31717 United Ave, Pueblo
CO

Virtual Option:

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82803231363>

Meeting ID: 828 0323 1363

One tap mobile: 7193594580

The current proposal calls for a 3% annual adjustment to Project Water and storage rates including surcharges for the next four years, beginning in 2027. The proposed adjustments are intended to address the projected revenue shortfall resulting from 2026. This proposal ensures the District has adequate revenues to meet ongoing operating and financial obligations.

Rate Review and Communication Process

The District wants to ensure customers have multiple opportunities to learn about the proposed rates, ask questions, and provide input throughout the budgeting and rate-setting process. The anticipated schedule is:

- *August 4, 2026:* The Allocation and Storage Committee met to review the proposed rate and surcharge adjustments.
- *August 26, 2026:* The District will hold a customer information meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the District office, with a virtual attendance option available.
- *September 1, 2026:* The Allocation and Storage Committee will meet for a second review of the proposed rates and surcharges and a summary of the August 26 meeting.

- *September–November 2026:* Following Committee review, the proposed rates and surcharges will be incorporated into the District’s 2027 budgeting process for consideration by the Board of Directors.
- *November 19, 2026:* The District will hold its public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget, including the proposed rates and surcharges.
- *December 3, 2026:* The District anticipates that the Board of Directors will consider adoption of the 2027 budget, rates, and surcharges.

All these meetings are open to attendance, and customers are encouraged to participate throughout the process.

It is important to note that the proposed four-year adjustment does not represent an automatic 3 percent increase each year. The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Board of Directors will establish and approve only the 2027 rate and surcharges this year. This time next year, rates and surcharges will be evaluated once again based on actual water sales, storage revenues, operating expenditures, and the overall financial condition of the District. The Board may adjust the recommended annual rate based on these factors.

We encourage all customers who have questions, would like additional information about the rate-setting process, or wish to provide comments to attend the August 26 customer meeting.

If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to submit questions or comments, please contact Robert Banham at robert@secwcd.com or (719) 948-2400.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. We appreciate your input and participation as we work through the 2027 budget process.

Sincerely,



Robert Banham, Water Resources Engineer
Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District

CC: Mike Holmberg, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Rachel Zancanella, DWR Division 2

Enclosed:

Proposed Project Water Rate and Surcharge Projections (2027-2030)

Proposed Project Water Rate and Surcharge Projections

Proposed Rate and Surcharge (\$/ac-ft)					
WAE Rate and Surcharge					
Project Water	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Project Water Full Use	\$ 21.90	\$ 22.67	\$ 23.46	\$ 24.28	\$ 25.13
Project Water Return Flow	\$ 21.90	\$ 22.67	\$ 23.46	\$ 24.28	\$ 25.13
Storage					
Carryover Project Water	\$ 4.52	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.84	\$ 5.01	\$ 5.19
Winter Water	\$ 4.52	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.84	\$ 5.01	\$ 5.19
Excess Capacity In District	\$ 4.52	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.84	\$ 5.01	\$ 5.19
Excess Capacity Out of District	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.35	\$ 10.71	\$ 11.09	\$ 11.48
Excess Capacity Aurora	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00