




**2019 UTILITY RATES  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
FOR OUR CUSTOMERS**




**SEWER/WASTEWATER**

The Persigo Wastewater Facility collects and treats sewage for the 201 Sewer Service Area which includes generally from 19 Rd to 32 Rd and A 1/2 Rd to H Rd.

The sewer rate will NOT increase for 2019.

**SINGLE FAMILY SEWER RATES**

<u>Single Family</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	\$22.40	\$ 22.40	\$0.00



**SOLID WASTE/ TRASH**

The rate increase for 2019 will be used to cover the costs of ongoing operating expenses and capital expenditures.

**A SAMPLE OF TRASH RATES**  
(once a week pickup)

<u>Container</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase</u>
64 gallon	\$12.44	\$13.00	\$0.56
96 gallon	\$15.75	\$17.00	\$1.25
(2) 64 gal.	\$19.02	\$20.25	\$1.23
(1) 64 gal. (1) 96 gal.	\$22.34	\$23.75	\$1.41
(2) 96 gal.	\$25.69	\$27.50	\$1.81
(3) 96 gal.	\$40.66	\$43.25	\$2.59.

**Recycling rates will remain \$1.75 per month.**



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## WATER



The increase in water rates will be used to fund ongoing operating expenses and the capital waterline and water meter replacement programs.

### WATER RATES

<u>Consumption In Gallons</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase</u>
0-3,000 base	\$19.00	\$20.14	\$1.14
Next 7,000	\$2.75/1000	\$2.92/1000	\$0.17
Next 10,000	\$3.25/1000	\$3.45/1000	\$0.20
From 20,000	\$3.80/1000	\$4.03/1000	\$0.23

The City has over 25,000 customers who enjoy some of the best drinking water in the country. The City's water system is supplied by lakes and streams and meets all Federal safe drinking water standards.

### A SAMPLE OF WATER CHARGES

<u>Consumption</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase</u>
0-3,000 gallons	\$19.00	\$20.14	\$ 1.14
7,000 gallons	\$30.00	\$31.82	\$1.82
10,000 gallons	\$38.25	\$40.58	\$2.33
15,000 gallons	\$54.50	\$57.83	\$3.33
20,000 gallons	\$70.75	\$75.08	\$4.33
25,000 gallons	\$89.75	\$95.23	\$5.48



### IRRIGATION

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase</u>
<u>Single Family</u>	\$16.72	\$17.56	\$0.84
<u>Multi-Family</u> Per Unit	\$11.97	\$12.57	\$0.60

*The rate changes are effective January 1, 2019. You will see a prorated charge on your January billing. The full rate change will be reflected on your February billing.*

For more information on City utilities, including multi-unit and commercial rates, billing, and payment options, visit us online at [www.gjcity.org](http://www.gjcity.org) or call us at 970.244.1579.

# Your Water • Your Fish • Your Future



**Upper Colorado River  
Endangered Fish  
Recovery Program**

Water that supports your family also supports healthy rivers for plants, birds, and fish, including four endangered native fishes: bonytail, Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, and razorback sucker.



Colorado River



Razorback sucker



Colorado pikeminnow



Humpback chub



Bonytail

Found only in the Colorado River Basin, these four ancient species evolved over millions of years to live in a desert river system. These “dinosaurs of the river” are part of our western heritage and a critical part of the river ecology. Conserving these fish enhances the overall health of your rivers.

The City of Grand Junction has been an active partner in the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program since its inception and supports this successful public and private partnership. The Recovery Program works together to bring these fish back from the brink of extinction and provides streamlined Endangered Species Act compliance so that water development can proceed as fish populations recover. Water development is important to Colorado’s citizens, but it can change river flows and temperature, and block fish migration. The Recovery Program uses science and partnerships to manage those threats and support fish recovery in a way that minimizes impacts to water users. We and other Colorado River water users release water from reservoirs on the western slope to benefit Colorado River fish in times of low water, fish spawning, or other habitat needs. The biggest remaining obstacle to recovering the





Smallmouth bass with a native sucker in its mouth



The installation of the net at Elkhead Reservoir, 2016

endangered fish is large numbers of predatory nonnative fish that now live in the river. The three most damaging nonnative species are smallmouth bass, northern pike, and walleye. These fish compete with and prey on the endangered fish. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manually remove these invasive, non-compatible fish from the river, but it's not enough. We also must halt illegal introduction of nonnative fish (people moving fish from reservoirs to the river or from reservoir to reservoir) and eliminate certain species from reservoirs to prevent them from spilling into the river. The Colorado River District led the Elkhead Reservoir Spillway Fish Barrier Net Project, completed in 2016. The Recovery Program and its partners have installed nets at other reservoir outlets on the western slope to prevent fish escapement. Nets are a temporary measure while CPW replaces non-compatible sport fisheries with compatible fish like trout, kokanee salmon, largemouth bass, wiper and tiger muskie (sterile hybrids), and triploid walleye (sterile fish). CPW also offers fishing tournaments at Elkhead Reservoir and Ridgway Reservoir. Tournament anglers help remove non-compatible smallmouth bass, northern pike, and walleye. You can help recover the endangered fish by taking home all the northern pike and smallmouth bass you catch, by participating in CPW's fishing tournaments, and by reporting illegal fish stocking. Your efforts to help native fish contribute



Fishing tournament participants, Elkhead Reservoir, 2017

to a healthy river system for the future. This means better water for all of us. For more information about the importance of the endangered fishes of the Colorado River, visit [coloradoriverrecovery.org/Water-Users.html](http://coloradoriverrecovery.org/Water-Users.html).



To learn more about CPW's fishing regulations on the Colorado River, visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf>.

