

Water Explanation and Order Information

FICo shares—privately owned, can transfer, FICo owns Harvey Gap

Silt Project allocation—goes with the property, cannot be leased or transferred. Allocated by the Bureau of Reclamation. Annual assessments billed on property taxes. Based on water storage in Rifle Gap.

Share days: Based on water elevation in Rifle and Harvey Gaps. When both are FULL FICo will start at 65 and project will start at 50. (project may be significantly LESS during drought years) We will use these numbers for this explanation with our 'water user' having 5 FICo and 5 Silt project allocation.

Share days are set the month prior to deliver and can change later in the season if we have a wet spring and have the extra storage.

To calculate water orders:

Transfer owned/leased shares and project allocation into share days:

Shares (5) x 65= 325

Acre feet (5) x 50= 250

Add them together- 575

Water order formula: If you order 10 shares of water (4.5 gallons per minute, per share, 24 hours a day for 7 days) you will take the 10 shares and multiply by 7 (days of delivery). This order is 70 share days. (10x7=70). Subtract the 70 from the TOTAL share days you are allowed. The share day balance will be 505 after this order.

Once shared days are decided based on water storage, we urge users to manage their share days so they know how many times throughout our season they can order. Please call the office if you need help understanding your allocation and how to calculate. We are more than happy to help you!

Extra Water:

The pump canal is the only ditch in the district that extra water can be purchased. (As a general rule, this will be any property from 1st street west, and south of Silt Mesa Road, down to Peterson Lane. Extra water is currently priced at \$35 an acre foot. Here's the formula to calculate that into share days and shares to get your total with a 10 share order:

Number of shares ordered (10) x 7 (days of delivery)= 70 share days

Share days/ 50= acre feet ordered

Acre feet x \$35= amount owed.

10 x 7= 70

70 divided by 50= 1.4 acre feet

1.4 acre feet x \$35= \$49

All extra water orders must be paid for the week of delivery. The pump canal runs from Wednesday to Wednesday. If your payment has not been received by the time the Ditch Riders set the pump canal, your water will not be delivered and your order cancelled.

To Order:

Orders must be received by Monday at noon to week of delivery. Advanced orders are accepted, and encouraged, users do NOT need to wait until Monday to order.

Orders can be called in at 970-876-2393, emailed to admin@siltwatercd.org, made in person at 120 S. 7th in Silt, texted on our text phone at 970-309-5651, or placed on the web portal at waterui.com

Headgates and Responsibilities:

We urge all water users to learn where their headgate is, who orders on it, and take steps to make the most of their allocations.

Silt Water Conservation District will release the ordered amount of water at the headgate. Our responsibility stops there. Ditch Riders will post an order ticket on the headgate for users to view if they desire. Users need to keep their headgate free of debris to assure free flow.

Maintaining the ditch from the headgate to user properties are the responsibility of the users. Water loss is due to evaporation, saturation, and vegetation. Keeping trees, brush, and grass cleared from the ditches will save hundreds of gallons of water. Piping sections will stop saturation and evaporation.

Sharing ditch loss:

In cases of open ditches downstream from the headgate, users need to understand that all users should share in the environmental losses. If all users take their ordered shares and the user on the end gets no water, that end user is absorbing all of the ditch loss and not getting their water. This causes angst and disagreements among neighbors. Get to know your neighbors, work with them, and keep the lines of communication open. SWCD will not get involved in disputes over water orders.

Billing:

Silt Project water is billed through property taxes. The annual account fee is \$375 with an additional \$14 per acre foot allocated.

FICo bills directly. The annual account fee is \$250 with an additional \$14 per share.

FICo assessments are due by April 1st. We reserve the right to halt *all* irrigation water delivery if your balance is not paid.

Leases and Sales:

Leases are good for one year only. ALL leases expire on December 31st of the year and must be renewed for the following delivery season.

A lease form can be emailed to the user or owner by contacting the office via email or phone. All monies exchanged is between owner and user. Neither SWCD nor FICo will hold funds for the parties.

Sales of FICo certificates are between the owner and buyer. Once the transaction is completed, a bill of sale and the original certificate must be provided to the office and a new certificate will be issued. SWCD will not hold valid certificates in the office, they are the owner's responsibility.