WHY WE NEED TO INVEST IN A RELIABLE WATER SOURCE
It’s a simple equation of supply and demand

1. Our primary groundwater supply is decreasing.
   In the summer, our pumps are as low as they can go (as deep as 2,000 feet underground) and have a mere 15 feet of water above them. The water remaining in our wells in Castle Pines should be set aside as a reserve supply.

2. Demand for our shared water supply is increasing.
   Over 330,000 people in Douglas County alone rely on the same aquifers we do for water. As the County’s population continues to increase, so do the withdrawals from the groundwater source we share with the entire Front Range.

3. Despite conservation efforts, water usage is growing annually.
   CPNMD offers programs and incentives to help residents conserve water, including free irrigation audits, rebates for efficient appliances and devices, watering schedules and Xeriscape classes and resources. Yet, peak summer water use in Castle Pines has increased 38% since 2013.

4. Our plan for reliable, renewable water is well underway.
   CPNMD started planning back in 2003 when the seriousness of a regional water shortage was first recognized. Since then, we’ve (1) purchased renewable rights along the South Platte, (2) purchased storage at Rueter-Hess and Chatfield Reservoirs and (3) expanded our partnership with Centennial Water and Sanitation District in Highlands Ranch to deliver CPNMD-owned renewable water during the winter months.

5. Additional funding is required to complete the next phase.
   Our $65.5 million plan includes infrastructure projects that will ensure that CPNMD is delivering 50% reliable, renewable water year-round by 2030. That cost will go up for every year we delay a decision on how to pay for this part of the plan.

To learn more about this issue visit CPNMD.org for a summary of the plan, in addition to project timelines, fast facts, articles, videos, FAQs and more.

MEET YOUR CPNMD REPRESENTATIVES
CPNMD is governed by a Board of citizen volunteers from the community who are elected to serve a specific term. We work to set policy and provide financial oversight. Please reach out to any one of us with your questions.

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WE’RE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING OUR INVESTMENTS
As long-time residents of Castle Pines and elected officials, we take seriously our responsibility to ensure residents have quality water every time they turn on their tap. In this region, that means acquiring a reliable water supply that naturally replenishes itself.

Doing nothing is not an option. Just like you, we call Castle Pines home. We cannot allow our community to dry up and watch our home values and investments decline.

We’ve invested nearly 15 years and millions of dollars in planning for a renewable water future. It would be irresponsible to walk away now. And the longer we delay, the more expensive it will get. We’ll need to borrow $65.5 million to complete the infrastructure projects in this next phase of our plan, which will ensure we have 50% reliable, renewable water year-round by 2030.

The infrastructure we need includes expanding our treatment capacity at the Centennial plant and constructing gravel pit storage near Fort Lupton (where some of the renewable water will come from).

The most cost-effective and equitable way to pay for this is through property taxes because the assessment is based on home values and can be used as a deduction on federal income taxes. CPNMD recently paid off its legacy debt ahead of schedule, saving millions in future interest payments and decreasing the amount homeowners will in property taxes compared to 2016.

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Even if the community decides to finance renewable water infrastructure via property taxes, the mills that would be needed for those capital projects (maximum of 15 mills) is less than the mills collected to pay off the legacy debt (22 mills).

We’re continuing our public outreach efforts on this issue. Feel free to contact one of us with questions.

You can find additional information at CPNMD.org.

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