



Mission:
To provide the highest quality of water at the most affordable price for current customers and to provide for the expansion of the District as growth occurs.

The Directors Corner

Greetings & Salutations!

Hello friends and neighbors! Welcome to 2013! A new year, new opportunities, a fresh start! I hope that all have made it through the holidays with little or no pain and that life in general is good.

I pray that 2013 will be a safe, healthy and prosperous year for everyone! I know from my chair, it's looking like a very busy year with some new projects and some new opportunities to serve our community.

Just a reminder, even though the school year is in progress, we still need to give our kids a brake! Slow down and drive safely through our neighborhoods! And pay special attention now that it's dark when they head to the bus in the morning.

Meter Reading: The meter reading for February will be on the 5th for all neighborhoods. I will post March's date in my next letter.

Community Calendar: Once again Platte Valley Medical Center has a busy month of activities. You can find them on the web at www.pvmc.org/events or just stop in. Here are some of the topics for this month:

Prenatal Pilates Exercise Class
Tuesday February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6:00 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kizyak@pvmc.org

Stroke Recovery Support Group
Monday February 4, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
303-498-1844

Cancer Support Group
Saturday February 9 & 23, 11a.m.

Contact Vicki Kennedy
vicki@pvmc.org

Total Joint University
Tuesday February 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
cbuzzell@pvmc.org

FREE Women's & Newborn Center Tours
Wednesday February 13 & 27, 6:00 p.m.

Contact Karen Albrecht
kalbrecht@pvmc.org

Pilates Mat Class
Thursday February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 5:15 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kvizyak@pvmc.org

Heart Rhythm Meditation
Wednesday February 6 & 27, 12:30 p.m.

Contact Call Christine Buzzell
330-498-1844

New Discussions: December was yet another slow month for the District. Our engineering staff is still working locations for an additional evaporation pond. It's been an effort to pin the County down on a time our staff can meet with them. We were successful in re-permitting our wells, so we now work off of one well field instead of individual wells. It's an accounting issue, but will make our distribution and usage more pliable to meet the State's requirements.

Engineering reports that we have now updated the programming on our SCADA and will be switching our accounts with United Power to better utilize lower energy rates. Earlier I had shared that the State has required new plans for essentially monitoring the waste side of water. We had to submit an EDOP, or Engineering Design and Operations Plan to CDPHE- HMWMD, or Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, one of the States many regulatory groups. We were informed that not only does the State require us to develop this plan, but they are happy to charge us \$125 per hour for their time to review what we have written to see if we comply with their rules. We are expecting several thousand dollars worth of cost just to meet their paper needs. We may eventually be required to add monitoring wells around our evaporation ponds. It seems to never end.....

The District now has the ability to sell water directly from our fire hydrants. If you own a business and can use this service please give Lisa a call at 303-987-0835.

Communication: We received a letter from the State on the web site. They now have confirmed that we are again moving forward with the selection of a new Content Management System. From their letter, we should begin development by mid January.

As a reminder, you can join us on Facebook by searching for Greatrock North Water and Sanitation District and "Like" our page. For Twitter, search for the name of the District as well, we show up as @Greatrock_North and you can follow us there. We will use these sites to post meetings, neighborhood events and water outages.

We had a great response in from many in our community for the emergency response system. If you did not fill the form out last month, we included another opportunity for you this month. This

system will notify you in the event that we have issues and need to shut down water operations. Just complete the request for information that is included in your utility bill and mail it back to us with your payment or email Lisa Johnson at ljohnson@sdmsi.com and attach the completed form.

The Board continues to monitor water quality, so if you feel your quality is not what it should be, let us know. We can't fix it if we don't know there's a problem. You can reach Wayne, Jeff or one of the team at 303-833-5505 or drop me a line at my email.

Expenses: Each month the District has to pay the bills, our expenses. We all know that water comes at some cost. Since each month's expenses are different, I thought I would share each month just how much we as a District pay to keep us all in water, the bottom line.

General Fund	\$ 41,127.52
Debt Service Fund	\$123,078.75
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 6,966.88
Total Claims:	<u>\$171,173.15</u>

Over the past several months the Board has been using a remote reader for our water meters. This allows the user to track the amount of water being used daily and monthly, and I believe weekly. We looked at these as an option so that homeowners could track their water usage. If you are interested, they are available from the District at a cost of \$100. Please give Lisa a call to order yours.

Since late November we have had some noise in the neighborhood. Our neighbors to the north of Box Elder Creek Ranch, on the Weld County side, who ran a tree nursery, are in the process of changing their business. Boxelder Creek Nursery suffered considerable damage a couple of years ago in the hail storm, to a point where they have closed the nursery.

Through the years Boxelder Creek Nursery has been purchasing water shares from several sources across the State. Since the loss of the nursery, they have been exploring other options to utilize their water shares. Two of the deals they have been working on are supplying water to the Town of Castle Rock, and the other is to create a water depot to supply water to the oil and gas fields. To support both of these efforts they are also looking at a water treatment facility to clean the water returned from the oil and gas fields and to possibly process water for the Town of Castle Rock.

So why the noise? If they build a water depot to supply water to the oil and gas fields, the number of estimated trucks are several hundred per day. I have heard numbers as high as a truck every 3 minutes. Not only would the increased truck traffic bring congestion, noise and safety issue to our roads, many believe the roads will not hold up to the heavy traffic. A second part to the equation is to run pipe lines or move the traffic to County Rd 4, north of their property.

If a water treatment facility is built, there is always the risk of additional noise and at night, bright lights, and more trucks. Yet another concern is for the impact on our water tables and will it affect our ability to provide water.

Our Board will continue to stay in close contact with Boxelder Creek Nursery. We have asked to be a part of his development so that we continue to be informed. For our District, our engineering staff does not feel that our water source will be threatened. Our wells are upstream to their well fields.

The Board has shared their concerns, along with the concerns we have listened to from several neighbors. We know that growth is inevitable. We feel taking a proactive approach is important. The Board did share with the nursery folks that although we are very much interested in becoming a part of the development of water usage and treatment/processing, we also intend to ensure that the development is thought out and will not impact our neighborhoods or our property values.

The following is a response from our neighbors to the north.

Boxelder Creek Nursery

The Boxelder Creek Nursery, located north of WCR 2, was hailed out in 2010. Prior to the hail storm, we grew 600 varieties of trees, shrubs and plants, had a potting operation and provided nursery materials to a large number of contractors, landscapers and for our Arapahoe Acres retail operation on South Santa Fe Drive. It was not economical to restart the commercial nursery after the storm, so the partners installed 3 center pivot sprinklers and establish a conventional farming operation.

The Nursery was also selected by the Town of Castle Rock in a recent competitive process as a potential future renewable water source. Boxelder is currently negotiating the details of the water development project with the Town, while the Town continues detailed due diligence studies.

We are also exploring the idea of developing a water sourcing and treatment campus on the 850 acre farm. The initial concept included a water load out facility to provide water to the oil and gas industry, which would be delivered both in trucks and pipelines to drilling sites, a tank parking area, a produced water treatment and recycling facility and a municipal water treatment plant. We held two community meetings to discuss our plans to obtain input from our neighbors. The concerns expressed included increased truck traffic on WCR 2, lighting and wildlife impacts, among other concerns. We are carefully considering the input we received at the meetings, especially on traffic issues, to potentially make changes to our plan prior to filing applications with the County.

We have established an email list to keep our neighbors informed of progress on the project. If you would like to be on the email list or have specific questions regarding the project, please send an email to Barb Brunk, who is the projects planning consultant, at barbb@dgmllc.com.

As new information becomes available, we will post it on our Facebook page. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Barb Brunk. As always, you can email me any time and if I have any additional information, I will be glad to share this with you.

Remember, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, just drop me a line at my email! Our next Board meeting will be on February 5th at the United Power Building. One thing to note is the door locks at 5:30pm. If you drop by after 5:30pm, to the right of the doors are some windows. We keep the blinds open and try and keep an eye out for those who are a little late in arrival. Hope to see you all at our next meeting!!

Be safe, have fun and enjoy life!

Regards to all,

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