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District Manager Report – October 15, 2025

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

- Short term extension complete
- Met with USFWS in Denver on 8/4/25
    - Next step - Determine value of the water rights through the US Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO). May take several months.

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 has updated the PER
    - Management has reviewed the PER and are discussing the alternative scenarios
    - PER will be ready for Board review in August
- Element is reviewing pretreatment methods to determine effectiveness, compliance and cost.
    - Met with USDA to discuss loan/grant application – Jennifer Garcia
        - Recommended applying for current FY funding by 9/31/25
- USDA Loan application submitted on 9/10/25

Grant Opportunities

- **State Revolving Fund (SRF)**
    - Submitted on 6/4/25
    - Application has gone through admin review
        - Approved for $750,000
- **DOLA - Design, Engineering, and Environmental Clearance Grants**
    - Up to $100,000
    - Requires a municipal government to sponsor
    - The Town of Crestone Board of Trustees would be willing to sponsor the application
        - Application not submitted
- **CWRPDA**
    - Approved for $823,000
        - Of which $530,353 can be forgiven
    - Currently working with a bond attorney to draft an authorizing resolution

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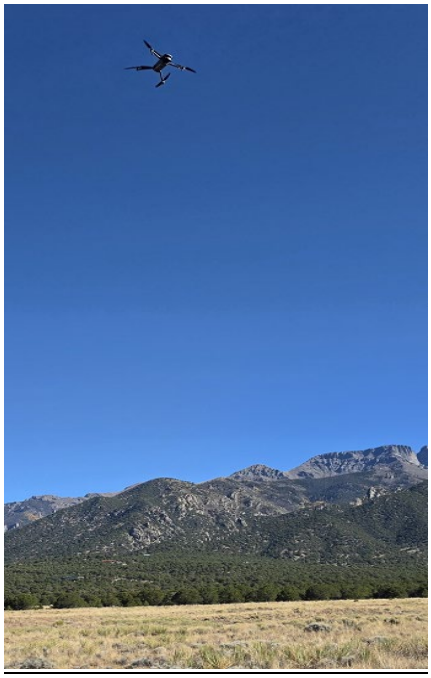
Water Loss Prevention

Under way with thermal drones



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Staff

- A summer temporary employee was offered a permanent position
  - One operations employee announced their resignation in November

Budget

Billing Class	Service Connections	Multiplier	Consumption (kUSG)		Sector Price ($/kUSG)	Revenues Variable	Revenues Fixed	Revenues Total	
BGWSD building	1	1	19	0.03%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%
Commercial	20	27	9,275	13.91%	9.05	43,472	40,474	83,946	13.01%
Irrigation	1	1	229	0.34%	14.60	455	2,888	3,343	0.52%
Residential	874	895	33,978	50.96%	15.62	36,886	493,681	530,567	82.26%
POA Irrigation	1	1	23,134	34.69%	1.11	19,702	5,868	25,570	3.96%
POA Mobile Meter	1	1	47	0.07%	34.04	1,000	600	1,600	0.25%
Total	898	926	66,682	100.00%	9.67	101,515	543,510	645,026	100.00%

Change in base allowance and tiers

Tap or Meter Size	EQR	Sewer Monthly Base Rate	water Monthly Base Rate	Water Unbilled Usage Allowance	Water Consumption Charge ($2.84/1,000)	Water Consumption Charge ($5.67/1,000)
¾"	1	$ 40.73	$ 48.13	4,000	10,000	>10,000
1"	2	$ 81.47	$ 96.25	8,000	20,000	>20,000
1 ½"	5	$ 203.67	$ 240.63	20,000	50,000	>50,000
2"	8	$ 325.86	$ 385.00	32,000	80,000	>80,000
3"	16	$ 651.73	$ 770.00	64,000	160,000	>160,000
4"	36	$1,466.39	$1,732.50	144,000	360,000	>360,000

Tap or Meter Size	Sewer Monthly Base Rate	water Monthly Base Rate	Water Unbilled Usage Allowance	Water Consumption Charge ($3.00/1,000)	Water Consumption Charge ($6.00/1,000)	Water Consumption $7.50 ($/1,000)	Water Consumption Charge ($9.40/1,000)	Water Consumption Charge ($11.75/1,000)
¾"	$ 40.73	$ 48.13	2,000	10,000	10,000-30,000	30,000-60,000	60,000-120,000	>120,000
1"	$ 81.47	$ 96.25	4,000	20,000	20,000-40,000	40,000-70,000	70,000-130,000	>130,000
1 ½"	$203.67	$ 240.63	10,000	50,000	50,000-70,000	70,000-80,000	80,000-140,000	>140,000
2"	$325.86	$ 385.00	16,000	80,000	80,000-100,000	100,000-130,000	130000 -190,000	>190,000
3"	$651.73	$ 770.00	32,000	160,000	160,000-180,000	180,000-210,000	210,000-270,000	>270,000
4"	$1,466.39	$1,732.50	72,000	360,000	360,000-380,000	380,000-410,000	410,000-470,000	>470,000

Insurance

2026 Budget (Including District & Employees expenses)

Medical	Dental	Vision	Employee life	Voluntary life	Spose life	Child. Life	Total
$181,296.00	$8,772.00	$1,128.00	$339.60	$455.40	$165.60	$84.00	**$192,240.60**

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