# **CASTLE ROCK WATER** DEC 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

Note: Cumulative 2024 data

155.2<sub>MG</sub> WATER DEMAND TOTAL 2024 total: 3.46 billion gallons 2024 total: 28.1%

17% RENEWABLE WATER SUPPLIES

5.3 WATER SUPPLY INDEX

SYSTEM INTEGRITY

3 leaks

0 issues

27,696

2024 total: 26 leaks/breaks

WATER QUALITY SAMPLING

CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS

2024 total: 0 issues

2024 total: 3.2% increase

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### WHAT WE ARE UP TO

#### **Cobblestone Ranch Tank 18**

Project Manager: Josh Hansen, P.E.

Cobblestone Ranch Tank 18 is a two-milliongallon wire-wound pre-stressed concrete tank initially completed in 2023 by DN tanks for \$4.4 million. While the tank was being backfilled up to the dome roof, and prior to substantial completion, the foundation slab settled in one location resulting in a significant leak. The contractor retained consultants to complete additional structure and geotechnical investigations and determined that the tank wall and dome structures remained in place and were not affected by floor slab movement. In 2024, a subcontractor completed compaction grouting underneath the tank to lift the area of floor slab that settled and densify soils beneath the tank. Additional concrete and



Contractors working on repairs inside Tank 18

lining work were completed inside the tank to ensure watertight construction. The tank has been backfilled again, and the site was re-graded.

Final site utility and communication installations are in progress and the project is anticipated to be completed in early 2025, which will be well beyond the original schedule due to the foundation issue that required investigation and



Tank 18 dome peaks from sub-terranean site.

repairs. The Cobblestone Ranch developer is currently constructing a waterline that will connect Tank 18 to the development's distribution system and allow the tank to be placed into service. The tank will provide storage for the development and help buffer pressure surges in the area. The project is progressing within budget.

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

2024 total: 144 certifications earned

**WELCOME** 

**New Hires** 



Mark Ball Distribution I Operator



Michael Murphree Distribution I Operator



Sarah Stockton GIS Intern



Adrian McAllister Distribution Operator I



**Joseph Faraone** Distribution Operator I



**Brendan McGowan** Stormwater Supervisor



#### WATER STAR AWARD



Josh Burd, Meter Technician, received the Water Star award from Hannah due to his exceptional customer service. When Hannah got her green door tag for changing out her meter to an AMI one, she was so pleased-and that an exact time appointment was scheduled. After Josh showed up exactly on time, donning shoe booties, he jumped into action as if in an Olympic sport and changed out the meter in a speedy 7 minutes-and was gone. However, it was soon discovered, and exacerbated by the eye-rolling teen, that there was a high-pitched noise when the water was running. Josh came back out and began to troubleshoot the issue. When replacing the new meter with another new meter didn't work, he continued the task and eventually found a tiny piece of rubber gasket rolling around in the line. Josh provided exceptional customer service, never gave up, and was so kind and professional. Hannah appreciates Josh and finds him a valuable asset for Castle Rock Water.

#### Come work with us

Castle Rock Water created a series of recruitment videos for social media - to help create a pipeline of new employees.

View one of the videos.





## Holiday Party 2024









Socializing after the feast





















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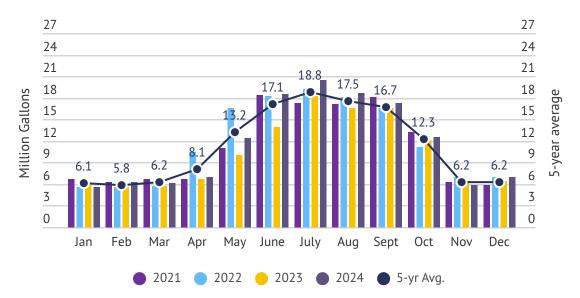
### WATER RESOURCES

#### WATER DEMAND

Maximum demands inform us of the size of the infrastructure necessary to provide water service over short periods of time and help us to plan future water resources needs.

#### DAILY DEMAND

- 6.92 million gallons/day (MGD)
- 5-year average: 6.2 MGD
- 11% higher than the 5-year average

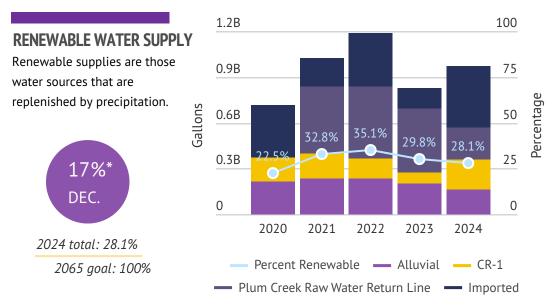


#### **MONTHLY DEMAND**

- The water demand total for December was 155.16 million gallons (MG) [476.2 acre-feet (AF)]
- 1% lower than the November 2024 total of 157.5 MG
- 2.6% decrease from the previous year's December 2023 demand of 160.3 MG

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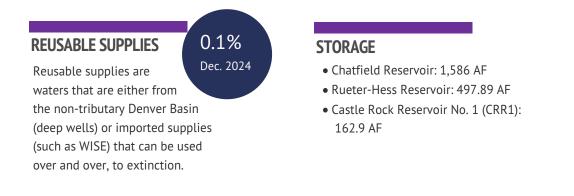
### WATER RESOURCES



In total, renewable supplies accounted for 17% of the total water supply for the month (27.1 MG of 157.1 MG) and 28.1% of the annual water supply (973.3 MG of 3,466 MG)

- The CR-1 diversion produced an average of 0.0 MGD
- The PC diversion produced an average of 0.0 MGD
- The 14 alluvial wells produced an average of 0.0 MGD
- The renewable water production average was 0.87 MGD

\* Plum Creek Water Purification Facility was shut down November 7 for the expansion project, greatly reducing renewable water production. PCWPF will remain shut down through December 31, 2024.

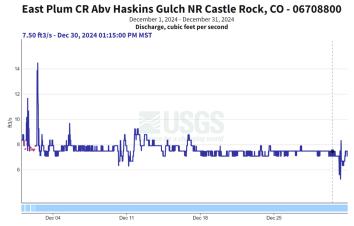


### WATER RESOURCES

#### EAST PLUM CREEK FLOWS

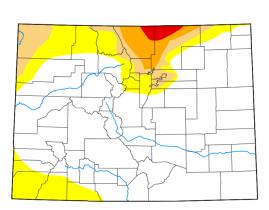
The hydrograph indicates the estimated flow in East Plum Creek basin.

- Flows ranged from 5.24 to 14.5 cubic feet per second (cfs)
- The monthly average streamflow was 7.6 cfs
- The 25-year mean is 5.9 cfs



**DROUGHT** According to the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Douglas County is experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

#### Colorado



Map released: Weds. January 1, 2025 Data valid: December 31, 2024 at 7 a.m. EST

#### Intensity



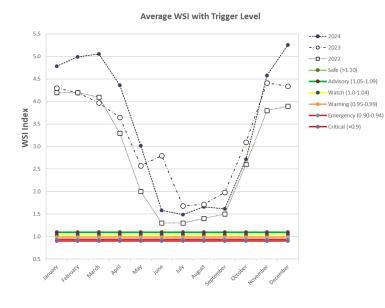
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#### WATER SUPPLY INDEX

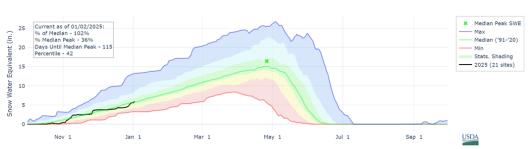


**5.26** WSI

The Town of Castle Rock's Drought Management Plan uses a Water Supply Index (WSI) for the Town that accounts for local conditions relative to the Town's capability to address our water resources and daily water demands. Anything below 1.1 will trigger a drought stage relative to its severity.

#### SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN SNOW PACK

- Year-to-date precipitation at 99% of median
- Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) at 102% of median



SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN SOUTH PLATTE

### CONSERVATION 2024 totals

#### **EDUCATION**

- Eight Water Wiser workshops educated 496 participants, with another 160 renewing online
- Four ColoradoScape Workshops were held with 119 participants
- Three student presentations and/or PCWPF tours were conducted
- Reached 400+ residents with conservation booths at PCWPF open house
- Two Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) trainings, as is required for professional landscapers registering with the Town

#### VIOLATIONS

Watering violation surcharges help fund rebates.

- 1,558 residential violations issued (81% first violation with no surcharge)
- 48 non-residential violations issued (67% first violation with no surcharge)

#### INSPECTIONS

Landscape, irrigation and soil inspections ensure code compliance for efficiency standards.

• 1,117 residential and non-residential inspections conducted

#### REBATES

### Toilet (0.8 gpf)

90 toilets replaced \$12,700.30 refunded

# \$661,900 273,000 square feet

#### Rotary nozzles

272 spray nozzles replaced13 participants\$1,306 refunded

#### Whole house monitor

7 installations \$1,369.40 refunded

#### ColoradoScape

The ColoradoScape rebate requiring conversion of high-water use materials to ColoradoScape design is proving to be one of the most effective water efficiency tools for Castle Rock.

- 153 residential customers removed 113,117 square feet of high-water materials, a 50% increase from 2023
- 16 non-residential customers removed 199,574 square feet of high-water materials, a 142% increase from 2023

2,926 active Water Wiser accounts

### **BUSINESS SOLUTIONS**

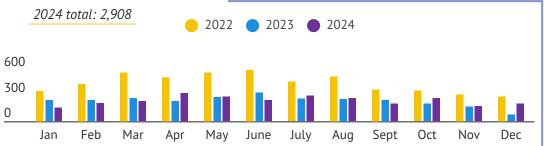
#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS 27,696

Customers with an online account: 60%

### TRANSFER OF SERVICE

Transfers of service represents the start/stop for service for new properties and those changing ownership.



#### **CUSTOMER OUTREACH**

OUTLET	POST	REACH	
Facebook	4 posts	7.3k reach	42 engagements
Instagram	2 posts	2.1k reach	54 engagements
LinkedIn	3 posts	1.2k impressions	93 reactions
Email	13,813	65% open rate	TOPICS Troubleshooting tip
			Frozen pipes

2024 goal achieved: 2 articles nationally published; 12 positive stories



### **METER SERVICES**

Meters are read the first two days of every month. Castle Rock Water utilizes drive-by and AMI technology. 27,522 Meters read

Skipped reads

The AWWA standard is 2%. CRW continues to stay well below the industry average. Measuring skipped reads is a strong indication of the level of preventative maintenance being done by our team.

#### ALL SERVICE WORK ORDERS

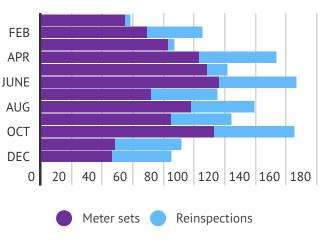
Standard work orders include meter replacement and AMI upgrade, bulk hydrant moveouts, curb stop maintenance, MXU installation, flow detection, and pressure checks.

2024 total: 13,222



#### METER SET INSPECTIONS

Meter set inspections, to ensure code compliance, are required on all new meters installed. At the time of the inspection, the curb stop is tested for operability and the MXU is installed which provides reading capability for our drive by technology.



2024 total: 1,363

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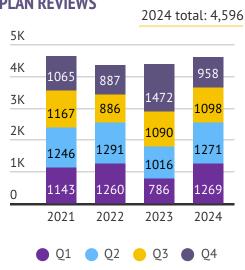
## PLAN REVIEW Q4 2024

Castle Rock Water Plan Review team reviews planned development plans, site plans, construction drawings, water efficiency plans and technical reports for each project to ensure the public infrastructure built by the developer is following the criteria set by the Town, with respect to:

Water

- Flood control
- Sanitary sewer
- Landscape and irrigation
- Stormwater drainage
  - Temporary Erosion and Sedimentary Control





Each project may have several plans related to it.

#### PERMITS

The plan review team reviews building permits to verify proposed water demand to size meters and assess system development fees.

2024 total: 3% decrease

5	PERIOD	Single Family	Com- mercial	Misc	Multi- family	TOTAL
ze	Q1	333	50	15	11	409
	Q2	443	39	17	0	499
	Q3	238	34	9	5	286
	Q4	279	46	9	2	336

#### PLAN REVIEWS

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## STORMWATER COMPLIANCE Q4 2024

The Stormwater Division manages stormwater runoff to minimize flooding hazards and to protect water quality in our watersheds. Services include:

- Construction site inspections
- Spill reporting, enforcement and response
- Public education and outreach
- Pond maintenance oversight
- Floodplain management
- Design and construction of SW CIP projects



#### 5-Year Trending

#### Over the past 5 years, inspections have been declining likely due to the economic downturn. Customer service requests flow with weather conditions as seen by the noticeable jump in 2023 due to the onslaught of rain and flooding issues we received in May and June.

#### INSPECTIONS

2024 total: 2,674 inspections



#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**



Customer concerns range, from nuisance groundwater and illicit discharges, to dust, and infrastructure maintenance. Complaints often rise and fall with weather patterns. Customer concerns decreased back to baseline after the storm on June 9 in Q2. Also, total CSRs are down 30% from 2023 to 2024.

2024 total: 157 requests

#### PERMITS



Total annual residential tract permits were 10% lower from 2023 to 2024 compared to the 34% drop from 2022 to 2023.

#### 2024 total: 358 permits

The inspection team regulates permitted residential and commercial properties. Total inspections tracked 21% lower from 2023 to 2024. Overall, inspections from Q1 2023 to Q4 2024 dropped 40%.

## **OPERATIONS**

OUTAGES

2024 total: 0

PRESSURE

GOAL: <5 % of our customers will experience water outage for one or more events totaling more than 30 hours per year.

GOAL: 1% of our customers will experience less than 43 pounds per square inch (psi) of pressure at the meter during normal operations.



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### **OVERFLOWS**

GOAL: Prevent 100% of sewer system overflows with line inspections and cleaning.

2024 total: 1

#### SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

AWWA Index: SSO rate/100 mi



Castle Rock Water: 0.3 Top quartile: 0.4

Median: 1.6

Bottom quartile: 3.3

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## LINE BREAKS

GOAL: Remain in the top quartile for AWWA benchmarking for leaks and breaks through regular maintenance and rehabilitation. WATER SYSTEM INTEGRITY AWWA Index: Leaks and breaks/100 mi Castle Rock Water: 5.0



Castle Rock Water: 5. Top quartile: 9.2



Median: 18.7

Bottom quartile: 30.1

2024 total: 15 leaks, 12 breaks

**1,010** UTILITY LOCATES 2024 total: 14,968

17.48 mi LINES INSPECTED 32% of 2024 goal of 55 miles lines cleaned 17.87 mi

