

District Manager Report – March 19, 2025

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Water lease negotiations

- Attorney for USFWS will be retiring in May 2024
- No update for December – Counsel is reaching out
- No update for January
- USFWS has submitted a request to have the water rights referenced in the lease appraised
 - District working on term sheet and timeline
- Attorney for USFWS has officially resigned

Town of Crestone (ToC) – Sewer Service Negotiations

- The new rate will be included in the updated fee resolution
 - \$8.33 per 1,000 gallons of flow
 - \$1.05 per pound of BOD
- ToC responded to the draft IGA and Discharge Permit in December
 - Concerns with amount of gallons allowed per day, and permit violation amount
 - Ensure that WWTF capacity beyond what is calculated as necessary by third party is covered by the District
 - The District provided the ToC an updated draft addressing these concerns in early January 2025
- The IGA was approved by ToC trustees with some edits

Aspen Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWWTF)

- Some issues are present – Health or Safety hazards prioritized
 - Structural engineer inspection of foundation
 - Industrial health & safety inspection
- Inspections are underway
 - An initial property inspection identified several deficiencies
 - Initial quote for structural, mechanical/plumbing, and electrical inspections were much higher than expected (\$9,000), will be reviewing other options.
 - Met with structural engineer – recommended laser measurements
- Met with BOCC at AWWTF to discuss widening the relief route.
 - Looking for copy - Will be getting a survey completed at AWWTF and Stables Lift Station to determine boundaries and easements
- Foundation and Structure are satisfactory – HVAC/mechanical and Electrical inspections are pending
- Element Engineering is working on the updated PER

Grant Opportunities

- Congresswoman Lauren Boebert – Community Project Funding
 - Status – Pending
 - Request was for \$1,450,000 to help with Water Loss Prevention and new residential meters
 - Requested up date with no response. Funding was for 2025.
- USDA
 - Representatives recommended not withdrawing application
 - Submit new PER with chosen alternatives
- Energy/Mineral Impact Fund (EIAF) Grant
 - Request \$750k to help fund MHE Water System Improvement Project
 - District Manager, Utility Superintendent, and President Lawson traveled to Eaton, CO and presented the project to the DOLA panel. The presentation went very well and we should hear the results any day.

Capital Projects

- New roof has been installed at the main office
- Water Master Plan/Reserve Study – see slides
 - Water Worth Annual Plan \$8,975

