

WATER NEWS + NOTES

Summer 2020



WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE



The Water Treatment Plant Expansion reported in our last newsletter continues on schedule as the General Contractor, Moltz Construction, has already begun preparing the construction staging yard at 1200 Prospect Drive. The Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project will be sharing the staging yard with the Town of Mt. Crested Butte's Prospect Homestead housing project in a cooperative effort to minimize impacts from the two projects.

The Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project involves expanding the current treatment plant capacity to 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD) with the footprint to expand to 2.0 MGD. This project will replace the East River Pump Station, add a new 4,500 foot water line to increase capacity and provide redundancy for the current 8-inch ductile iron pipe. The District secured a \$23.175 million loan through the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA). That loan is partially financed via bonds issued by the Authority and partially by Authority reserves. Due to historically low yields on municipal bonds, the interest rate the District will pay, 1.29%, is the lowest in the history of the Authority. This low interest rate should allow the District to keep fees lower than originally projected in future years.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 2022.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGES

The District Board of Directors consists of five seats with staggered terms. In 2020, four board seats were up for election. Only three qualified candidates submitted self-nomination packets so the May 2020 election was cancelled and the three candidates were elected by acclamation. The three board members elected consist of two returning and one new board member.



WELCOME Nancy Woolf

Nancy Woolf relocated to Crested Butte from the Lake Tahoe area. Her interests include the arts, the outdoors, and traveling. Before moving to Crested Butte, she worked as

a regulatory lawyer and ran a nonprofit. She sits on the Board of the Crested Butte Creative District, and volunteers at Rocky Mountain Biological Lab.

Returning

Nicholas Kempin
Vice Chair: 3-year term

Carlos Velado
Treasurer: 2-year term*

New

Nancy Woolf
Board Member: 3-year term

Continuing

Brian Brown
Chair: 2 years remaining on 4-year term

**The odd-year length of terms is due to Colorado Special District law designed to shift special district elections to odd years. The shorter term for Carlos Velado results from his nomination to a seat that was vacated early during a prior term.*

THANK YOU John Dethloff



The District owes a great debt of gratitude to retiring Water Operator, John Dethloff, for over 30 years of dedicated service. It is a rare feat in current times for such a long tenure in one position and the District has certainly benefited from John's institutional knowledge about the history of water service in Mt. Crested Butte. John and his faithful, furry companion Tilly will be greatly missed. We wish them great happiness chasing trout and golf balls in the coming years.



IRRIGATION REGULATIONS and WATER RATES

Help us conserve this precious resource. Please adhere to these restrictions.

IRRIGATION HOURS

6:00 - 10:00 AM

6:00 - 10:00 PM

EVEN

numbered address on
EVEN numbered days

ODD

numbered address on
ODD numbered days

METERED VOLUME

0 - 4,000

4,001 - 11,000

11,001 - 20,000

20,001 - unlimited

TIERED RATES

Base \$52.72

\$4.81

\$6.01

\$8.41

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

First Violation: Written Warning

Second Violation: \$50

Third Violation: \$100

Fourth Violation: \$250

Subsequent Violations: \$500



MORGAN AND CRAM RETIRE AFTER 8-YEARS AS DIRECTORS

Due to term limitations, Sara Morgan and Roger Cram have each retired from the board after serving two consecutive 4-year terms. The District staff and Board of Directors wish a hearty "Thank You" to Sara and Roger for their tireless dedication, leadership and hard work over the past eight years. So much of the success of our District is due to their valued service.

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CLARIFIER PROJECT UPDATE



The District anticipates completion of its new clarifier project at the end of June 2020. The clarifier project was undertaken to meet CDPHE redundancy requirements and to increase operational flexibility. The project began in the summer of 2019 and is still on budget to cost \$2.6 million. The District elected to fund the project using capital reserves accumulated from plant investment fees over the past several years rather than incurring

new debt. The current clarifier has been in continuous operation since 2001. Once the new clarifier is online, the District plans to continue to use both clarifiers in tandem to increase operational efficiency and to provide needed redundancy in the event of a mechanical failure.



FOGS: FATS, OILS AND GREASE

“FOGS” can cause clogs in the sewer line from products that cling to the lines and cause backups. Keep the Fats, Oils and Grease out of the drain and avoid costly repairs to your home’s plumbing and the District’s main lines.

WATER CONSERVATION

A few tips to conserve water during the summer months:

- ✔ Use a shut-off nozzle and wash your vehicle in small sections.
- ✔ Put lawn & garden sprinklers on a timer to avoid prolonged watering.
- ✔ Use native species of water-saving plants, trees and shrubs, then mulch to retain water.
- ✔ Install a rain barrel to capture rain run-off from your roof to harvest water for irrigation and other purposes.
- ✔ Add a rain sensor to your irrigation system. A simple, inexpensive rain sensor will automatically shut off your irrigation system when it rains, which helps you water more efficiently.
- ✔ Install a tankless water heater and run the shower for a shorter period of time before getting in. With a tankless water heater, you will get hot water much faster and not have to run it as long before starting your shower.
- ✔ Switch to a front-loading washer. Front-loading washers are way more efficient than top-loading models.

You can save 10 gallons or more every time you do a load of laundry simply by replacing your top-loading machine with a front-loading option. You may also qualify for a rebate through GCEA. Both GCEA and their energy supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, are ENERGY STAR® partners. They offer an Energy Efficiency Rebate Program to help offset the cost of replacing old appliances with new ENERGY STAR® appliances. Contact GCEA at www.gcea.coop/Rebates.

GO PAPERLESS!

ONLINE BILL PAY AVAILABLE

Sign up today and see why so many people consider this the best way to pay their bills! Setup auto pay for an even more streamlined process, while still being able to track your monthly bill.

- 1 Go to www.xpressbillpay.com
- 2 Click on the **Sign Up** button at the top
- 3 Enter your **email** and create a **password**
- 4 Fill out the registration form and click **Next**
- 5 You'll receive a confirmation email. Open it and select **Verify Email** and then continue to **Log in**
- 6 Select your billing organization and follow the prompts to **link your bill**
- 7 Once your bill is linked, you can add another bill, pay online, or setup a recurring **auto payment** schedule



BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

The MCBWSD is seeking applicants interested in filling one open seat on the Board of Directors for a three year term. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at the District Main Office, 100 Gothic Road, Mt. Crested Butte. Meetings may be held by teleconference.

CANDIDATES MUST BE registered to vote in the State of Colorado AND at least ONE of the following:

- ✔ A District resident of at least 30 days
- ✔ A District property owner
- ✔ The spouse of a District property owner

Interested?

Email psolheim@mcbwsd.com for an application.