WORKING TO PROVIDE SAFE, RELIABLE, COST-EFFECTIVE WATER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

DONALA WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

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Our Water Supply is at Risk and Costs are Increasing

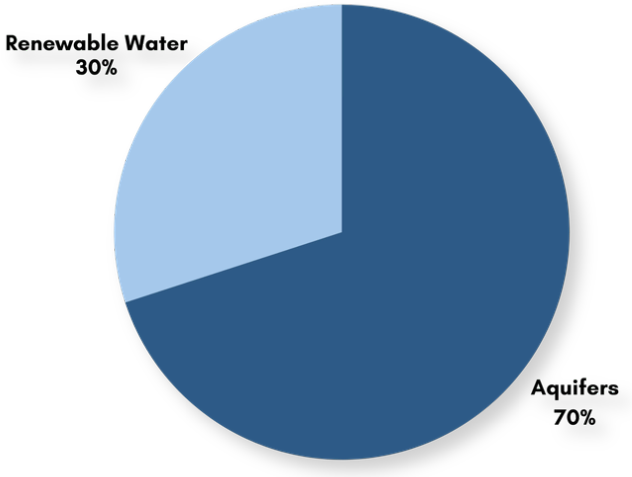
- About 70% of Donala's water supply currently comes from underground aquifers.
- Aquifers are being drawn down faster than they are replenished.
- Water supply options are becoming more limited and more expensive over time.
- Delaying needed investments can increase infrastructure costs and the cost of acquiring water rights.

It is estimated we will need $70 to $100 million to fund investments in critical water rights, storage, treatment, and delivery facilities

WHERE DOES DONALA'S WATER COME FROM?

Donala's primary water source is **groundwater** from the Denver and Arapahoe Aquifers, which serve residential, commercial, and municipal uses in communities across the Front Range.

Given the demand on the Denver and Arapahoe Aquifers, Donala has **already started diversifying its water supply**, with renewable water currently meeting about 30% of total demand.



💧 **Diversifying our water supply reduces long-term dependence on underground aquifers and preserves our options for the future.**

RESPONSIBLY PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Additional funding now will secure water for the long run.

- New water sources require investments in water rights, storage, treatment, pipelines and other infrastructure to safely deliver water to the community.
- Diversifying Donala's water supply can reduce long-term dependence on underground aquifers and give us more control of our own destiny.
- Planned investments can reduce the risk of being forced into more costly, emergency-driven decisions in the future.
- Planning ahead gives Donala more time and flexibility to evaluate options based on cost and long-term water needs.

INVESTING IN A SAFE, DIVERSE WATER SUPPLY

2008 — **Willow Creek Ranch surface water rights acquired.**

2011 — **Willow Creek Ranch water rights change for municipal use within Donala's service area.**

2012 — **Deliveries of Willow Creek Ranch water to Donala's service area began.**

2017 — **Laughlin Ditch surface water rights acquired.**

2019 — **Donala enters into contract with the US Bureau of Reclamation for excess capacity.**

2023 — **Donala enters into contract with Colorado Springs Utilities for use of water transport facilities.**

NEXT STEPS AND COMMUNITY INPUT

The community is invited to provide input as the District weighs its options. The District Board plans to make a final decision in March 2027.

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