2017 Fee & Rate Schedule & Irrigation Maintenance

Box Elder Creek Ranch Water Company ("the Water Company") rate will remain \$74.50 per month for the 2017 season. **The Service Availability Charge is billed all twelve months and allows a maximum water use of 22,500 gallons per month without a surcharge.** The aggregate of all the monthly usage may not exceed 164,000 gallons per water year allotment unless allowed by the Water Company. The water allotment period is from April 1st of the current year through March 31st of the following year.

Rates charged for additional water usage above 22,500 gallons are:	
0-22,500 gallons per month	\$74.50 Service Availability Charge
22,501 – 27,500 gallons per month	\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
27,501 – 32,500 gallons per month	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons
32,501 and above per month	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons

<u>Availability of Service Charge</u> (AOS charge) <u>per vacant lot</u> that is not yet metered and connected to an irrigation system shall be \$22.35 <u>per month</u>.

- In following the State of Colorado's "Water Conservation Act" to conserve water, the allowed time of day for watering is from 5:00 PM to 9:00 AM. You may operate your system for brief periods outside of this time period to perform maintenance work.
- The amount of water required each week of the season will vary and require diligent management of your irrigation zone cycle times.
- Conserve water by placing your irrigation clock on rain delay when applicable and not watering with high winds.
- Experiment with the frequency and the amount of time you irrigate each zone to determine the best use of your allotted water.
- Check your irrigation system filter first if you experience any reduction in water pressure at your sprinkler heads and clean your filter as needed. Note: your irrigation system may not require a filter for proper operation. Drip irrigation zones may require filtration and can be filtered separately rather than operating with one main line filter.
- Lawn and system maintenance will do more for your yard than excessive costly watering.
- Sandy soil conditions vary and require frequent aeration.
- Sandy soils do not hold nutrients well and require frequent fertilizer applications.
- Grass height should be tall enough to shade the soil but not interfere with the sprinklers.
- Adjust sprinkler heads for proper coverage and keep clear of obstruction from tall grass.
- Front and side yard ditch irrigation zones are allowed to be installed only to establish vegetation and are not approved for regular use and can add 25% to your usage.
- Meter pits and valves on the <u>"street side"</u> of the meter pit (if applicable) are the property of the Water Company and are prohibited from use and must not be accessed. Repairs to any damage of Water Company property will be charged to the homeowners.

We appreciate your cooperation and efforts to manage your water wisely.