

District Manager Report – August 20, 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

Grant Opportunities

- **State Revolving Fund (SRF)**
 - Submitted on 6/4/25
 - Application has gone through admin review
- **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

Special District Association of Colorado (SDA)

- 2025 Annual Conference - September 16-18 in Keystone, CO

Board Retreat

- Scheduled to start at 9:30am on Tuesday 9/23/25
- Can retreat be held in place of a Board meeting next month?

Waterworth Water and Sewer Model

- Currently working on providing data for the model
 - Current model results indicate a discrepancy in what commercial customers pay vs. what they use (does not include POA irrigation) - currently paying less for the amount of water used compared to residential taps
 - Consider new billing structure with lower allowance for base rate and additional tiers.
 - Large back log of pipe beyond its useful life