



**COPPER MOUNTAIN CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

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**To:** CMCMD Water & Sanitation Customers

**RE:** Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District  
Revised Copper Equivalent Unit Calculations – 2019 Assessments

Dear Customer,

Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District (District) has undergone a review of the water consumption history of all of its Water & Sanitation customers to recalculate the Copper Equivalent Unit (CEU) for each property served by a water meter in the District's system. Water & Sewer Base Rates and Usage Rates are based on the CEU, that is defined as 10,000 gallons of domestic water consumption and/or 10,000 gallons of wastewater discharge per calendar quarter. This review of historical water usage and CEU reassessment was conducted in accordance with District policy as documented over a period of several years in water rates resolutions adopted by the District, the most recent being Resolution 2018-07.

The CEU review was based on five years of water consumption data from first quarter 2013 through fourth quarter 2017. Per the methodology for calculating CEUs under A.2.d. of Resolution 2018-07, only first and fourth quarter data were used in the CEU recalculations, thereby excluding second and third quarter irrigation use. The highest water usage values (i.e. highest meter readings) from the first and fourth quarter data sets were averaged to establish the Peak Quarterly Water Use that was subsequently divided by 10,000 gallons per CEU to arrive at the calculated CEU. Note that any calculated CEU less than 0.6 was rounded up to 0.6 in accordance with District policy. A more detailed description of the method for calculating CEUs is provided in the 2018-2019 Water & Sanitation Rates Information document that is available on the District website at <http://www.coppermtmetro.org/watersanitation/watersanitationrates.html>.

Revised CEUs and changes to the Base Rates and Usage Rates of the District's Water & Sewer customers will be reflected in first quarter 2019 Water & Sewer bills. Most customers will notice little if any change to their CEU value and their Water & Sewer Base Rates and Usage Rates. However, there are a number of customers for whom the CEU reassessment will result in significant changes to their billing rates, due to metered water usage that resulted in a recalculated CEU that was either substantially higher or lower than the previous CEU assessment. Please note that the District's rate structure anticipates this variability in water usage and that this anticipated variability provides the rationale for basing Water & Sewer Rates on historical consumption. In this way, the District's Water & Sewer customers pay based on what they actually use which provides for a measurable, fair, and equitable rate structure.

The District would like to thank all of its customers for helping us to operate and maintain our Water and Sanitation systems. As mentioned above, there is more information available to customers on the District's website. Customers may also contact the District Public Works Director, Rob Martin at 970-968-2537 ext 206 or the District Manager, Bryan Webinger at 970-968-2537 ext 204 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert Martin, P.E.  
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Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District