

## Irrigation Updates July 2006

We are half way through the summer and here are some of the statistics with irrigation:

- Irrigation Sign Up Sheets and Weekly Summary were moved to irrigation box on 2E.
- We have used 1075 inches of the 2440 inches of HOA owned irrigation water.
- 61 lots x 40 inches per share allocated for 2006.
- 42 lots have called for water.
- 12 lots require the instructional meeting to meet requirements for irrigation water.
- Only 3 lots have not returned Easement Agreement. Can we please finalize this?
- Screening has been placed over the exit pipes at our 2E Irrigation Box.
- Wood covering for our 2E box was completed for safety.
- Covering for the weir at the main ditch to keep debris out has been completed.
- Screening for the main gate that feeds our pipeline is being designed.

We had been able to lease extra water from the city of Longmont in the past but this year they did not have any available. However we did succeed in finding enough extra water to cover those that had signed up for the additional water. The cost for an additional 21 inches of water is \$19.20. For those that did sign up you will find a billing included with this mailing. Your bill should reflect \$19.20 times the number of extra shares you signed up for.

**This is Very Important.** For the 19 lots that have not called for any water this year, your reserved water will be reallocated to those that are using it unless you notify me by July 25 that you are planning on using it! Any questions concerning this call Daryl Musser at 532-2053.

There have been a few times when the water call for the day has been short. If the problem can be identified and if it is an issue on the side of Ish, the ditch rider will give us credit for the shortage and the credit will be passed on to those that day that were shorted. At times the water may start out adequate but drop off during the day or through the night. The ditch rider has not been able to reach a conclusion but is looking into the problem. In some cases the problem can be on our side. The minimum 20" call and sometimes even the 30" call opens the large 21" gate at the weir so little that we have seen crawdads getting stuck in the gate and slowing the flow down and even stopping it completely. We believe that once the final screening over the 21" gate is installed this problem will be corrected.

Please be considerate of others that are running water the day that you are taking water. If there is a shortage problem that cannot be resolved than everyone needs to adjust his or her flow down proportionately. On a gravity fed system the people higher up need the cooperation of those below them. A 10" shortage spread out over 4 lots is fairly minor compared to one person who has called for 15" being shorted the full 10"!

Here is a reminder to the HOA members who used the open ditch system that we used to have and information to the new Members. When water had not run for several days in the open ditch system a dry ditch would soak up as much as 50% of the water called for. On a small call for water it could easily be into the afternoon before any water would reach your lot and then only a small amount might be left. Our present system though not perfect is a vast improvement!

For the Irrigation Committee and the HOA Board,  
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