

To: All Pioneer Ditch water users in El Ranchos Florida Subdivision  
Re: 2014 Irrigation Season Information  
Date: April 4, 2014  
From: Rex Emenegger, Vice President, El Rancho Florida Subdivision  
Eric Sibelius, Vice President, Pioneer Ditch Company

1. The Irrigation water will start approximately the first week of May. The irrigation water supply is projected to be NORMAL this year.
2. The Ditch Walker is MIKE SHUMWAY. 749-9382 CELL, 247-1296 HOME
3. You are asked to help the ditch walker keep your section of the Pioneer Ditch clean. This will insure a better flow of water to you and will help keep the maintenance costs down. If you notice restrictions to the water flow, please notify the ditch walker immediately. His cell number is 749-9382. The email notification address is [pioneerditch@gmail.com](mailto:pioneerditch@gmail.com)
4. There are 61 total water users served by the Pioneer Ditch.
5. If you are provided water through "lateral B", do not adjust that head gate. The ditch walker will adjust that head gate as necessary. There are only 11 water users served by "lateral B". Their normal allocation is 67 acre/feet of project water.
6. Section 3 of the By Laws of the Pioneer Ditch Company specify that ONLY the Ditch Rider has the right to open or close any head gate, waste gate, division box or other measuring device, and all equipment is under the sole control of the Ditch Rider, in accordance with Colorado Water Law. So leave the head gate on "lateral B" alone!
7. **YOU are solely responsible for keeping your laterals clean and clear of debris.** The ditch company and the Homeowners Association have NO RESPONSIBILITY for cleaning and maintaining your individual water delivery system.
8. The Ditch Walker is employed by the Pioneer Ditch Company. He is the superintendent of the ditch. He is charged with "caring for and properly maintaining the ditch". He releases the appropriate amount of water due each user.
9. Eric Sibelius, a resident of El Ranchos Florida (201 Pioneer Circle) is the new Vice President of the Pioneer Ditch Company. 259-3373 - home telephone [esibelius@hotmail.com](mailto:esibelius@hotmail.com)
10. Officers of the Pioneer Ditch Company are:

Wayne Jefferies, President	385-5422
Eric Sibelius, Vice President	259-3373
Glenn Lathrop, Secretary/Treasurer	946-4610
Jim Ellis	884-4211

Mike Shumway

749-9382

11. The notification procedure for any request, complaint, or suggestion is as follows:
  1. Call the Ditch Walker.
  2. Send your request, complaint or suggestion in writing to [pioneerditch@gmail.com](mailto:pioneerditch@gmail.com)
12. If you need further assistance in resolving your water issue, then contact:

Tom Fiddler, Water Commissioner, Florida River, District 30  
247-1845 office, 769-1930 cell, [tom.fiddler@state.co.us](mailto:tom.fiddler@state.co.us)

13. Remember that all issues should be submitted in writing to the Pioneer Ditch Company via email after calling the Ditch Walker personally.

14. This year's assessment for your share of the adjudicated water billed to the homeowners association was ZERO. We had accumulated a surplus in our Pioneer Ditch irrigation water fund and used that surplus to pay the assessment for this year. We also decided to not supplement the Ditch Walker's contract with additional money. That contract is the responsibility of the Pioneer Ditch Company.

15. The Homeowners Association owns and votes 155.06 shares of the Pioneer Ditch Company stock. This represents 24.4% of the stock of the Pioneer Ditch Company. There are 634.75 shares of stock in the company. Voting shares are based entirely on adjudicated water. The project water that you own individually represents your acre/foot ownership of the water in Lemon Lake. That project water is allocated to each user as it is available for distribution from the Lake. The allocation of project water is determined annually on a percentage basis by the Water Commissioner.

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