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NEW DISTRICT MANAGER

We are pleased to announce a new District Manager to lead us in 2017. **MIKE FABBRE** joined us on May 1st. Mike was previously a District board member and decided to move up to the helm. You may have seen Mike around as he has been a Mt Crested Butte resident for over five years and an active community member. Previously he was employed by RMBL, Rocky Mountain Biological Lab, as Director of Facilities. Mike has a BS from the University of Oregon and multiple water and wastewater certifications which will serve him well in his new position.

Please congratulate Mike when you see him around.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

2016 was the year of major capital projects for the District.

1. A massive rehabilitation of the Meridian Lake Reservoir.
2. Construction of the new UV Building for Wastewater Department to protect the UV equipment and provide additional lab space.
3. Meridian Lake Water Treatment Plant major improvements were constructed by Velocity Constructors to meet CDPHE requirements involving disinfection, contact time and filter redundancy.

MERIDIAN LAKE PARK DAM

In mid-2016 the State granted approval for construction to start on the rehabilitation of the Meridian Lake Reservoir. Lacy Construction started in August and finished the project in November. It was a substantial effort to drain, reconstruct the outlet, installation of a new valve, removal of the vertical overflow pipe, and remodel the spillway. All these construction items needed to be complete and refill the reservoir as much as possible before winter set in. These changes increased the reservoir volume by 20 acre feet.

ANOTHER NEW FACE

The Water Department got a boost in March when **Walter Kretowicz** joined the staff. We recruited him from the Town of Crested Butte. Walter came with numerous water and wastewater state certifications, including a Water Class A License.

Please welcome Walter.

MLP TREATMENT PLANT

The Meridian Lake Water Treatment Plant underwent a major improvement project this past year including:

- * Remove the old dual media filter
- * Install new membrane filter to increase filters to two units
- * Expand the volume of clearwell to increase disinfection contact time

UV PROJECT

In 2015, the District replaced an old, aging ultra violet disinfection system at the Wastewater Plant. In order to keep this new equipment working at the highest level, in 2016 we constructed a new building to place the equipment under cover and give staff the proper area for cleaning the UV bulbs. This new, secure environment also includes a lab testing area. Weather has caused some delays this past winter, however, the new building should be in use by early summer. A new, improved lab area will assist us to stay within compliance of our permit by ensuring accurate lab results and help worker efficiency.



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IRRIGATION SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER

At this time, we are in the process of revising the Irrigation Resolution. Please be on the lookout for the new rules and regulations. They will be posted on our website, www.mcbwsd.com; advertised in the CB News and available at the District Main Office.

New regulations should be available around June 15th.



CHECK OUT NEXT ISSUE

- Who owns your service line?
- Water Meter Maintenance - what that means to you
- Rates & Fees - where the money goes

? WHAT DOES THE WINTER SNOWFALL MEAN FOR SUMMER IRRIGATION ?

The snowpack was awesome, with approximately 324 inches, or 27 feet, that fell during the 2016-17 winter season, (thanks to the CBMR website for that info). It looks good, at the moment, for drinking water, agriculture and recreation. However, things can change quickly. A warm spring could mean rapid melting and in this small mountain area there is no place to "catch it". The East River is the main water source, therefore we are dependent on streamflow, as there is no reservoir holding water for the summer season. If spring and early summer is cool weather, with some rain or snow, we may be in good shape. If no moisture comes, that could mean a different scenario. There is no way to predict the fickle Colorado weather patterns or prepare for the coming season.

Therefore, water conservation will still be important for the summer season. Every drop counts.

Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00) for Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Basin Site Name	Elev (ft)	Snow Water Equivalent			Water Year-to-Date Precipitation		
		Current (in)	Median (in)	Pct of Median	Current (in)	Average (in)	Pct of Average

Butte	10,160	0.0	0.0	*	23.8	19.8	120
Schofield Pass	10,700	26.8	13.3	202	51.0	39.2	130

**Colorado SNOTEL Snow/Precipitation Update Report / National Resources Conservation Service



SUMMER PROJECTS

- ◆ Blacktop Wastewater, Timberland Tank and Prospect Pump House Driveways - muddy mess gone
- ◆ Comprehensive Plant Evaluations - what the future holds
- ◆ Service/Rate Study - are our rates correct?
- ◆ Sewer Mainline Hillside Repair Project - major repair necessary