

**Quarterly Update**  
Steamboat Lake Water & Sanitation District  
**October 2014**

Dear District Members,

We have been very fortunate this past summer with adequate rain and no worries about drought conditions. Now, as this Update is being written, it is snowing against a backdrop of spectacular autumn colors. Hopefully the winter will bring plentiful snow!

The Board has taken advantage of this relatively quiet time to deal with some administrative matters and some long term planning. On the administrative side, we had Catterson and Company, Certified Public Accounts conduct an audit of our 2013 financial information. We are typically exempt from audits and have to file for one every year. Colorado Section 29-1-604 C.R.S. allows an exemption when any local government for which neither revenue or expenditures are less than \$500,000 in any fiscal year. The only time we have exceeded this limit has been when we received a major grant for the waste water treatment plant improvements. Even so, the Board has agreed, as a best practice, to have an official audit every three to four years. Anyone interested in seeing the results of the 2013 audit can contact our accountant, Scott Colby, see below. The audit prior to 2013 was done on 2009 financial information and it, too, is available.

Another administrative task was to work with the State to migrate our website to a new platform. The address is still the same: [www.colorado.gov/SLWSD.com](http://www.colorado.gov/SLWSD.com). It is easier and more flexible for us to manage and we feel has a better appearance that will help everyone to find information more easily.

As for long term planning, we have made many strides this year that will benefit the District. We have commissioned our District Engineer, Merrick and Company, to create a Master Plan outlining our existing infrastructure, calculating our existing and future water/waste water needs, and making recommendations on capital expenditures needed to meet those future needs. We have also responded to recent urgent concern by the State of Colorado about water usage in general, which leads to new attention being paid to use of water rights. The Board commissioned a hydrological engineering firm, HRS Consultants to do an analysis of our water rights (which are more than adequate for our needs) and how best to manage them. These reports are in draft form at the moment and will be finalized before year end. We will also be submitting documentation required by the State that will provide a "statement of purpose" that will allow District Members and the general public to understand what the District does.

So, a lot of information will be coming together by the end of the year that will confirm the direction the current Board of Directors believes to be in the best interest of our District. All of this information will be made available on our website.

As a last note, the completion of our replacement well, the Guest Well in Filing 1 on Golden Tide, has been having scheduling problems. Completion is now projected for the end of this month. We will have much to report in our January 2015 Update.

Steamboat Lake Water and Sanitation District Board,

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