

# ELCO Mandatory Watering Restrictions Effective October 1, 2020

ELCO is one of multiple Northern Colorado water providers whose raw water supply comes directly out of Horsetooth Reservoir and the Poudre River. This October, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District will begin the Horsetooth Outlet Project to repair and upgrade the Soldier Canyon Dam Outlet. This maintenance project is necessary to ensure the outlet continues to operate properly and is scheduled to last from 30-45 days. This planned maintenance will require that ELCO and other water providers receive water from the Poudre River during this period.

In light of the fact that ELCO customers 2020 demands are up by 18% over the same time last year and the fact that there is an active fire burning in the upper Poudre River basin, the ELCO Board at its September meeting adopted a resolution requiring the elimination of certain types of outdoor water use effective October 1, 2020 through completion of the Horsetooth Outlet maintenance project.

Primarily ELCO is requiring the elimination of lawn watering\*, washing cars, trucks, boats, driveways, sidewalks, etc. and the filling water features — ponds, fountains, swimming pools. Additional information regarding these temporary mandatory watering restrictions can be found at **[www.elcowater.org](http://www.elcowater.org)**.

By reducing outdoor use, we can work together to better use our water resources during this temporary shutdown. More details on the outlet shutdown can be found at **<https://www.fcgov.com/utilities/horsetooth-outlet-project/>**.

*\*Irrigation of newly installed landscaping will be allowed.*