

Quarterly Update
Steamboat Lake Water & Sanitation District
January 2015

Dear District Members,

2014 was a productive year for the District. The Board commissioned an Audit, which is not a state requirement, but, as a best practice, we will be doing every three to four years. The 2014 audit is available by contacting Kathleen Titus or our accountant, Scott Colby (see below for contact information). We continue to be very satisfied with the services that Scott and his staff provide and the audit reflects their good work.

We were migrated to a new website platform www.colorado.gov/SLWSD.com that has made it easier for us to administer and we think you will find it easier to navigate. We commissioned our District Engineer, Merrick & Company to complete a Masterplan that documents our existing facilities and sets priorities for maintenance and capital expenditures for the future. We also commissioned HRS Consultants, a hydrological engineering company to do an analysis of our Water Rights. We are very pleased with the results of both studies; they will be available by the end of January by contacting Kathleen Titus. We have also maintained our commitment to good communication with our District members by regularly publishing this Quarterly Update and making ourselves available for questions at the annual Association meeting.

The one disappointment that we have had this year is that the Guest Well Replacement project is not yet 100% complete. The general contractor is experiencing financial difficulties and even though the work is 95% complete and of good quality, the company was not able to make the final tie-in to the main water supply line before winter conditions set in. In the spring, as soon as site conditions allow, we will complete the tie-in, commissioning and site work. Although we would have benefited by having the new well on line, it does not pose a problem through the winter when water usage is much lower than in the summer months.

Best of all, we are delighted to welcome a new volunteer to our Board, Dave Entwistle. Dave lives in the District full time and joined the Board in December; he will be a valuable addition to the Board. In our next newsletter, we will have a more formal introduction. Serving on the Board does take a commitment of time, but we all agree that the work is well worth. Managing our water and waste water system is a significant effort that not only provides good service, it also maintains the value of all of our properties.

The senior partner from our District Engineer's office visited the other day and reflected on how far we have come since their company first started working for us in 2001. This includes the construction of a new sewer treatment plant, bringing a new well (on Jupiter) on line with an iron treatment plant, completing several large maintenance projects, and now, almost, a replacement for the Guest Well (on Golden Tide). This work has all been done with assistance from the State of Colorado of \$854,000 in grants and \$320,000 in low cost loans. He feels that this is outstanding work for such a small District, and we should all be proud of our accomplishments. Here's to more progress in 2015!

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