



# Newsletter

March 2024

We have a new look for the 2024 water season! Check out our updated website coming Spring 2024 at [www.siltwatercd.org](http://www.siltwatercd.org)

## WATER DELIVERY DATES

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**East and West Laterals:** Start date on April 16 with last day of water on October 14. Ditches will be off July 16-22 (demoss).

**Davies Ditch:** Start date on May 1 with last day of water on October 15.

**West Elk and Grass Valley Canal:** Start date on April 17 with last day of water on October 15. Ditches will be off July 17-23 (demoss).

**Pump Canal:** Start date on May 8 with last day of water on September 24. Ditches will be off July 17-23 (demoss). No additional water sales until after July 3rd.

**Interconnect:**  
Will run July 9-15 to fulfill the well augmentation requirement

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## SHARE DAYS

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**FICo - 65 days**

**Silt Project - 50 days**

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Manager: Stephan Ohman

Cell: **970-274-9225**

Secretary/Treasurer: Michele Coppersmith

Office: **970-876-2393**

Ditch Rider: Marc Dodero

Cell: **970-379-7092**



## HOW TO ORDER

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Place your water order via phone, email, text, portal, or in person at the office on Monday before noon the week of delivery. **No late orders will be accepted.**

- Office Address: 120 S. 7th St. Silt, CO 81652
- Phone Order: 970-876-2393
- Email Order: admin@siltwatercd.org
- Text Order: 970-309-5651  
(text only, calls will not be answered)
- Portal Order: waterrui.com

## HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR WATER

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**PROJECT:** Take your Acre feet owned and multiply it with the Project days allowed. (example:  $90 \times 30 = 2,700$  total share days)

**FICo:** Take your shares and multiply it with the FICo days allowed. (example:  $25 \text{ shares} \times 65 = 1,625$  total share days)

**BOTH:** If you own both Project water and FICo water, add the two totals together. (example:  $2,700 + 1,625 = 4,325$  total share days)

**WATER ORDERS:** Order your water amount based on your system. (Example:  $50 \text{ shares (1/2 cfs)} \times 7 \text{ (days)} = 350$  share days used per week. Deduct the 350 share days from the 4,325 total gives you a remaining share days of 3,975.) Continue to deduct from your total each week you irrigate throughout the summer.

## FAQ's

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### When do I order my water?

Orders need to be placed on Monday before noon.

### How do I shutoff the water that I ordered?

Call the office & ditch riders. Leave a message and someone will respond. Please don't cut the chains first!

### I'm not getting my water - what should I do?

Call the office to verify your order. We can troubleshoot and send a rider out to assist you.

### What should I do if someone is stealing my water?

It's often lack of communication. Check the headgate ticket and call us to verify who has ordered.





# MANAGER'S REPORT

We are in the process of installing ditch monitoring stations to help keep a more consistent delivery of water and have faster troubleshooting and response time to any issues. To keep these stations calibrated and the info consistent only the ditch rider will be allowed to remove or add check boards, including makeshift rock checks.

Right of way reminders all gates must be free swinging and in good working condition with only 1 latch system and approved by the board before installation, please do not block the right of way with debris, vehicles, irrigation pipes etc, we have the right and will be mowing and spraying our right of ways as needed, the FICO ditches right of way is 50' from waters edge.

S.W.C.D. encourages all water users to go watch this youtube video search CCA Ag Water NetWORK - Easements and Right of Way for Water Conveyances [https://youtu.be/UsM\\_WItWyQ](https://youtu.be/UsM_WItWyQ) it has great info about your rights on private ditches as well as S.W.C.D.'s for our canals and laterals.

## WATER ASSESSMENTS

**Silt Project Water Assessments:** \$375 Account Fee and \$14.00 per acre foot.

**Farmer's Irrigation Company Assessments:** \$250.00 Account Fee and \$14.00 per share

### Extra Water

After July 3rd, water users on the pump canal can purchase extra water at a rate of \$35 per acre foot as soon as allocated water has been delivered.

**Extra water MUST BE PREPAID.**

## FIELD NOTES

- There must be 500 shares/5 cfs ordered (without push water) in order for a ditch in the district to run. If less than 500 shares is ordered that ditch will not run that week.

- There is a 5 share per headgate minimum order for all headgates.

- There is now a bulletin board in the SWCD office where information can be posted regarding FICO shares. Ex. for sale/lease, in search of, etc

## LEASING WATER

Anyone that plans to lease FICO shares or property with project water **MUST** turn in a completed lease agreement to the office before the water is ordered. Water leases will be on an annual basis and must be renewed every year.



**Head Gates:** Make sure your headgate is clean at all times for maximum water flow! Please do not call us unless you have made every effort to clear your head gate of any obstructions. Plugged headgates are **NOT** an **EMERGENCY**; therefore they will not be dealt with after hours and will wait until the next *business day*. SWCD's responsibility stops at the measuring device at the lateral. You are responsible to get your water to your property past the measuring device. Please call the office if you have questions about this.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS Silt Water Conservancy District

**Kevin Roberts**  
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**District 1**  
Harvey Gap Reservoir North, includes West Elk

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**District 9**  
Colorado River North to Rifle Gap Reservoir, includes Fravert Res. & Graham Mesa area, all of the East Rifle Creek area to Rifle Falls

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