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### COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS: UPDATE on WHAT ACWWA IS DOING

ACWWA continues to be committed to delivering safe and reliable water. As a public water system, we meet stringent state and federal standards as set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and continue to do so during this event. We want our customers to know our water supply is safe to drink, and we are continuing our mission “to provide sustainable water/wastewater services by optimizing our resources to ensure quality and value while protecting the environment.”

While our administrative offices will remain closed to the public, we continue to maintain high service levels. We are following CDC guidelines, limiting building/facility occupancy, conducting most meetings by video/phone, working remotely when possible, increased frequency of cleaning, and many other actions. All incoming calls are being forwarded to our Customer Service Specialist, who in turn is routing them to the appropriate staff member. If you can't reach someone immediately, please leave a message. We are committed to returning your call with 24 business hours. Incoming mail is opened and processed M/W/F. Meetings, including our monthly Board Meetings continue to take place remotely via phone, or other supporting technology.

In an effort to keep abreast with the everchanging situation, ACWWA continues to monitor the situation daily through the national and local news agencies and in coordination with the Arapahoe County Office of Emergency Management and Tri-County Health. In the meantime, we encourage customers to continue to take advantage of our online bill payment services, the U.S. Mail, as well as using our 24-hour drop box located outside our offices for dropping off payments and other communications.

We here at ACWWA continue to appreciate your patience and **thank you** once again for your ongoing trust in providing you safe and reliable water services.



### Fall Water Conservation Tips

Even though autumn is approaching, and water usage is down, you should still conserve and live a water-wise lifestyle:

- Sweep patios, driveways, and sidewalks. Never hose paved surfaces.
- If you are still watering your plants, lawns, and gardens, remember they require less water in the fall as daylight hours have become shorter and the sun's intensity has decreased. As the days get shorter, so should your watering times.
- Now is a good time to make sure your irrigation system is working properly. Fix all leaks and broken heads.

# Chambers Reservoir Rehabilitation Project

## UPDATE



### Moving into Phase 2 – Construction

Final design permit application was submitted to the Colorado Division of Water Resources – Dam Safety – and approved plans were received in August 2020. Construction of the project Phase 2 is currently underway.

**Phase 1 Construction** – Earthmoving and Re-grading – Started Summer 2019 – Completed Spring 2020

- Remove existing clay liner
- Regrade embankments to new design slope – with imported material and regrading – approx. 350,000 cubic yards of material has been accomplished
- Install underdrain piping system to manage existing ground water level for the liner system
- Grading for perimeter and access roads for improved maintenance access of the reservoir

**Phase 2 Construction** – July to November 2020

- ACWWA received Bids for the final civil construction work and installation of the new liner system. These contracts have been awarded in June 2020.
- Work was started in July 2020, and is expected to be completed by November 2020

**Reservoir Operation**

- Expected Beginning of Reservoir filling – Winter/Spring 2021

### Construction Hours

Construction will take place only during the daylight hours 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Monday through Saturday.



### How will the reservoir work?

The water supplied into the reservoir will come from existing wells along Cherry Creek that currently supply water to the ACWWA irrigation system. In a typical year, the wells will supply water to the reservoir in the non-irrigation season – from November until April.

ACWWA's pump station at the northeast corner of Chambers Reservoir, will draw water from the reservoir to deliver into ACWWA's irrigation system during the May to October irrigation season. The reservoir water will be used within ACWWA's service area to provide secure, reliable, and good water quality for both residential and commercial areas.