

## Aurora Water – Collection 2

### Collection Summary

**Dates:** 1952-2001

**Quantity:** 1 Box

**Location:** Archives BA 4  
See also Aurora Water, Boxes 1-5, Archives BA 3 and BA 4

**Abstract:** The second collection of Aurora Water documents consists of items added after completion of the original five-box Aurora Water Collection. These additional documents are from Aurora Water, the Metro-Denver sewage district, and the Aurora Utilities Department.

**Arrangement:** The collection begins with a history of Aurora Water and the Homestake Water Development Program; there are several folders of correspondence and later newspaper articles. Other folders contain Aurora Utilities publications, documents on Metropolitan Denver Sewage District, and miscellaneous items.

### Contents

**Folder 1:** 1977. "The Water System," a six-page history of Aurora Water, includes its establishment in 1918, the Homestake project, a map of Aurora's water supply system, contracts with other water departments, and Aurora's sewer system.

**Folder 2:** 1956-1984 and undated. Memo to City Council outlining the Aurora Water situation (February 1964); a map of Aurora's raw water supply system; several newspaper articles on the Homestake project, including one on archeological findings

**Folder 3:** 1979-1980. Correspondence on sewer development fees, a water recycle system, water quality, a possible bond issue, a case of a water-borne disease, changes in the utilities department organization, and other subjects

**Folder 4:** January-May 1981. Correspondence on utilities costs, drainage channels, Adams County Water, and sewer flow-back into rivers

**Folder 5:** June-December 1981. Correspondence on water transfer litigation, local area water use, water purchase contracts, and sewage disposal rates

**Folder 6:** March-May 1982. Correspondence on the Utilities Department services audit and other information, sprinkler systems, raw water storage, tap fee charges, and the utilities performance audit

**Folder 7:** June-December 1982. Correspondence on Army Core of Engineers' Environmental Impact Statement on the Colorado River water, the Utilities Department personnel structure, utilities service contract, high-voltage electrical equipment maintenance, flooding problems, Denver Water reports, and a fluoridation facts booklet

**Folder 8:** 1983-1984. Correspondence about the script for a movie on Aurora's water supply, which includes the history of Aurora Water. Letter about Dorothy Ditch Canal workmen being confronted by a property owner with a gun.

**Folder 9:** 1984-2019. 1984 Newspaper articles on Arkansas River Valley water rights and Aurora purchase of storage rights on Two Forks reservoir, miscellaneous recent articles on Aurora Water awards, the purchase of underground water at London Mine, Aurora Water employees, U. S. Water Prize Award for Prairie Waters, and lead removal from water pipes. Undated article on increased water rates.

**Folder 10:** 1989-2001. *Flowline*, Spring 1989 through Winter 1992, an eight-page quarterly City of Aurora Utilities Department Update magazine, which has articles on current department studies, events, photos, maps, conservation, legal developments, and other issues. *Pipeline*, December 2001 (3 copies), an Aurora Utilities Department newsletter with the history of Aurora's water department and a story of Fitzsimons Medical Center from 1918 through 1996, including an article with photo on President Eisenhower's stay at Fitzsimons.

**Folder 11:** 1965-1979. Metro-Denver Sewage District. "Chronology of Aurora-Metro Negotiations for Treatment of Aurora Sewage" from September 1965 through August 1966. A November 1966 ordinance setting terms and conditions of an agreement between Denver and Aurora districts. 1978 annual report from Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 with photos, maps, and statement of expenses. Metro Denver news release and a phase 1 report on the central treatment plants.

**Folder 12:** 1966. Metro-Denver Sewage Disposal District reports at Aurora city council meetings, 2 copies.

**Folder 13:** 1967. Large City of Aurora Existing and Future Sanitary Sewer Systems map (folded)

**Folder 14:** 1952-1985 and undated. Denver rate schedules for water services (1952); lawn watering guide for homeowners; pamphlets on water conservation; announcement of Aurora History Museum exhibit on Aurora's Water History (1985); criminal records inventory of Denver Union Water Co. as of 1913. Miscellaneous articles on water restrictions, increased rates, undated chart of Aurora Department of Utilities. *Newsweek* article on "The Browning of America," and a CH2M article "A Perspective on Water Reuse." Undated water rate increase note.