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To All Residents
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RE: CONESTOGA – Water Update

Valued Residents

We have been asked to reach out to you regarding the non-potable water system and seasonal landscaping maintenance. We had a board member attend the Town meeting pertaining to the non-potable water system. A letter was provided at the meeting. This item can be viewed along with other updates at <https://www.aultcolorado.gov/waterupdates>. The Town has opted to do nothing for now and will make further decisions as time goes on. Essentially, the following was discussed:

- There are 2 wells: 1 is only drilled down to 45 feet, the other is at 50 feet
- Discussion ensued regarding doing nothing and waiting until next season to see if the wells recharge
- Whether or not to drill deeper by an additional 25ft (there is no availability for this to happen until winter of 2026-2027).
- The possibility to connect to the backflow of the potable water system (homeowners would be billed for that through the metro district)
- To allocate 166-acre feet of water to District for an estimated cost of \$9,000,000. Though the Town does not seem to want to go this route.
- To allow individual homeowners to tap into the potable water system for a current market rate of \$55,000 tap fee

Although nothing was formally decided from the above options, the Town did agree to let homeowners use their potable water supply for irrigation, with a cap not to exceed 6,000 gallons, and agreed to waive the non-potable water assessment for the rest of the season. A reminder that use of potable water to irrigate lawns needs to be done through **hoses only** and not the irrigation system. If a homeowner is connecting their irrigation system to potable water, their water will be shut down, and the whole Town will be under a boil advisory.

Given the extremely limited non-potable water supply, the District has agreed to waive the \$50 ARB submittal fee for any homeowner that wants to submit plans to update their landscaping to xeriscaping. An Application and detailed set of plans will still need to be submitted to the ARB for review/approval before installing anything upon your lot. Please note that plant matter still needs to be included within any xeriscape area; simply removing plants or replacing grass with rock or pavement will not qualify as completed xeriscaping. Xeriscape does not mean zero scape!

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Additionally, the District will not be noticing and/or fining homeowners for basic heat damaged, dry, and/or brown grass for the remainder of the season. The District will continue to transmit notices if there are concerns pertaining to the landscaping and/or overall maintenance of a lot, as lots are required to continue to be kept in an overall, well-maintained condition.

We understand the frustration that comes with such severe restrictions and extremely limited water supply; we sincerely appreciate your understanding and efforts to partner with us and comply.

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