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Public Meeting

Water and Wastewater Projects

Monday, November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

RQ Hospital Wellness Center

0310 County Road 14, Del Norte, Colorado 81132

Zoom Link: [https:// https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85771464893](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85771464893)

Water Distribution Project Update

In June 2024, Del Norte was awarded a USDA Rural Development grant (\$11,018,000) and loan (\$13,010,000) for a total project cost of \$24,628,000. The project will replace the aging water system, including a new trunk line, shut-off valves, and fire hydrants.

In January 2025, we increased water service fees to \$5/month, until we were able to get a more detailed cost to make this project happen. We want to let you know if the Town Board decides to increase the water rate, it will be \$9.51 a month over the next five years, with projected rates as follows:

The first increase will begin with the January 2026 billing; subsequent increase will take effect each January. The current amount for base/Improvement fee is \$40.23 will increase to January 2026: \$49.74/month, January 2027: \$59.25/month, January 2028: \$68.78/month, January 2029: \$78.27/month and January 2030: \$87.77/month.

Outside Town limit users will be charged one and half times the rate.

These increases are necessary to cover the annual water loan payment of \$372,000.

Wastewater Project Update

The USDA has issued a Letter of Condition for funding, with less grant monies and more loan than anticipated. Total grant funding of \$9,490,097. and loan funding of \$ 8,264,307. To comply with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) standards which are required, so we are not subject to a penalty.

We started in 2024 with an increase in sewer accounts by \$10/month per year for three years. After receiving the funding amounts from USDA, the proposed increase will be \$9.03/month over the next four years, with projected rates as follows:

The first increase will begin with the January 2026 billing; subsequent increase will take effect each January. The current base is \$58.82 will increase in January 2026: \$67.85/month, January 2027: \$76.88/month, January 2028: \$85.91/month and January 2029: \$94.94/month. *Outside Town limit users will be charged one and half times the rate.*

These increases are necessary to cover the annual loan payment of \$364,870 and ensure compliance with CDPHE standards.

City of Monte Vista monthly sewer base amount is \$55.17 plus usage

Town of Center monthly sewer base amount is \$ 58.00

Community Input -The Board of Trustees seeks public feedback on these projects and rate increases. Please attend the meeting in person or via Zoom, or email comments to delnorte1860@outlook.com.