Centennial Water & Sanitation District Inclusion Election FAQs

Centennial Water and Sanitation District (Centennial), a water and sanitation district organized as a political subdivision of the state of Colorado and as a quasi-municipal corporation created pursuant to Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, was organized in 1980.

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1. Who does Centennial Water serve?

Centennial Water is a wholesale water and wastewater provider serving a population of more than 100,000 customers in the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District (Highlands Ranch), Mirabelle Metropolitan District (Mirabelle), and Northern Douglas County Water and Sanitation District (Northern Douglas County). Both Highlands Ranch and Mirabelle have Total Service Agreements with Centennial Water. Northern Douglas County has a Master Meter Agreement.
2. Who is Centennial Water’s leadership?

Centennial Water operates under a board - general manager form of government. Policymaking and legislative authority is vested in the board, which consists of five non-partisan members elected at large. The board is responsible, among other things, for adopting the annual budget, approving projects and resolutions, appointing committees, and hiring the general manager and Centennial Water’s legal counsel. Board members are elected to four-year staggered terms with either two or three board members elected every two years.

3. Why is Centennial Water having an inclusion election?

When Centennial Water was formed, the intent was to eventually transition to a residential board when the Highlands Ranch community reached buildout. Highlands Ranch is approximately 95% completed with only a few properties remaining to develop.

4. How will a successful inclusion election impact a property owner?

If the inclusion election is successful, all property owners in Highlands Ranch and Mirabelle will be eligible to run for vacant positions on the board of directors. The first election for new board members would be in May 2022. To be on the ballot, any interested individual would need to self-nominate between January 1, 2022 and February 25, 2022.

5. What are the logistics for the election, including the polling place? Is this a mail-in ballot?

If approved, the election will be held on May 5, 2020. Centennial Water office building, located at 62 Plaza Drive, Highlands Ranch, will be a polling place. Once the election is approved, a form to request a mail ballot will be available either in person at our office or on our website at www.centennialwater.org.

6. How can I get more involved?

The easiest way to learn more about Centennial Water is to visit our website or attend a monthly board meeting. Board meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 62 Plaza Drive, Highlands Ranch.

7. What is the future of Centennial Water?

Centennial Water’s mission is:

Provide safe, sustainable, and reliable water and wastewater utility services to our customers with superior quality and value.

To meet this mission, staff is proactive in maintaining our assets, complying with all current regulatory requirements, and understanding all future regulatory requirements. Financial planning is a key component to achieving our mission. Centennial Water forecasts capital and operational needs to ensure adequate funding without property tax revenues to meet those needs while managing rates.
8. What is the source of Centennial’s water supply?

Centennial Water’s water supply portfolio is comprised of 85% renewable surface water, through owned water rights and long-term leases. Centennial Water has an inventory of over 50 wells to supplement the surface water.