



UPPER ARKANSAS
WATER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT

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The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, through its plan of augmentation, has available for purchase Augmentation Water Rights, which may be used to apply for permits from the State Water Engineer to: (1) drill new wells; (2) expand use of existing wells; and (3) replace on-stream pond evaporation. Augmentation water rights replenish stream depletions caused from consumption by these uses. The issuance of an augmentation water right does not guarantee that your well will produce water and is not a substitute for a well permit, which must be issued by the State Engineer's Office.

Augmentation water rights are available for areas within a defined "Blue Line" in Western Fremont County and Chaffee County. The defined area is described on a map available for viewing in the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District offices at 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado, during business hours, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

The "Base Unit" of an augmentation water right to be offered is 0.10-acre feet. Based upon engineering calculations and the court decree, a typical base unit authorizes normal household use and irrigation of approximately 1,400 square feet of lawn. The base unit price is \$3,500.00 for the Cottonwood drainage, and \$2,500.00 for all other areas. One hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) per base unit is charged annually for storage and maintenance of the augmented water. A minimum of one base unit is required for initial purchase. A nonrefundable application fee of \$100.00 must also accompany the application. A fee is required by the State for a "new" well permit. The well permit fee will be collected at the time you wish to apply for a well permit.

Typical one Unit Cost

	Unit	All Other Areas	Cottonwood
Augmentation Application Fee		\$100.00	\$100.00
*Annual Storage & Maintenance Fee	1 =	\$125.00	\$125.00
Augmentation Water Right	1 =	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00
Total		\$2,725.00	\$3,725.00

* Annual Maintenance & Storage Fee charged by the calendar year

(Note: all prices set forth herein above are subject to change by the UAWCD)

If the property (or in the case of a subdivision of property, the tract or lot) is transferred to another owner, the UAWCD must be promptly notified in writing (with a copy of the Warranty Deed) in order that the application for well permit can be processed in the new owner's name.

A copy of your existing well permit must accompany the application. If seeking a new permit, a precise location of the proposed well must accompany the application. Additionally, a copy of your warranty deed showing property ownership is needed. A completed sample application is enclosed to assist in the preparation of your application.

Your check or money order needs to be made out to the Water Activity Enterprise for the entire amount. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 719-539-5425.