

Quarterly Update
Steamboat Lake Water & Sanitation District
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Dear District Member,

We have great news to report this month - we are going to be able to bring an additional source of water on line this summer. We have taken possession of the lot on Jupiter where we will develop the well and build a water treatment plant to treat for iron. We have also received a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Local Affairs to apply to the work.

This is a milestone for the District because the well we are developing brings enough capacity to supply water for our complete build-out of 300 homes; we currently have about 130 homes on water and sewer. With a secure supply of water and a new Wastewater Treatment Plant, the value of our homes will not be jeopardized.

Our next step is to complete the construction documents and go out for public bid. This time we are hopeful that we will get some local bids that will be attractive. When we built the new Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2006, we received only one qualified bid from a general contractor on the Front Range and they couldn't get any local subcontractors to participate. By our July Update, I will be able to fill you in on more details.

We will also be continuing our videotaping of selected portions of our sewer lines in an effort to identify infiltration and to repair as much as we can. Preventing groundwater infiltration means less effluent is going our Wastewater Treatment Plant, which saves money in processing. It is common in mountain areas to have pipe cracks or breaks, so this is an ongoing process. We do a certain amount each year and when we have completed the entire system, which takes quite a few years, we start the process all over again. There will be some other repair work done as well, which will involve some manholes and fire hydrants. The scope will be dependent on pricing we receive.

I know it's hard to imagine, but presumably we will all be maintaining our landscaping before the July Update. Water is a precious resource and the Board will continue to emphasize conservation at every opportunity. Please keep landscaping to a minimum, xeroscape as much as possible, and keep irrigation to a minimum. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Have a great Spring!

Sincerely,



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