



Press Release

Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) is initiating a study to establish new fees for land development and is soliciting input from land owners, developers, planners, engineers, residents, and government officials whom may be affected by the study. The study will result in new stormwater system development fees, engineering review fees, and permit fees for land development activities within SEMSWA's service area.

The stormwater programs in unincorporated Arapahoe County, the City of Centennial, Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District and Inverness Water and Sanitation District, have been transferred to SEMSWA. SEMSWA initiated its stormwater enterprise billing in January, 2007. The revenue generated from the annual billing is based on developed imperviousness and is intended to be allocated to capital, maintenance, and other stormwater program services that benefit existing development.

SEMSWA has been authorized to collect fees from new land development projects to fund stormwater capital improvements associated with new development and to cover the costs associated with the review and permitting of the stormwater activities associated with land development projects. SEMSWA is currently collecting the same fees from new land development that previously were collected by one of the entities listed above. However, this is an interim arrangement until SEMSWA completes this study to establish new fees.

Information on the formation and operation of SEMSWA can be found on the SEMSWA website, www.semswa.org.

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