

District Manager Report – January 15, 2025

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Water lease negotiations

- Attorney for USFWS will be retiring in May 2024
- No update for December – Counsel is reaching out
- No update for January
- USFWS has submitted a request to have the water rights referenced in the lease appraised
 - District working on term sheet and timeline

Town of Crestone (ToC) – Sewer Service Negotiations

- The new rate will be included in the updated fee resolution
 - \$8.33 per 1,000 gallons of flow
 - \$1.05 per pound of BOD
- ToC responded to the draft IGA and Discharge Permit in December
 - Concerns with amount of gallons allowed per day, and permit violation amount
 - Ensure that WWTF capacity beyond what is calculated as necessary by third party is covered by the District
 - The District provided the ToC an updated draft addressing these concerns in early January 2025
- The IGA was approved by ToC trustees – The signature page has not yet been received

Aspen Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWWTF)

- Some issues are present – Health or Safety hazards prioritized
 - Structural engineer inspection of foundation
 - Industrial health & safety inspection
- Inspections are underway
 - An initial property inspection identified several deficiencies
 - Initial quote for structural, mechanical/plumbing, and electrical inspections were much higher than expected (\$9,000), will be reviewing other options.
 - Met with structural engineer – recommended laser measurements
- Met with BOCC at AWWTF to discuss widening the relief route.
 - Looking for copy - Will be getting a survey completed at AWWTF and Stables Lift Station to determine boundaries and easements
- Foundation and Structure are satisfactory – HVAC/mechanical and Electrical inspections are pending
- Element Engineering is working on the updated PER

Grant Opportunities

- Congresswoman Lauren Boebert – Community Project Funding
 - Status – Pending
 - Request was for \$1,450,000 to help with Water Loss Prevention and new residential meters
 - Requested up date with no response. Funding was for 2025.
- USDA

- Representatives recommended not withdrawing application
 - Submit new PER with chosen alternatives
- Energy/Mineral Impact Fund (EIAF) Grant
 - Request \$750k to help fund MHE Water System Improvement Project
 - District Manager, Utility Superintendent, and a Board Member will travel to Eaton, CO on 3/5 to present the project and request funding
- CDPHE – Water Quality Control Division -**Denied**
 - 2025 Assistance Grant Funding
 - Up to \$25,000
- Community Water Academy
 - Will facilitate a community and outreach & training to build trust in the community