

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

We have a lot of projects underway as we emerge from the summer months and prepare for winter. Our water consumption for the summer months of June-July-August this year was 19% less than the same months in 2012. We had generous rainfall, but just as importantly, we think District member compliance with the water restrictions is making a difference and will continue this program next summer.

In the meantime, we are in the middle of replacing our original Guest Well (in Filing 1 on Golden Tide Place) for which we have received an \$84,000 grant. The new well has been drilled and pumping capacity, as well as water quality, look very promising. By the time of our next Update three months from now, we will be able to provide a complete report.

The Board is also responding to changes in the Colorado Legislature by updating our 1972 Service Plan. Every Special District is required to have a Service Plan that describes what the District does, its boundaries, infrastructure (wells, treatment facilities, pipelines), projected population and plans to meet anticipated needs. Our current Service Plan was submitted in 1972 when this subdivision was planned for a mountain ski resort community. In the last forty years much has changed; an up-to-date Service Plan will provide valuable information to all current and prospective property owners in the District.

Along with this Service Plan update, we have also been working on putting together a Water Rights Portfolio, summarizing all of our existing water rights and updating the Augmentation Plan that was filed in 1976. The Augmentation Plan describes all our water rights, infrastructure and population projections; it is similar to the Service Plan but unique to water rights. Now that availability of water has become an urgent topic in the western states, with increasing scrutiny in the State of Colorado, it is important that we have proper documentation for all of our water rights. The water rights owned by the District adequately provide for our projected needs and there is a considerable amount of documentation that occurs on a regular basis to keep them active. Thanks to our District Attorney, a private consultant and work by Board members, our rights have been properly maintained over these past forty years. At this point consolidating all of this information fits in nicely with updating the Service Plan.

So, as usual, the Board has a full agenda. We received some good feedback at our Question and Answer session prior to the annual Association meeting in September and encourage continuing comments. Once again, thank you for your water conservation efforts this summer.

Steamboat Lake Water and Sanitation District Board,

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