

Subdistrict No. 5 Newsletter



On-going Projects:

Well Injury Payment Agreements: Subdistrict No. 5 is seeking to renew Well Injury Payment Agreements with surface water owners as well as working with Surface Water Users who would like to enter into new WIP agreements.

What is Well Injury Payment (WIP) Agreements?

- a. A WIP Agreement is a voluntary agreement or contract between a Subdistrict and a ditch or canal owner.
- b. The agreement allows the Subdistrict to pay the ditch or canal money instead of providing wet water to the stream to replace injury.
- c. Having WIP Agreements between the Subdistrict and Subdistrict Members, who own surface water, would allow the Subdistrict to better manage replacement of injurious depletions to Saguache Creek.
- d. WIP Agreements are flexible and the terms can be negotiated to suit the needs of the surface water owner.

Please contact Chris Ivers at chris@rgwcd.org to discuss options regarding WIP Agreements!

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Budget Year 2025

The Budget consists of projected total administration and operation costs for the (2025) Calendar year. The 2024 Administrative Fees will be assessed per well and the 2024 Groundwater Withdrawal Fee will be assessed on the groundwater withdrawals that occurred in 2023.

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The Board met on November 18, 2024 where Program Manager Chris Ivers presented the Final Budget. The Board Approved the 2025 Budget as presented. Below is an overview of Subdistrict No. 5's fees for 2024, which will be paid in 2025 to fund the 2025 Annual Budget.

- The Administration Fee:
 - \$875.20 per Active well; •\$437.60 per Inactive Subdistrict Well as defined by the Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 5 for the Year 2023.

- The 2024 Groundwater Withdrawal Fees for Sustainability and Stream Impacts are:
 - Sprinkler \$27.86 per acre-foot
 - Flood \$20.14 per acre-foot
 - Other uses are assessed based on their associated consumptive uses between \$4.36 and \$33.57

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Meetings, Board Managers, and Subdistrict Staff

All meetings are noticed and sent by email to Subdistrict Members via the Subdistrict Member Notice group. As always, Subdistrict No. 5's Board of Managers encourages all Members attend these meetings in person or on Zoom. Special Meetings are called as-needed. The Quarterly and Annual meetings take place on the following dates/days:

- The next 2025 Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for January 17th at 5pm, unless otherwise noted.

- 2025 Quarterly Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of January, April, July and October at 5pm, unless otherwise noted. The dates for these meetings are;
 - January 17th,
 - April 17th,
 - July 17th, and
 - October 16th

- The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held April 16th at 5pm, unless otherwise noted.

Subdistrict No. 5's Board of Managers are: David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President; Cory Hill, Board Member; Kit Caldon, Board Member; Dale Gerstberger, Board Member; and Doug Gunnels, Ex-Officio.

Subdistrict No. 5 has two Board Member's with terms expiring in 2025, if you or a representative/Farm Manager are interested in filling one of these seats please submit a letter of interest to Chris Ivers at chris@rgwcd.org or mail to RGWCD Attn: Chris Ivers 8805 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101.

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Subdistrict No. 5's Program Manager is Chris Ivers and its Program Assistant is Rose Vanderpool.