
STRATMOOR NEWS

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A Brief History of Stratmoor Hills Water

The Stratmoor Hills Water District relies on two major sources of water to ensure our customers are provided with safe, reliable drinking water.

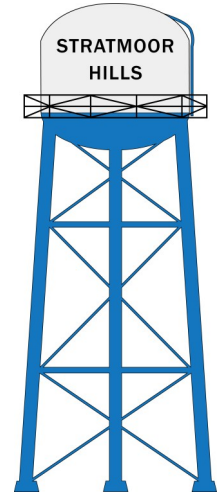
Groundwater — In the mid-1950's, J.W. Abrahamson and Associates contracted to purchase the land of the Sinton Dairy Farm Company. The land was irrigated by the Laughlin Ditch, an historic ditch with water rights dating back to 1862, some of the most senior rights in El Paso County. These groundwater rights were converted to alluvial wells for Stratmoor Hills in 1959, which are still in use today. The district currently has three wells capable of delivering over one million gallons of water per day.

Surface Water — In 1985, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation completed the Fountain Valley Conduit, which is a raw water delivery pipeline from Pueblo Dam to Southern El Paso County. The Fountain Valley Authority (FVA) was formed to be the receiving entity for operation and maintenance of the conduit. The Stratmoor Hills Water District opted to participate in the FVA project and has an allocation of 601 acre-feet of Fryingpan-Arkansas project water. This water is considered "trans-basin" water, meaning it is diverted from a separate water basin. Much of it comes from melting snowpack originating from the mountains near Leadville, flowing down the Arkansas River, and is eventually stored in Pueblo Reservoir.

With both water supplies available for our use, the district has enough water resources to serve our community indefinitely.



Pueblo Reservoir



See us on the website at:
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DRC Construction Services will be cleaning sewer lines within our district over the next few weeks. Their crews will be working in the streets so please use caution in the work zone.

Thank you for your patience while this cleaning process is completed!

Please Note:

- The Board of Directors Election is set for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Station. Please refer to the other side of this newsletter for additional information. For those interested, self nomination forms are available at our office at 1811 B Street.
- Residential Sewer Average Consumption charge is based on January 2025 water usage. If you have had a leak repaired in January or other extenuating circumstances which may affect your water usage for January, please email any inquiries to Shana at shana@stratmoorhillswater.org

BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

Bills Mailed - February 5, 2025
Payments Due - February 14, 2025
Late Notices Mailed - February 18, 2025
Shut Off Payments Due - February 25, 2025
Shut Off Day - February 26, 2025
Meter Read Date - February 28, 2025

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to avoid the \$30.00 delinquent fee.

STRATMOOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - <http://www.stratmoorhills.org/contact.php>

SEWER PROBLEMS

If you have problems with your sewer line, please give us a call first so that we can determine if it is your service line or our main line. If it is in your line, we will notify you promptly. If it is our problem, we will take care of it immediately.



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As most of you know the Stratmoor Hills Fire, Water and Sanitation Districts are governed by a “Board of Directors.” This group meets once a month at the Fire Station; they set goals, provide financial oversight and guidance to the District managers and staff. We have five (5) seats on each Board and two (2) of those positions are open for election this year. The two (2) Directors will be elected to serve a four (4) year term.

The Board of Directors Election is set for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Station. The Call for Nomination’s is Wednesday, January 15th thru Thursday, February 28, 2025; with a **deadline of Friday, February 28, 2025, to submit a Self-Nomination Form.** The last day to file Affidavits of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate with the Designated Election Official (DEO) is Monday, March 3, 2025.

When considering running for a seat on the Board of Directors please keep in mind that all three (3) Districts are separate entities, and each has their own Board of Directors that governs it. We have been very fortunate for many years that all three Districts have had the same five Board members. If you decide to run for a position, you should consider running for all three Districts. All three Districts need someone who has the time, commitment, and desire to help improve the Districts, with the ability to lead them into the future.

We invite all interested residents (must have lived in the District for more than 30-days), homeowners and property owners to self-nominate by visiting DEO Dottie Barrett for the Fire Department at 2160 B Street, Monday – Friday between the hours of 08:30 – 5:00 pm before Friday, February 28, 2025, to fill out your application. This is an important and fulfilling opportunity for those of you who want to help guide the future and support and serve the residents of this area.



Stratmoor News is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kirk Medina, at 576-0311. The Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts are governed by an individual, elected Boards of Directors. Currently, the members for each of the three Boards are: Robert Colgrove—Chairperson/President, James Pesicka—Vice Chairperson/President, John Willcox—Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Dent—Director, and Richard Dull—Director.

Board elections are held in May of odd-numbered years. Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (2160 “B” Street). Meeting agendas are posted at the Water District office (1811 “B” Street), the Fire Station and at the Stratmoor Elementary School (200 Loomis Avenue). If you would like more information about the Districts, please contact Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com