

#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Brian Thompson, Government Affairs Administrator

**DATE:** January 20, 2023

RE: January 26, 2023, Board Meeting

This memorandum shall serve as notice of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District:

Thursday, January 26, 2023 1:00 p.m.

#### This meeting will be held at:

Walter Kirch Room
Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Vail office
846 Forest Road
Vail, Colorado

The meeting can also be accessed on Microsoft Teams. Login information can be requested by sending an email at least 24 hours in advance to <a href="mailto:info@erwsd.org">info@erwsd.org</a>. In-person attendance is subject to public health protocols.

Input from members of the public is welcomed during the meeting's designated Public Comment period consistent with §18-9-108, C.R.S. Speakers may address the Board on a first-recognized basis by the Chair. Public Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker on relevant matters not listed on the agenda.



#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING January 26, 2023 1:00 p.m.

Walter Kirch Conference Room

#### **AGENDA**

1.	Introdu	uctions	<b>Attachment Lin</b>
2.	Public	Comment	
3.	Action		
	3.1.	Approval of minutes from December 15, 2022, Special Meeting	Action Item
	3.2.	Approval of contract log	Action Item
	3.3.	Res. No. 2023-01: Resolution Designating Location to Post Notice	Action Item
	3.4.	<b>Res. No. 2023-02:</b> Resolution Calling for the 2023 Regular District Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official	Action Item
4.	Inform	ation Reports	
	4.1.	Development report	Informational
	4.2.	Board committees	Informational
	4.3.	December Authority meeting summary – draft	Informational
5.	Board I	Member Input	
6.	Genera	Manager Report – Siri Roman	
	6.1.	GM information items	
	6.2.	Business Administration report – David Norris	
		<b>6.2.1.</b> Quarterly financials – Jim Cannava	Informational
	6.3.	Operations report – Brad Zachman	Informational
	6.4.	Engineering and Water Resources report – Jason Cowles	Informational
	6.5.	Communications and Public Affairs report – Diane Johnson	Informational
7.	Water	Counsel Report – Kristin Moseley	
	7.1.	Conditional water rights deadlines	Informational
	7.2.	"Do Not Flush" wipes legislation	Informational
8.	Genera	l Counsel Report – Kathryn Winn	Confidential
9.	Execut	ive Session	
	9.1.	Motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.,	
		to receive legal advice related to:	
		<b>9.1.1.</b> Colorado River Cooperative Agreement matters	Confidential
		<b>9.1.2.</b> Bulk water service agreements	
		<b>9.1.3.</b> Senate Bill 23-01	Confidential
10	. Any A	ction as a Result of Executive Session	

	EAGLE RIVER WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT 2023 CONTRACT LOG								
Contract No.	Date Executed	Change Order Signed On	Project Name	Contractor	Contract Amt	Project Mgr.	Account No.	Status / Description	
22.15.090	Pending		Main Gore Waterline Improvement	JVA, Inc.	\$42,800.00	W. Spring	10.3.2.20.09.026	Engineering related to the Main Gore Waterline Replacement Project.	
22.15.091	Pending		West Vail Flow Control Improvement	Velocity Plant Services	\$25,390.00	A. Kirsch	10.3.2.20.09.022	Demo and install new meter and PRV at Buffehr PRV rev1.	
23.15.001	Pending		On Call Engineering and Environmental Services	Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services	\$25,000.00	M. Schuette	Various	General engineering service contract to complete miscellaneous engineering tasks as they arise.	
23.15.002	Pending		O&M - Wells And Gore Valley DWF; LZ Wells Repairs	Central Pump Company	\$40,000.00	A. Kirsch	10.3.9.20.30.500 & 20.1.9.00.17.500	Provide various well related services including but no limited to - pulling wells for inspections and for video services.	
23.15.003	Pending		Elk Analytics Implementation	Advanced Network Management, Inc.	\$106,990.00	J. Way	10.1.2.00.45.318	Implement new Elk Analytics security stack - Up to 1.5TB Searchable data with SOC Services and up to 450 EDR endpoints with SOC EDR Services.	
23.15.004	Pending		Eagle Mine Legal and Consulting	LRE Water	\$30,000.00	L. Cribari	10.3.9.10.90.041	Eagle Mine Consulting - Stakeholder work group participation, Regulation 93 RMH, 2023 5 year report review and comment, Review of pilot testing results, Groundwater determination, 2023 water quality monitoring plans review and comment.	



#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Brian Thompson, Government Affairs Administrator

**DATE:** January 26, 2023

RE: Res. No. 2023-01: A Resolution Designating Location to Post Notice

**Summary of Subject:** The board must adopt the Resolution Designating Location to Post Notice at the first regular meeting of each year.

**Discussion and Background:** At the Dec. 15 board meeting, directors reviewed the 2023 regular meeting schedule as presented in Exhibit A. The board directed staff to include the regular meeting schedule in the Resolution Designating Location to Post Notice.

Alternatives: None.

Legal Issues: This is a statutory requirement per §24-6-402(2)(c) and §32-1-903(2), C.R.S.

**Budget Implication: None** 

**Recommendation:** Adopt the resolution with the attached exhibit.

Suggested Resolution and Motion: I move to approve Resolution No. 2023-01: Resolution Designating Location to Post Notice, with its attached Exhibit A of the 2023 regular meeting schedule.

#### **Attached Supporting Documentation:**

Resolution No. 2023-01: A Resolution Designating Location to Post Notice with Exhibit A

## EAGLE RIVER WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

#### RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LOCATION TO POST NOTICE

WHEREAS, pursuant to §24-6-402(2)(c) and 32-1-903(2) C.R.S., notice and, where possible, the agenda of the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") meetings at which the adoption of any formal action is to occur or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be posted within the boundaries of the District at least 24 hours prior to each meeting at a location designated at the first regular meeting of each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District as follows:

Notices of meetings (regular, special, and work/study session) of the Board required pursuant to §24-6-401, *et seq.*, C.R.S., shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to each meeting at:

#### https://www.erwsd.org/

In the event of an exigent or emergency circumstance such as a power outage or an interruption in internet service, the District will post notice of public meetings at least 24 hours prior to a meeting at the following physical location within the District:

> 846 Forest Road Vail, Colorado 81657

The schedule of regular meetings of the District for 2023 is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference:

ADOPTED this 26th day of January 2023.

	EAGLE RIVER WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT	ION
	By	_
ATTEST:		
George Gregory, Secretary	_	

## 2023 Board Meeting Schedules

Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Administrative Offices 846 Forest Road, Vail, CO 81657 Walter Kirch Conference Room

### **Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority**

Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted

#### **UERWA and ERWSD**

Boards of Directors meets at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of January through March (additional joint meetings may be scheduled)

### **Eagle River Water & Sanitation District**

Board of Directors
meets at 12:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month,
unless otherwise noted

Date	UERWA Time	Joint Time	ERWSD Time
January 26	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
February 23	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
March 23	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
April 27	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
May 25	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
June 22	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
July 27	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
August 24	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
September 28	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
October 26	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
November 16†	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
December 21†	8:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.

†Meeting scheduled for third Thursday



#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Brian Thompson, Government Affairs Administrator

**DATE:** January 26, 2023

RE: Res. No. 2023-02: A Resolution Calling for the 2023 Regular District Election

and Appointing a Designated Election Official

**Summary:** A regular special district election is scheduled for May 2, 2023, as required by §1-13.5-111(1), C.R.S. Three positions on the board of directors will be on the ballot, each for four-year terms (director districts 2, 4, and 6). The board must adopt a resolution calling for the election and appointing a Designated Election Official (DEO).

**Background:** Starting with the 2020 election, special districts began a transition from even to odd-numbered year regular elections. Directors elected in 2020 and 2022 will serve "full" three-year terms. This statutory transition will be complete in 2023 and special districts will hold regular elections biennially on odd years to elect directors to serve four-year terms. Elections may be held by polling place if there are no TABOR questions on the ballot.

At the Dec. 15, 2022, board meeting, directors supported holding the 2023 election as a polling place election with mail-in absentee ballots. The attached resolution reflects this direction. The resolution also appoints Government Affairs Administrator Brian Thompson as the DEO.

**Alternatives:** The board must pass a resolution to initiate the 2023 election process.

**Legal issues:** The resolution is a statutory requirement. Staff will coordinate with counsel on other legal issues throughout the election process.

**Budget implications:** The board discussed budget implications of holding a polling place election at the Dec. 15 meeting. Election expenses are included in the enacted FY 2023 budget.

**Recommendation:** Adopt the election resolution as presented.

Suggested resolution and motion: I move to approve Resolution No. 2023-02 Calling for the 2023 Regular District Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official as presented.

#### Attached supporting documentation:

Res. No. 2023-02: A Resolution Calling for the 2023 Regular District Election and Appointing a
Designated Election Official

#### **EAGLE RIVER WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02**

## RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE 2023 REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTION AND APPOINTING A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District (the "**District**") is a quasimunicipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing special district pursuant to Title 32, Article 1, C.R.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of office of Directors Cleveland (Director District 2), Gregory (Director District 4), and Warner (Director District 6) shall expire after their successors are elected at the regular special district election to be held on May 2, 2023, (the "**Election**") and have taken office: and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Special District Act (the "Act") and the Colorado Local Government Election Code (the "Code") (the Act and the Code being referred to jointly as the "Election Laws"), the Election must be conducted to elect three (3) Directors to serve for a term of four (4) years pursuant to Section 1- 13.5-111, C.R.S., which moves the regular special district elections to May of each odd-numbered years commencing in May 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District in the County of Eagle, State of Colorado that:

- 1. The regular election of the eligible electors of the District shall be held on May 2, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. pursuant to and in accordance with the Election Laws, and other applicable laws. At that time, three (3) Directors will be elected to serve a four-year term.
- 2. There shall be one election precinct for the convenience of the eligible electors of the District, the boundaries of which shall be identical to the boundaries of the District, and there shall be three (3) polling places at the following location(s):

Grandview Room	EagleVail Pavilion	<b>Edwards Field House</b>
Lionshead Parking Structure		
395 S. Frontage Rd. West	538 Eagle Rd.	450 Miller Ranch Rd.
Vail, CO 81657	Avon, CO 81620	Edwards, CO 81632

These polling places shall also be for disabled electors and for eligible electors not residing within the District. If the Designated Election Official deems it to be more expedient for the convenience of the eligible electors of the District (who are also eligible electors in other special districts with overlapping boundaries which are conducting elections on the Election day), the Election may be held jointly with such special districts in accordance with coordinated election procedures as set forth in an agreement between all participating special districts. In such event, the election precincts and polling places shall be as set forth in such agreement. The Designated Election Official is authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the District, which agreement shall include provisions for the allocation of responsibilities for the conduct and reasonable sharing of costs of the coordinated Election.

- 3. The Board of Directors hereby designates Brian Thompson as the Designated Election Official for the conduct of the Election on behalf of the District and he is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with any action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution and of the Election Laws or other applicable laws. Among other matters, the Designated Election Official shall provide the call for nominations, appoint election judges as necessary, appoint the Canvass Board, arrange for the required notices of election, printing of ballots, and direct that all other appropriate actions be accomplished.
- 4. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available at the Designated Election Official's office at 846 Forest Road, Vail, Colorado 81657, or email: <a href="mailto:bthompson@erwsd.org">bthompson@erwsd.org</a>. All candidates must file a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form with the Designated Election Official no earlier than January 1, 2023, nor later than close of business on Friday, February 24, 2023.
- 5. If the only matter before the electors is the election of Directors of the District and if, at the close of business on February 28, 2023, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the Election, including candidates timely filing affidavits of intent no later than February 27, 2023, the Designated Election Official shall cancel the Election and declare the candidates elected. Notice of such cancellation shall be published and posted in accordance with the Code.
- 6. If any part or provision of this Resolution is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Board's intention that the various provisions hereof are severable.
- 7. Any and all actions previously taken by the Designated Election Official, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, or any other persons acting on their behalf pursuant to the Election Laws or other applicable laws, are hereby ratified and confirmed.
  - 8. All acts, orders, and resolutions, or parts thereof, of the Board which are inconsistent or in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict.
  - 9. The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 26th day of January 2023.

	EAGLE RIVER WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
	By
ATTEST:	
George Gregory, Secretary	

	ERWSD New Development Report								
	January 2023								
	EAGLE RIVER WATER & SANITATION BISTORICE	Type of Use	SFEs Proposed	Location	Existing Service Commiment?	Augmentation Requirement	Development Approval Process Step:	Construction Approval Process Step:	
	534 E Lionshead Circle - Elevation	Residential	12	Vail	No	0.49	2. Water Analysis	0. Conceptual	
	500 E Lionshead Circle - Legacy	Residential	23	Vail	No	0.31	2. Water Analysis	2. Plan Approval	
	Alura (Miradoro)	Residential	10	Vail	No	0.83	1. Connection Application	2. Plan Approval	
	Belden Place (1200 Block Main St)	Residential	41	Minturn	Yes		N/A	2 Plan Approval	
	Booth Heights	Residential	61	Vail	No	TBD	1. Connection Application	0. Conceptual	
	Highline (Double Tree Expansion)	Residential	43.65	Vail	No	0.79	6. Ability to Serve Letter	1. Plan Review	
	Midtown Village PUD	Res + Com	43.55	Minturn	Yes		1. Connection Application	1. Plan Review	
	North Minturn PUD	Residential	184	Minturn	Yes		N/A	1. Plan Review	
	The Residences at Main Vail	Residential	72	Vail	No	0.81	6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval	
	Vail Mountain View Phase II	Mixed Use	37	Vail	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	N/A	
	VVMC Phase II-East Wing	Commercial		Vail	Yes		N/A	4. Warranty Period	
	Vail Marriott Residence Inn	Mixed Use	75	Vail	Yes		N/A	2. Plan Approval	
	Wolcott PUD	Mixed Use	328 + Com	Wolcott	No	TBD	0. Conceptual	0. Conceptual	
				Projects Comple	eting Warranty Period				
			3010 Basingdale (P	hase II), 841/851 Ma	ain St Minturn, Red Sands	one Parking Garage	9		
Process	Construction Approval Process Steps:	0. Con	ceptual	1. Plan Review	2. Plan Approval	3. Acceptance	4. Warranty Period	5. Final Acceptance	
Proc	Development Approval Process Steps:	1. Connection	n Application	2.Water Demand Worksheet Analysis	3.Conditional Capacity to Serve Letter	4.Water Rights Allocation	5.Water Service Agreement	6. Ability to Serve Letter	

UERWA New Development Report							
January 2023							
UPPER EAGLE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY	Type of Use	SFEs Proposed	Location	Existing Service Commiment?	Augmentation Requirement	Development Approval Process Step:	Construction Approval Process Step:
140 W Beaver Creek Bvld (Extended Stay)	Residential	97.5	Avon	Yes		N/A	0. Conceptual
Avon Dual Brand Hotel(Traer Tract J)	Commercial	85.05	Traer	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
CMC Student Housing (Phase I & II)	Residential	72	Edwards	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
CVC Clubhouse Residences	Residential	9	Edwards	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
ECO School District Housing	Residential	37	Edwards	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
Edwards River Park PUD	Mixed Use	440+com	Edwards	No	61.8	3. Cond. Capacity	0. Conceptual
Fox Hollow Amended PUD	Mixed Use	108	Edwards	No	14	6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
Frontgate (CO World Resorts)	Mixed Use	84	Avon	No	2.6	6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
Kudel Parcel	Residential	4	Edwards	No	2.4	6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
Margaux PUD	Residential	32	Edwards	No	3.56	3. Cond. Capacity	0. Conceptual
Maverik Gas Station	Commercial	2.6	Traer	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
McGrady Acres	Residential	24	Avon	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
Mountain Hive	Residential	110.5	Edwards	No	14.1	2. Water Analysis	0. Conceptual
NorthStar PUD Amendment	Commercial	TBD	Edwards	No	3.7	6. Ability to Serve Letter	2. Plan Approval
Prime West	Residential	241	Traer	No		1. Connection Application	0. Conceptual
Riverfront Lot 1	Residential	53	Avon	Yes		N/A	2. Plan Approval
Riverwalk PUD Amendment	Residential	18	Edwards	No	1.8	6. Ability to Serve Letter	N/A
Stolport Restaurant (Traer Tract J)	Commercial	TBD	Traer	Yes		6. Ability to Serve Letter	1. Plan Review
Swift Gulch	Residential	42	Avon	Yes		1. Connection Application	0. Conceptual
Tract Y- Metcalf Road	Residential	54	Traer	Yes		1. Connection Application	1. Plan Review
Vogelman Parcel (Carwash)	Mixed Use	1.5	Edwards	No	1.1-2.6	2. Water Analysis	1. Plan Review
Warner Building 2 Conversion	Residential	13.25	Eagle-Vail	No	0.07	3. Cond. Capacity	N/A
West End PUD Ammendment	Residential	275	Edwards	Yes		3. Cond. Capacity	0. Conceptual
			Projects Completin	g Warranty Period			
		6 West Apartmer	nts, 185 Elk Tract, Piedmor	nt Apartments, Riverfront V	illage, Stillwater		
Construction Approval Process Steps:	0. Con	ceptual	1. Plan Review	2. Plan Approval	3. Acceptance	4. Warranty Period	5. Final Acceptance
Development Approval Process Steps:	1. Connectio	n Application	2.Water Demand Worksheet Analysis	3.Conditional Capacity to Serve Letter	4.Water Rights Allocation	5.Water Service Agreement	6. Ability to Serve Letter





### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

DISTRICT	
Audit/Budget	Dick Cleveland Steve Coyer
Employee	Steve Coyer
Housing	Dick Cleveland
Retirement Plans	Bob Warner Siri Roman David Norris
Organizational	Bob Warner
Development	Dick Cleveland
Facilities Master	George Gregory
Plan	Bob Warner

JOINT	
Water Quality	Vacant (A) Timm Paxson (D)
Rules and Regulations	Kim Bell Williams (A) Bob Warner (D)
Water Supply Planning	Vacant (A) Vacant (A) Kate Burchenal (D) Steve Coyer (D)
Climate Action Plan	Vacant (A) Kate Burchenal (D) Timm Paxson (D)

(A) = Authority, (D) = District

# AUTHORITY Audit/Budget Geoff Dreyer George Gregory



#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Brian Thompson, Government Affairs Administrator

**DATE:** January 26, 2023

**RE:** Summary of Authority's Dec. 15, 2022, Board Meeting

The following is a summary of items discussed at the Authority's Dec. 15, 2022, Board Meeting.

Directors present and acting were Chair George Gregory, Vice Chair Sarah Smith Hymes, Secretary Kim Bell Williams, Treasurer Geoff Dreyer, and Mick Woodworth. Director Kevin Hillgren was present and acting for the first portion of the meeting until replaced by Alternate Director Mike Towler.

Linn Brooks Directors passed a resolution honoring the service and leadership of outgoing

**Recognition** ERWSD general manager Linn Brooks, who is retiring.

**Approval of minutes** Directors approved the Dec. 15, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

**Vacation of Easement** Directors approved a resolution authorizing the vacation of easement at a

property in Edwards.

Water Supply Planning Linn Brooks presented an overview of the development of Authority and District

water rights portfolios and water supply planning model to help directors better understand water rights reports, evaluate risks of water shortage, and guide

**GOVERNED BY:** 

The Metropolitan Districts of:

The Town of Avon

Arrowhead Beaver Creek

Berry Creek

EagleVail Edwards

strategies to protect water supply.

**Backflow Program** Siri Roman said the Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control

(BPCCC) program achieved compliance on Dec. 2 and highlighted program

improvements.

**Director of Operations** Siri Roman said Brad Zachman has been promoted to ERWSD Director of

Operations.

Wastewater infrastructure cost

escalation

Siri Roman noted the marked increase in town of Gypsum wastewater rates due to escalating construction costs for a facility upgrade to meet increasingly

stringent regulations; this trend is impacting utilities statewide.

Bolts Lake grant

application

Jason Cowles said a Colorado water plan grant application was submitted to the Colorado Water Conversation Board to help support the preliminary design

phase of Bolts Lake.

Proposed 2023 Board meeting schedule

The board reviewed the proposed 2023 meeting schedule and agreed to continue the current schedule of meeting at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of Jan. through Oct. and the third Thursday of Nov. and Dec., plus some joint

meetings with the District board.



## Fiscal Year 2022 Quarterly Financial Report For the 4th Quarter Ending December 2022

- 1. Quarterly Financial Report Cover Memo
- 2. Net Income & Budget Comparisons
- 3. Revenue Comparisons
- 4. Bond & Cash Balances
- 5. Housing Report



**To:** Board of Directors

From: Jim Cannava, Finance Manager

**Date:** January 17, 2023

Re: Quarterly Financial Reports - YE December 31, 2022

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 financial reports are attached. Wastewater and Water combined operating revenues are 0.3% better than budget and 4.8% greater than YE 2021 due to a 10.35% year over year decrease in consumption and 10% rate increases. Combined operating expenses are 1.6% over budget and 8.70% greater than YE 2021 primarily due to growth in personal services and meter purchases. Bond funds have been consumed and the process to secure a \$47.3MM wastewater bond is on schedule. Pricing will occur on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the closing is scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup>.



#### **Net Income & Budget Comparisons**

WASTEWATED			
<u>WASTEWATER</u>			
Operating	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Revenue	\$21,898,087	\$22,632,682	\$21,918,953
Expense	\$18,903,704	\$19,239,782	\$17,496,416
Net Income	\$2,994,383	\$3,392,900	\$4,422,537
Non-Operating	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Revenue	\$7,180,103	\$9,091,135	\$7,252,556
Expense	\$11,935,235	\$8,826,455	\$6,644,266
Net Income	(\$4,755,132)	\$264,680	\$608,290
Net Income	(\$1,760,748)	\$3,657,580	\$5,030,827
Unrestricted Fund Balance	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	
Beginning Balance	\$18,688,466	\$18,688,466	_
Net Income	(\$1,760,748)	\$3,657,580	
Ending Unrestricted Balance	\$16,927,718	\$22,346,046	_

• Fund balance growth primarily due to impact fees

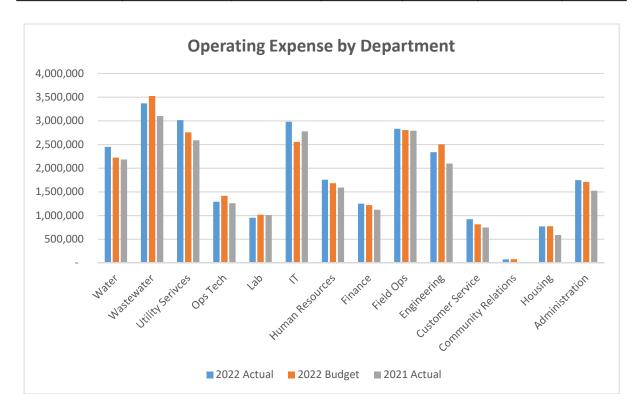
WATER			
Operating	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Revenue	\$7,687,772	\$7,043,445	\$6,392,893
Expense	\$6,029,457	\$6,100,071	\$5,814,888
Net Income	\$1,658,315	\$943,374	\$578,005
Non-Operating	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Revenue	\$2,588,127	\$2,555,950	\$2,985,247
Expense	\$4,439,850	\$4,092,689	\$2,028,379
Net Income	(\$1,851,723)	(\$1,536,739)	\$956,869
Combine Net Income	(\$193,409)	(\$593,366)	\$1,534,874
Unrestricted Fund Balance	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	
Beginning Balance	\$3,140,062	\$3,140,062	
Net Income	(\$193,409)	(\$593,366)	_
Ending Unrestricted Balance	\$2,946,653	\$2,546,696	=

Fund balance reduction due to decreased consumption



#### **Combined Expense Comparison**

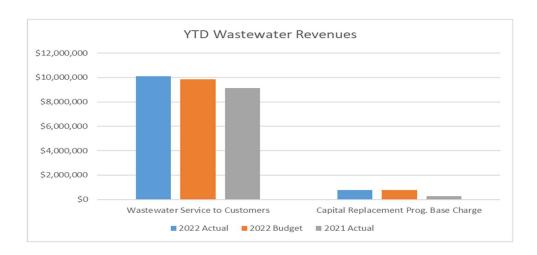
Expense Type	2022 Revised Budget	2022 Actual	(Over) Under	(Over) Under %	2021 Actual	YOY Var
Operating	24,675,763	25,300,901	(625,138)	-2.5%	23,055,556	9.74%
Housing	393,581	435,286	(41,705)	-10.6%	338,404	28.63%
Debt Service	7,712,097	7,707,051	5,046	0.1%	8,388,054	-8.12%
Capital & CRP	7,977,626	4,648,480	3,329,146	41.7%	6,757,209	-31.21%
Bond Project	41,819,092	22,922,704	18,896,388	45.2%	25,191,220	-9.01%
Total	82,578,159	61,014,423	21,563,737	26.1%	63,730,443	-4.26%



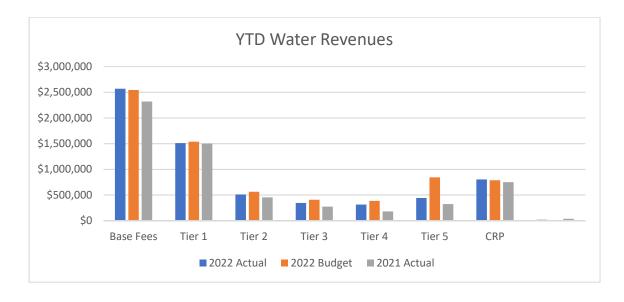
- Utility Services are over budget due to meter purchases
- IT is over budget due to software and hardware expenses



#### **Revenue Comparison**



- Wastewater Service to Customers Revenue is 3.4% better than budget
  - o CRP Base Fees are 6% greater than budget due to rate increases in December
  - o Impact Fees are \$2.4MM, \$2MM over budget and \$1.3MM over 2021



- Water Service to Customers Revenue is 8% under budget due to irrigation season consumption was down 12% year-over-year and 5% annually.
  - o CRP Base Fees are 2% greater than budget
  - o Impact fees are \$259K, \$21K better than budget, and \$419K less than 2021



#### **Bond & Cash Balances**

#### WASTEWATER

WW Bond Funds	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	YE 2021
Beginning Balance	\$14,582,968	\$14,582,968	\$39,339,011
Expense	\$38,951,063	\$20,637,580	\$24,756,043
Bond Balance	(\$24,368,095)	(\$6,054,612)	\$14,582,968

WW Bond Projects	Budget	Expense	Remaining Budget
AWWTF Nutrient Upgrades	\$24,154,273	\$15,237,003	\$8,917,270
Dowd Junction Collection System Improve.	\$7,161,208	\$3,458,723	\$3,702,485
VWWTF Master Plan Capital Improvements	\$6,309,025	\$679,205	\$5,629,820
AWWTF Fire Flow Improvements	\$1,326,557	\$1,262,649	\$63,908
Total	\$38,951,063	\$20,637,580	\$18,313,483

• Bonded projects over 6 years require two bond issues due to the 3-year bond spend rule. The bond issue process has begun with the sale scheduled for January 31. The deficit is included in the current issuance calculation.

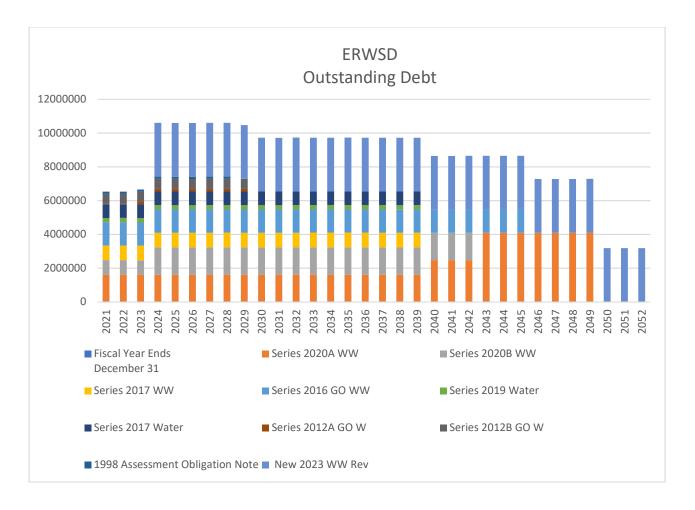
#### WATER

Bond Funds	Annual Budget	YTD 2022	YE 2021
Beginning Balance	\$2,000,741	\$2,000,741	\$2,435,918
Expense	\$2,371,976	\$2,144,021	\$435,177
Bond Balance	(\$371,235)	(\$143,280)	\$2,000,741

Project	Budget	Expense	Remaining Budget
Bolts Lake Reservoir	\$2,232,626	\$2,117,846	\$114,780
RTU System Upgrade	\$86,225	0.00	\$86,225
N. Frontage Road Water Main	\$53,125	\$26,175	\$26,950
Total	\$2,371,976	\$2,144,021	\$227,955

• The updated water master plan and timing of Bolts Lake expenditures will determine the value and timing of the water bond issue.





- Wastewater Debt Service Outstanding: \$141,277,710
  - o \$240,829,850 with the New 2023 Revenue Bond
- Water Debt Service Outstanding: \$23,439,100
- Total Outstanding Debt Service: \$164,716,810
  - \$264,260,950 with the New 2023 Revenue Bond

ERWSD WW & W	2022	2021	2020	2019
Combine Cash Balance	\$26,003,546	49,525,976	66,182,827	37,469,085

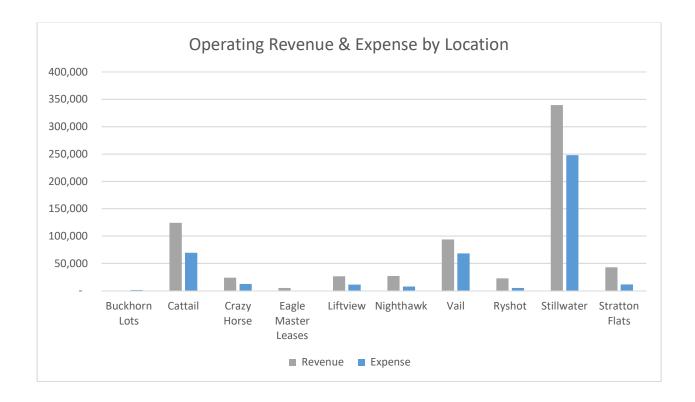
• Combine Cash balance fluctuates primarily due to bond fund changes.



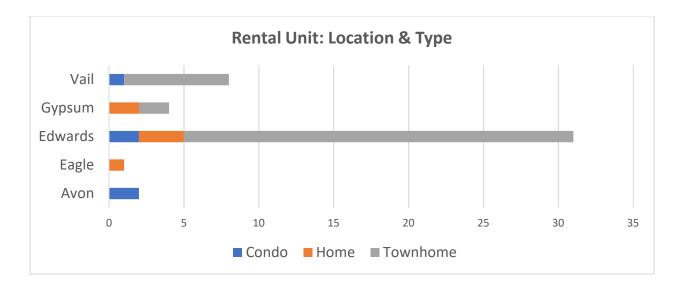
#### **Housing Report**

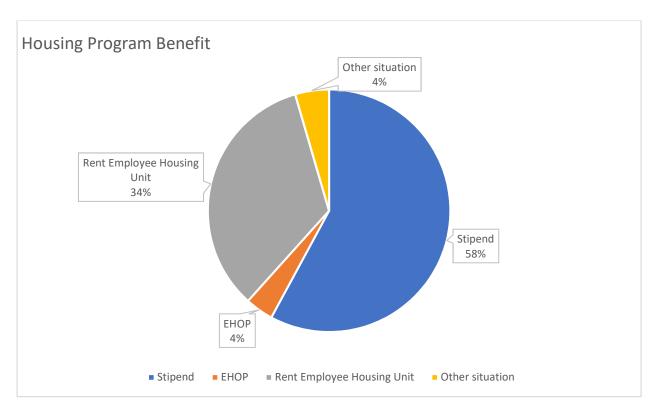
Location	Units	Revenue	Expense	Net Income
Buckhorn Lots	3		1,378	(1,378)
Cattail	8	124,229	69,398	54,831
Crazy Horse	2	23,774	12,332	11,442
Eagle Master Leases	4	5,175	393	4,782
Liftview	2	26,357	11,355	15,002
Nighthawk	2	26,957	7,786	19,171
Vail	7	93,810	58,618	35,192
Ryshot	1	22,663	4,961	17,702
Stillwater	21	339,228	247,795	91,434
Stratton Flats	2	42,669	11,582	31,087
Total	53	704,862	435,286	269,577

• Revenues are tracking better than budget with due to low vacancy.









- Total employees: 133
- Other situations include employees sharing units and employee purchased units





## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT January 2023

#### **WATER**

Brad Zachman

CPDHE's review of the draft letter request that was submitted on Dec. 6 to merge the District and Authority public water system identification numbers (PWSIDs) for regulatory compliance purposes was delayed. The review date has been pushed back to the second quarter of 2023.

Avon Drinking Water Facility (ADWF) operators identified severe corrosion on one of the facility's finished water distribution pumps during an annual routine wetwell inspection. The abnormal corrosion is likely due to improper installation of the protective epoxy coating. The pump was removed from the wetwell on Jan. 17 and transported to a specialty pump contractor for rehabilitation. There are eight finished water distribution pumps at ADWF. One pump is rehabilitated annually as part of the ADWF asset management program.





Finished water pump corrosion identified during routine wetwell inspection





Finished water pump removal and preparation for transport

#### **LABORATORY & WATER QUALITY**

Leah Cribari

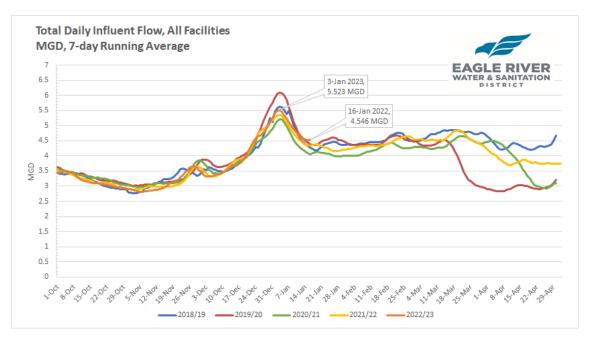
Jar testing was performed at the Edwards Wastewater Facility to support the Wastewater Masterplan project. The purpose of jar testing is to evaluate multiple approaches of binding phosphorus to the biosolids and reduce the recycle load to the liquid stream process. Reducing the recycled phosphorus load will be a key component of the Edwards Wastewater Facility's future nutrient removal strategy.



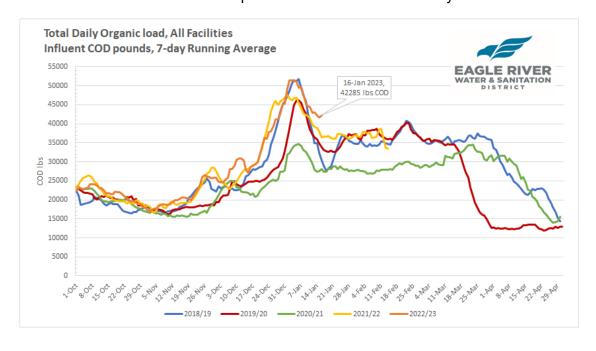


Jar Testing at Edwards Wastewater Facility

The holiday season brought a significant increase in influent flow and organic loading. Influent flow, as represented by the 7-day average of the cumulative flow recorded at each facility, peaked on Jan. 3 at 5.523 MGD. This is near the 2018/19 ("pre-COVID") season peak, which occurred on the same day with a value of 5.623 MGD.



Influent organic loading, as quantified by pounds of carbonaceous oxygen demand (lbs COD), has also been trending similar to the 2018/19 season. Following the holiday peak, the 2022/23 loading trend has remained elevated when compared to the trends from recent years.



Wastewater operations efforts have recently been focused on optimizing operations during this challenging time of annual peak loading. Staff members have responded to operational challenges promptly, and all three facilities have maintained regulatory compliance.

Avon Wastewater Facility operations staff members have continued to adapt the facility operations to manage the impact of the Nutrient Upgrade Project. Recent successes include the recommissioning of the Aeration Basin #2 process train to mark the first time that the facility has operated with the full treatment capacity of the newly constructed secondary process. Staff members worked to optimize intermediate mixed liquor return (IMLR) and return activated sludge (RAS) control systems. Operations staff members also contributed to the commissioning and optimization of the new flow equalization and return systems.

The biosolids produced from the Edwards Wastewater facility were sampled for compliance in Dec. 2022. Recent changes to CDPHE regulations pertaining to municipal wastewater biosolids will require quarterly biosolids sampling and analysis for Perfluroalkyl and Polyfluroalkyl Substances (PFAS/PFOS). A source control plan will be required if results exceed the interim standard of 50 ug/kg. Informational biosolids PFAS/PFOS samples were collected in the fourth quarter of 2022. The analytical results are pending.

The three wastewater facility staff groups have continued to prepare for the upcoming CDPHE Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI). Internal audits were recently completed, and staff members are working to address action items. The CEI inspections are expected to occur in the first or second quarter of 2023. District wastewater facilities are typically inspected on a three-year interval in accordance with CDPHE policies.

#### FIELD OPERATIONS

Niko Nemcanin

The Field Operations team is continuing winter operations and has been working to remove snow around fire hydrants and plow snow.

#### **UTILITY SERVICES**

Shane Swartwout

#### **BPCCC Program**

The BPCCC program maintained regulatory compliance for 2022 and achieved a final testing compliance ratio of 0.92 for the District and 0.93 for the Authority (the regulatory requirement is 0.90). The team is currently focused on testing the backflow prevention assemblies that were not tested in 2022. These devices are required to be tested within the first 90 days of the year (due by Apr. 1). Seasonal (e.g., irrigation) assemblies are required to be tested within 90 days of when the assembly becomes active. A total of 172 assemblies were not tested in 2022. Every non-compliant account is currently being assessed a \$500 fine per assembly per month.

	ERWSD	UERWA	TOTAL
(1) Total No. of Compliance Assemblies	834	1497	2331
(2) No. of Tested Assemblies	764	1395	2159
(3) No. of Assemblies not Tested	70	102	172
(4) Compliance Ratio [= (2) / (1) ]:	0.92	0.93	0.93
Required Compliance Ratio	0.90	0.90	0.90
Tests Required to Reach Compliance	0	0	0

Final 2022 BPCCC Assembly Test Summary Report

#### **Meter Services Program**

Report Date:

The meter services team has reached 99% AMI conversion in the District and 86% AMI conversion in the Authority. The team is currently concentrating on upgrading the remaining 26 meters in the District. Once the District conversion is complete, efforts will switch to working on the Authority accounts. The team has restocked the meter inventory and reorganized storage areas in the Avon Wastewater Facility and Vail Administration building.

Report Bate.	1/17/2023		
AMI SYSTEM STATUS	ERWSD	UERWA	TOTAL
(1) Total No. of Meters	3194	6818	10012
(2) No. of AMI Meters	3168	5870	9038
(3) System Percentage of AMI Meters	99%	86%	86%
Meters Remaining to Reach 100% AMI	26	948	974

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Status (Updated Jan. 17, 2023)

1/17/2023

#### Fleet and Facilities

Eight District vehicles were sold at the government surplus auction in December. The net revenue of the vehicle sales totaled \$106,460.

	EAGLE RIVER WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT VEHICLE AUCTION					
AUCTION VEHICLES	YEAR	MODEL / DESCRIPTION	MILEAGE	AUCTION #	RESERVE PRICE	SALE PRICE
1	2007	Chevy Colorado 4x4	112,434	3158033	\$3,400.00	\$7,100.00
2	2008	Chevy Colorado 4x4	106,421	3158042	\$3,600.00	\$7,200.00
3	2008	Chevy Silverado 4x4	118,297	3159408	\$6,500.00	\$11,200.00
4	2008	Toyota Tacoma, 2-door, 4x4	95,353	3158056	\$4,000.00	\$14,700.00
5	2009	Toyota Camry, V6, 4-door	102,087	3182290	\$4,400.00	\$8,550.00
6	2009	Toyota Camry, V6, 4-door	103,436	3182287	\$4,500.00	\$8,000.00
7	2009	Chevy Colorado 4x4	116,092	6158122	\$4,000.00	\$8,301.00
8	2009	Chevy Silverado 4x4	127,925	3168392	\$6,000.00	\$7,659.00
9	2011	Toyota Camry, V6, 4-door	106,555	3158135	\$4,700.00	\$8,500.00
10	2011	Chevy Silverado 4x4	105,651	3158026	\$6,000.00	\$11,850.00
11	2015	Toyota Rav4, AWD	120,891	3169791	\$4,800.00	\$13,400.00
				N	et Sales Total:	\$106,460.00

#### **ENGINEERING**

Jeff Schneider

#### **WATER PROJECTS**

#### Radio Telemetry Unit (RTU) System Upgrades

Carter Keller

<u>General Project Scope</u>: This project is a systematic approach to install standardized communication equipment to increase the reliability of the telemetry system throughout the distribution system (82 sites) and develop a standard (i.e., non-proprietary) telemetry platform to allow competitive pricing for upgrades, replacement, and system maintenance. Implementation is anticipated over a three-year period with a highly detailed sequence and schedule to limit distribution system disruptions.

Project Update: Project is complete, closeout documents have been processed.

#### Fenno Wellhouse and Raw Water Conveyance

Jeffrey Schneider/Carter Keller

<u>General Project Scope</u>: The project consists of complete replacement of a small treatment facility in Cordillera that treats water from seven groundwater wells and pumps into the distribution system. The previous facility did not meet electrical code, had safety concerns, and was generally at the end of its useful life. Improvements to the wells and raw water piping are also included in this project.

<u>Project Update</u>: The project team cleared trees and other obstructions in existing utility easements on three well sites to gain access for future inspection and assessment. The Fenno Well F6 pump and motor were pulled for an assessment. The inspection indicated that the equipment needs to be replaced. The project team is currently preparing for the 2023 phase of investigation work and working with a homeowner regarding access and new easements for Fenno Well F7.

#### **Avon Drinking Water Facility (ADWF) PLC Upgrades**

Jenna Beairsto

<u>General Project Scope:</u> This project includes replacement of two of the programmable logic controllers (PLCs) at the ADWF. Additionally, a new server room will be constructed within the facility. All programming and PLC logic will be reverse engineered to determine required updates and improvements associated with the modification and replacement of the existing PLCs.

<u>Project Update</u>: The first of the electrical and instrumentation and control (I&C) equipment has been delivered to the subcontractor's facility in Denver. Fire Suppression materials have been delivered to ADWF. The project team has started review and initiated follow-up meetings to discuss the control philosophies for future plant operations. The contractor is working through building permit coordination with the Town of Avon. Construction of the server room is expected to kick off in February or March, pending the issuance of a final building permit.

#### **Water Production and Treatment Masterplan**

Jenna Beairsto

<u>General Project Scope</u>: The masterplan will be a wholistic look at all production and treatment facilities system-wide including treatment plants and wells. The goal is to do a thorough risk-based analysis and provide a roadmap for future capital project priorities. The project will include a detailed condition assessment of existing assets and will assess treatment and production threats from climate change, low stream flows, wildfires, etc.

<u>Project Update</u>: The District team is working on gathering remaining missing data for the masterplan data analysis. The team is also considering different growth projection scenarios and exploring big picture projects to address concerns in the water production and treatment systems. The consultant and District have started discussions regarding scoping the remainder of the masterplan work.

#### **Avon Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Fire Flow Improvements**

Woodson Spring

General Project Scope: The Avon WWTF Fire Flow Improvements consist of two major components. The first is installation of 1,100 linear feet of 12" water main down Millie's Lane and into the Avon WWTF site. The second is modifications within the Avon Drinking Water Facility (ADWF) to transfer water from the high zone to the low zone. The project will bring the Avon WWTF into compliance with fire flow requirements and address a long-standing deficiency.

<u>Project Update</u>: All pipeline work has been completed with some punch list items wrapped into the greater Nutrient Upgrade Project (NUP). Coating subcontractors completed pipe, fitting and floor painting. The surge anticipator valve representative will be at ADWF on Jan. 24 for final adjustment and testing of the new surge anticipators.



Surge anticipator valve in ADWF pump gallery

#### **Avon Wastewater Treatment Facility Nutrient Upgrades**

Jeff Schneider/Jenna Beairsto

<u>General Project Scope</u>: The Avon WWTF requires upgrades to meet Regulation 85, which requires a reduction of the concentrations of nitrogen and phosphorus in the effluent. The scope of this project includes the following: addition of 0.6 million gallons of aeration basin capacity, a new secondary clarifier, structural modifications to the existing aeration basins to remove the existing double-tees and replace with a building structure, a new odor control study and system, and other improvements throughout the facility. This project also includes improvements identified in a 2017 condition assessment in other process areas throughout the facility.

Project Update: The Dec.15 target date to have both aeration basin treatment trains online and operational was achieved, and the secondary process performed as expected over the busy holiday period. Equalization (EQ) system startup and testing revealed some issues with the control narrative design and is being reworked; the EQ system is running on a temporary timerbased control strategy until the project team can collaborate on a solution. Work in the EQ gallery including installation of stairs, platforms, and an egress ladder is nearly completed. Chemical feed piping in the secondary process areas and chemical storage room is underway, with a below grade tie-in from the aeration basins to the primary clarifier gallery beginning the week of Jan. 16. Epoxy coating systems on process area floors were prepared and installed over the past few weeks, with the IMLR and west RAS gallery floors completed. Additional floor coating work is scheduled to resume the week of Jan. 23. The fencing subcontractor is making progress on the northern and western sides of the property. Fencing installation will suspend while the contractor prepares to construct the new retaining wall along the southern property line above the bike path. The wall construction will require a full closure and detour of the bike path through Avon and is anticipated to begin in early March. The scheduling is coming into place for large additional scope items such as recoating the two existing secondary clarifiers, wall and fencing installation, etc. A portion of the contractor crew is scheduled to begin work on the Lab Improvements project in early February.



New floor coatings in the west RAS gallery



Aerial image of fence installation along western property boundary

#### **Dowd Junction Collection System Improvements**

Jenna Beairsto

General Project Scope: The project consists of four major components, all of which are at the end of their useful lives: the aerial interceptor crossing at Dowd Junction; Lift Station 4, which conveys all of Minturn's wastewater; the aerial interceptor crossing at the Minturn Road bridge; and the force main downstream of Lift Station 4. The project will also include capacity for growth in its respective service areas, most notably the Minturn area improvements.

#### Project Update:

West Vail Interceptor Aerial Crossing: Final payment has been issued to the contactor and the project is complete.

Lift Station 4 and Force Main Replacement: This project combines three packages of work into one large project. Package A includes the lift station 4 replacement, package B is replacement of the existing force main with two 8" HDPE force mains, and package C in partnership with Eco Trails (Eagle County) to connect the bike trails from the lift station to the West Vail Interceptor crossing. Snow removal and site cleanup occurred over the last month. Major construction is on hold until the spring of 2023.

#### **Avon Lab Improvements**

Carter Keller

<u>General Project Scope</u>: A new inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS) purchased by the District will be installed in the lab. This will provide improved analytical capability to our internal and external customers. This instrument enables District staff to perform in-house metals analyses that are normally outsourced. Lab and architectural modifications will be constructed, including a new gas cabinet, duct chase, and fume hood. During design, the makeup air unit (MAU) serving the lab was identified to be at the end of its useful life; the HVAC system for the lab and lab offices will also be replaced.

<u>Project Update</u>: A meeting was held with the local fire marshal and the Town of Avon building official to review proper storage location for the new compressed gas needed for the ICP-MS fume hood. Demolition work is scheduled to begin in early February, followed by the construction of electrical upgrades to the new Makeup Air Unit (MAU) and fume hood.

#### Vail Wastewater Treatment Facility (VWWTF) Master Plan Improvements Mark Mantua

<u>General Project Scope</u>: A condition assessment of the Vail WWTF conducted as part of the 2017 Master Plan identified various upgrades required to keep the facility in reliable and operable condition. The scope includes a new, larger diesel generator and associated electrical, structural repairs in the aeration basin, equalization, and clarifier rooms, replacement of the aging ultraviolet (UV) system, and construction and installation of an external facility bypass.

<u>Project Update</u>: The project is on a winter hiatus until Phase II of the project begins in spring 2023. The contractor is working to provide a 90% guaranteed maximum price (GMP) estimate for the cost of the work. The design engineer is working to issue 100% plans for Phase II of the project. The electrical subcontractor performed significant investigation and cleanup of conduit and wire in the aeration basin room to allow for structural repairs to occur in spring. The project team has been collaborating on submittals and coordination on the ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system equipment and the procurement is on track. District staff is preparing for a wastewater bypass of Vail WWTF that is required for the Phase II construction. The District team has scheduled a test bypass to ensure the capacity of the system before Phase II begins.

#### **GENERAL CAPITAL**

#### **Fleet Maintenance Facility**

Mark Mantua

General Project Scope: The District's fleet maintenance shop, which is currently located at the Avon Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), needs to be relocated before a planned administrative expansion project can be initiated. The scope of this preliminary planning project is to define a conceptual footprint for the building and identify possible site locations.

<u>Project Update</u>: The consultant developed a conceptual-level site plan for a proposed facility located on the east side of the Edwards Wastewater Treatment Facility. The team is currently working with Eagle County to define wetland setback requirements for the site. The team is also beginning to evaluate alternative building sites at the Hillcrest site (in Edwards) and the Avon WWTF.





#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District and Authority Boards of Directors

**FROM:** Jason Cowles, P.E.

**DATE:** January 18, 2023

RE: Engineering & Water Resources Report

#### **Unallocated Water Update**

LRE Water's modeling to support the District and Authority Water Rights reports updates has been completed. We will present the findings to the Boards at the February meetings.

#### **Bolts Lake Colorado Water Plan Grant**

Shannon and Wilson (S&W) continue to review and analyze information from the geotechnical field investigations that were completed at the reservoir site last fall. S&W also had preliminary design consultations with the Colorado Division of Water Resources Dam Safety Division to discuss reservoir design parameters as they begin the preliminary design effort. The schedule for preliminary design has been modified to allow time for collection and incorporation of groundwater data following this year's runoff. We are on track to have a pre-consultation meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers in the fall of 2023, but preliminary plans and specifications will likely push into spring of 2024 to design groundwater management systems.

We will update the Boards on our Colorado Water Plan grant application in March once we receive word from the Colorado Water Conservation Board. In other potential funding news, an amendment introduced by Senator Risch of Idaho was passed by the US Senate in the FY23 Omnibus spending bill that modified the Bureau of Reclamation's Small Storage Program limits in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (aka "the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law"). The Small Storage Program will now apply to reservoirs between 200 and 30,000 acre feet in size. We will begin work on preparing the necessary feasibility study so that we're ready to apply when the Bureau publishes their notice of funding opportunity later this year.

#### **Water Resources Update**

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor map for Colorado is shown below in Figure 1. A majority of the western slope has been removed from drought status with the remaining portions in the abnormally dry category. Eagle County has been removed from drought status as a result of recent snowfall.

Figure 1: US Drought Monitor, Colorado January 12, 2023 (National Drought Mitigation Center).

## U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado

#### January 10, 2023

(Released Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023) Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

		None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
	Сиптепт	39.98	60.02	35.67	12.28	2.28	0.04
	Last Week 01-03-2023	39.97	60.03	33.83	12.28	1.91	0.01
3	Month's Ago 10-11-2022	23.00	77.00	43.01	13.55	3.09	0.57
С	Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	39.97	60.03	33.83	12.28	1.91	0.01
	Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	15.46	84.54	45.65	15.47	3.73	0.57
C	One Year Ago 01-11-2022	0.00	100.00	88.32	65.93	20.59	0.00

Intensity:	
None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

<u>Author:</u> Richard Tinker CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP









droughtmonitor.unl.edu

I've decided to forgo posting the NOAA Climate Prediction Center's seasonal three-month drought outlook maps this month because they're no longer relevant. NOAA released an updated assessment of the seasonal drought outlook for January noting that more recent modeling is indicating heavy precipitation across the western US, which was not the case when the maps were originally produced in mid-December. Current 8-14 day temperature and precipitation outlooks are shown in Figures 2 and 3. Near term modeling, which is generally more accurate, indicates a high probability that temperatures will be below normal and precipitation will be near normal through the end of the month.

Figure 2: 8-14 Day Temperature Outlook January 17, 2023 (NOAA Climate Prediction Center).

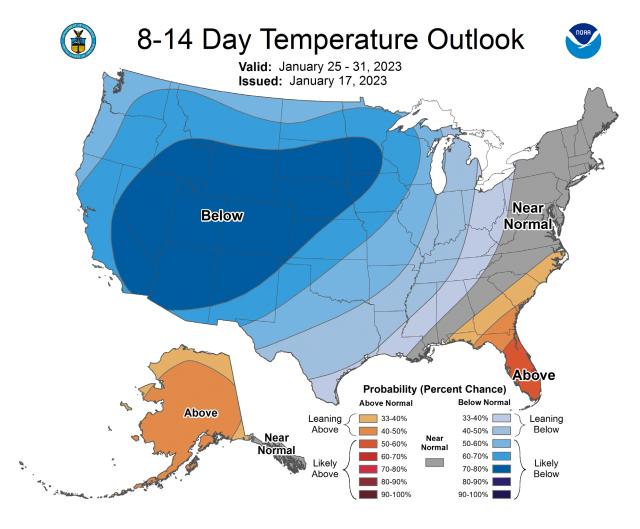
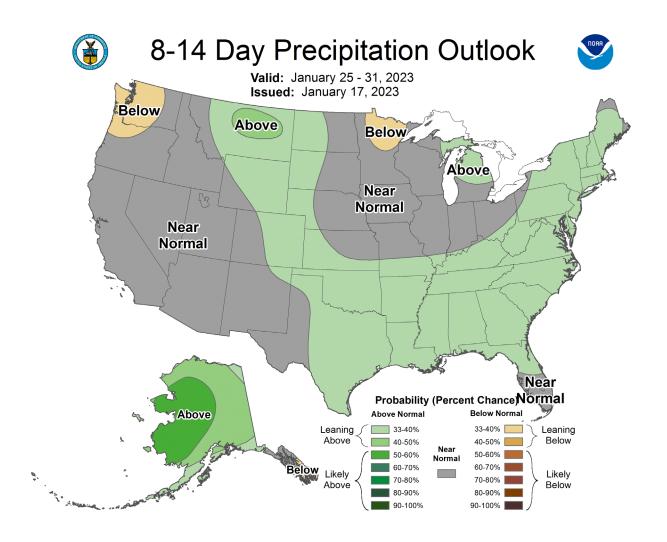


Figure 3: 8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook January 17, 2023 (NOAA Climate Prediction Center).



Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) graphs at the Vail Mountain and Freemont Pass SNOTEL sites are shown in Figures 4 and 5 respectively. The Vail Mountain Snotel site is 126% of median for this date with 11.8 inches of SWE. The Freemont Pass Snotel site continues to lag the Vail site but is approaching normal for this date at 95% of median with 8.0 inches of SWE. Overall snowpack conditions on the Western Slope have improved dramatically with the upper Colorado River headwaters at 132% of normal (Figure 6).

Figure 4: Snow Water Equivalent at Vail Mountain SNOTEL, January 18, 2023 (USDA).

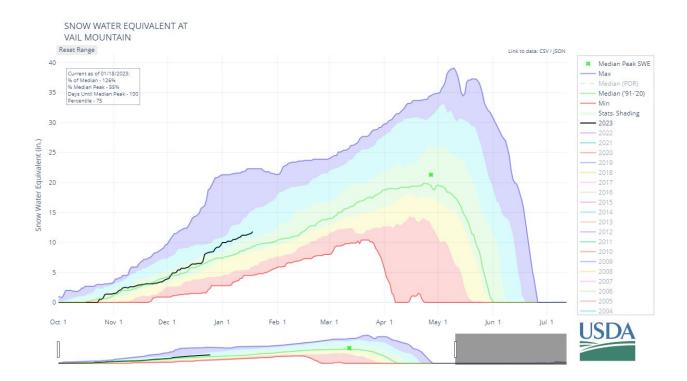


Figure 5: Snow Water Equivalent at Fremont Pass SNOTEL, January 18, 2023 (USDA).

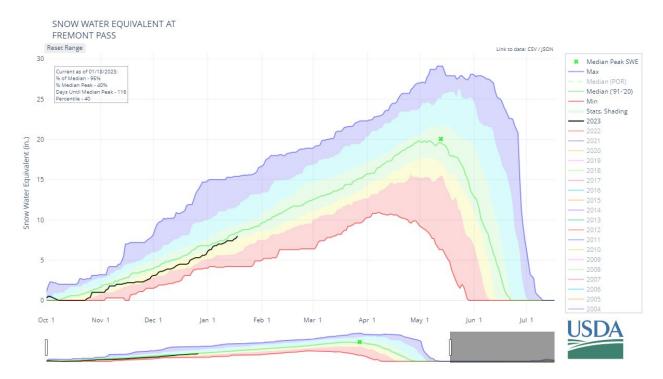
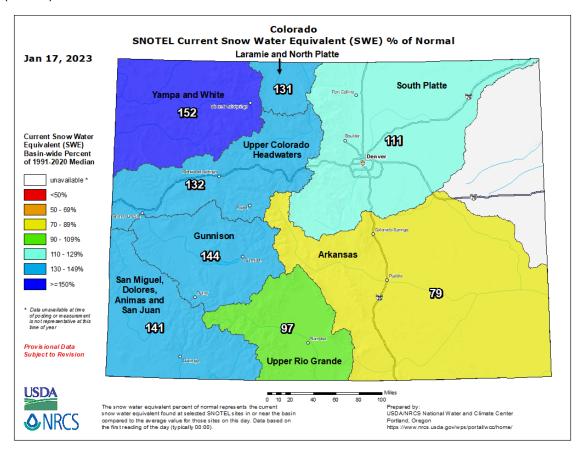


Figure 6: Colorado Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal January 17, 2023 (USDA).







#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Boards of Directors

**FROM:** Diane Johnson, Communications & Public Affairs Manager

**DATE:** January 26, 2023

**RE:** Communications and Public Affairs Report

#### 2023 Colorado Legislative Session

The first regular session of the 74<sup>th</sup> Colorado General Assembly convened Jan. 9 and is scheduled to adjourn May 8. Eagle County is now in Senate District 8, represented by Dylan Roberts, and in a reconfigured House District 26, represented by Meghan Lukens. They both serve on committees that handle water matters. Roberts chairs the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources committee while Lukens serves on the House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources committee. Roberts also serves on the Senate's Committee on Legal Services, Local Government & Housing, and Judiciary, while Lukens serves on House Education. Both the Colorado House and Senate have Democratic majorities; the state House is a 46-19 majority and the state Senate's majority is 23-12.

We will monitor the session as in previous years: via legal counsel, the River District, NWCCOG QQ, Colorado Water Congress, the Special District Association, and industry groups.

As discussed in December, district staff initiated legislation to require "Do Not Flush" labeling on wipes that were not designed to be flushed down a toilet. Senator Roberts took up this issue, and staff and legal counsel are actively involved in this legislation. A full update is available under the Water Counsel report.

#### **Colorado River District**

Eagle County Commissioner Kathy Chandler-Henry continues to serve as Eagle County's representative on the Colorado River Water Conservation District board of directors. At the River District's Jan. 17 board meeting, she was elected board President. Montrose County rep Marc Catlin was elected Vice President. The River District board approved several Community Funding Partnership applications, including one by the Eagle County Conservation District for a \$191,554 grant request to implement a "Water Efficient Landscape Conversion Program" (i.e., turf removal). The project is intended to be a three-year pilot co-led by the ECCD and the Eagle River Watershed Council "to establish a non-functional turf replacement and irrigation upgrade rebate program" and offering a minimum of \$1 per square foot rebate to replace grass. This program could enhance the district's turf replacement rebate along with other rebate programs that may be available (i.e., CWCB, Edwards Metro).

#### Colorado River Basin

The crisis in the Colorado River Basin continues and there is no shortage of media stories. Included is an old story (March 2022) about Rio Verde Foothills, AZ, which has more background about Scottsdale's recent decision to stop supplying water, along with a story about a new water intake for Page, AZ.

#### **Attachments** (or hyperlinks):

- 1. Mar. 10, 2022, Grist: <u>How the West's megadrought is leaving one Arizona neighborhood with no</u> water at all
- 2. Jan. 15, KSL.com: <u>New water intake system installed at Glen Canyon Dam as Lake Powell nears record low</u>



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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors

FROM: Kristin Moseley

SUBJECT: Upcoming Conditional Water Rights Proceedings

DATE: January 18, 2023

As you know, conditional water rights are decreed with a fixed appropriation date but have not yet been made absolute by virtue of being placed to beneficial use. An application for a finding of reasonable diligence must be filed with the Water Court every six years after the last diligence decree was entered in order to maintain conditional water rights. The diligence application must detail sufficient activities undertaken towards development of the conditional water right or evidence that the water right has been made absolute. Failure to file diligence applications by their required due dates or failure to prove adequate diligence activity results in the conditional water rights being permanently cancelled. Accordingly, we and District staff closely monitor and docket diligence deadlines and diligence activities. Attached is a current chart of diligence deadlines for all of the District's conditional water rights. For 2023 and early 2024, the District has the following diligence deadlines:

- 1. Case Nos. 16CW3047, 08CW77 Wolcott Municipal Diversion. **Deadline**: February 2023.
- 2. Case Nos. 16CW3131, 09CW17, 98CW270 Roaring Fork Exchanges & Homestake Exchanges. **Deadline**: <u>June 2023</u>.
- 3. Case Nos. 17CW3168, 10CW202 Gore Creek Intake for BCTP, 1st Enlargement. **Deadline**: January 2024.

## Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Diligence Schedule

Name of Structure	Amount Conditional	Most Recent Diligence Decree	Next Diligence Due
170 cfs Piney Right	170 cfs <sup>1</sup>	13CW3079	November 2025
Red Sandstone Reservoir	160 af	16CW3035 09CW140	2
The Town of Vail Whitewater Park	Apr. 53 cfs, Aug. 127cfs, Sept. 67 cfs, Oct. 48 cfs.	16CW3010 08CW72	Diligence Pending in Case No. 22CW3092
Wolcott Municipal Diversion	7 cfs	16CW3047 08CW77	February 2023
Gore Creek Intake for BCTP, 1st Enlargement	1.51 cfs	17CW3168 10CW202	January 2024
Wolford Exchange – Wolcott Diligence	7 cfs	18CW3207 09CW191	May 2025
Gore Creek Intake for BCTP	0.672 cfs	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
Main Gore Municipal Ditch & Pipeline	6.9 cfs	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
Plow Spring	0.1468 cfs	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
Number 245 Pumphouse & Pond	1.78 cfs	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
Log Chute Pump Station	0.09 cfs	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
Hoyt Pipeline	5.5 cfs	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
KAC Reservoir	72.2 af	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
ECDC Reservoir	112 af	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025
Hoyt Reservoir	240.25 af	18CW3190 11CW138	August 2025

<sup>1</sup> Jointly owned by the River District, District, and Authority. Such parties must file an application to change the point of diversion pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement in Case Nos. 02CW125 and 07CW126, as amended. The Court extended the deadline to file such an application to November 2025 by Order on 3/19/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cancelled by Order on November 8, 222, pursuant to ERWSD's Notice of Intent to Cancel, filed on September 28, 2022.

Total conditional:

584.45 acre-feet 200.5988 cfs<sup>3</sup>

#### **Eagle Park Reservoir Company**

Name of Structure	<b>Amount Conditional</b>	Prior Diligence Decrees	Next Diligence Due
Pando Feeder Canal & East Fork Pumping Plant Exchange	80 cfs & 80 cfs, respectively	18CW3140 11CW77 03CW211 03CW41	March 2028
Eagle Park Reservoir & Eagle Park Reservoir First Enlargement	2,152 af & 22,300 af, respectively	19CW3145 13CW11 04CW138 04CW163	March 2028
Homestake Exchange	52.5 cfs, Wolford & Green Mountain 100 cfs, Ruedi	18CW3215 09CW28	November 2025

#### **Homestake Partners**

Name of Structure	Amount Conditional	Prior Diligence Decrees	Next Diligence Due
	400 cfs, up to annual	16CW3131	
Roaring Fork Exchanges	amount of 800 acre-feet for	09CW17	
& Homestake Exchanges	both	98CW270	June 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Does not include the Whitewater Park.



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TO: Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors

FROM: Kristin Moseley

SUBJECT: Do Not Flush Wipes Legislation

DATE: January 18, 2023

We wanted to provide an update on the Do Not Flush Wipes legislation. Senator Dylan Roberts (D), Avon, has recruited Senator Perry Will (R), New Castle, to serve as coprime Senate Sponsor on the bill. Accordingly, it will be introduced as a bi-partisan bill. Meg Froelich (D) Englewood has signed on as the House Sponsor. As is required for all legislation, the bill is being drafted by Colorado Legislative Legal Services, and we have been meeting periodically with the bill drafter to discuss revisions. It is anticipated that the bill will be introduced into the Senate by January 27<sup>th</sup>.

We circulated the attached Legislative Bill Primer to numerous water contacts throughout the state and have received significant support. On the western slope, we've received support from Eagle, Gypsum, Silt, Upper Blue Sanitation District, Winter Park and Montrose. On the front range, we have support from Arvada, Ft. Collins, Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, Littleton, Englewood, South Platte Renew, Broomfield, Windsor, Widefield, and Evergreen. We've also received support from several engineering firms, including LRE, Zancanella & Associates and Albert Frei and Sons.

There was an initial discussion of the Do Not Flush Wipes legislation at Colorado Water Congress State Affairs this week, and it was well received. However, Colorado Water Congress will not take an official position until the legislation is introduced. The District's lobbyist, Peggi O'Keefe, continues to work with the Special District Association ("SDA") and Colorado Municipal League ("CML") on support of the bill. Similar to Colorado Water Congress, SDA and CML will not take official positions until the bill is introduced.



## LEGISLATIVE PRIMER: "DO-NOT-FLUSH" LABELING FOR DISPOSABLE WIPE PACKAGING

#### THE ISSUE

Over the past several years, consumer demand has significantly increased for disposable wipe products, including baby wipes, surface cleaning wipes, and personal hygiene wipes. Studies show that the use of wipes has increased by 138% since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has contributed to a 50% increase in sewer backups because most wipes do not break down in a wastewater system. Millions of wipes that were never designed to be flushed down a toilet end up clogging pipes and mechanical equipment, creating a



host of public health issues, putting workers at risk, and causing costly problems for public utilities, individual homeowners, and businesses including:

- Clogging of private drain lines and flooding of homes and businesses.
- Sewer blockage and overflow, with potential release to waterways.
- Clogging, damage, and breakdown of public wastewater infrastructure.
- Release of plastic materials into waterways.

Although everyone agrees that certain wipes are not designed to be flushed, there is often no label to inform consumers or guide their behavior. People simply do not know whether a wipe should be flushed or not. Clear labeling is a critical step in helping consumers practice responsible flushing habits, which in turn leads to healthier homes and communities for all of us. Many Colorado organizations have launched educational campaigns to raise awareness of non-flushable wipes, but legislative action is needed to create a clear standard.

We are gathering support for legislation requiring clear "Do Not Flush" labels on wipes that should not be flushed down the toilet.

#### **A SOLUTION**

This legislation would require that "covered products" for sale in the state of Colorado be clearly and conspicuously labeled with the phrase "Do Not Flush" and a related symbol (see example above) by a product's manufacturer or a wholesaler, supplier, or retailer that is responsible for its labeling or packaging. "Covered products" are wipes that are not designed to be flushed and would include:

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"Baby wipes, diapering wipes, and any premoistened nonwoven disposable wipe that is composed partly or entirely of petrochemical-derived fibers and likely to be used near a bathroom with a significant potential to be flushed, including baby wipes, bathroom cleaning wipes, toilet cleaning wipes, hard surface cleaning wipes, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizing and other sanitizing wipes, antibacterial wipes, facial and makeup removal wipes, general purpose cleaning wipes, personal care wipes for use on the body, feminine hygiene wipes, adult incontinence wipes, adult hygiene wipes and body cleansing wipes."

This bill would avoid the contentious issue of setting flushability standards and focus solely on the vital "Do Not Flush" labeling that provides consumers with a clear message that these types of wipes should not be flushed. The bill would also not create restrictions or burdens on retail businesses; rather, it reinforces health and safety standards on manufactured products sold in Colorado.

Similar laws have been enacted in <u>California</u>, <u>Oregon</u>, <u>Illinois</u> and <u>Washington</u> and are currently proposed in seven other states. These laws have received bipartisan support from lawmakers, wastewater utilities, and the wipes industry. Federally, the <u>Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution</u>

<u>Prevention and Environmental Safety Act (WIPPES Act)</u> has been introduced in the U.S. House and Senate. Unfortunately, these bills have stalled in their respective committees. By enacting state legislation, Colorado will take steps to protect its wastewater infrastructure, reduce financial risk related to damage of public and private property, and benefit the health and safety of consumers and wastewater operators, while helping move towards a national standard and nationwide solution.

#### **ACTION**

Show your support for "Do-Not-Flush" labeling legislation in Colorado! We are gathering support for similar labeling legislation to be passed in Colorado to protect homeowners, businesses, wastewater infrastructure, and Colorado's waterways. Given the ground already broken in other states, including industry support for the California legislation, the Colorado General Assembly could expect passage of such a measure to be relatively straightforward and could largely rely on those prior bills as a template. Senator Dylan Roberts (D-Senate District 8) has agreed to be the lead sponsor of the legislation and a preliminary bill is in the process of being drafted by the Office of Legislative Legal Services.

Let us know you're interested in supporting "Do-Not-Flush" labeling legislation in Colorado by adding your contact information to this online form or use the info below to call or email.

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