

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

UBSD



NEWS

JULY 2011

REGULATION ROUND UP **(THE \$60 MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION)**

The Upper Blue Sanitation District is currently required to comply with some of the most stringent water quality standards in the State of Colorado. These standards are normally developed and enacted by the EPA and implemented by the Colorado Department of Health in efforts to protect the environment. Two of the standards with which the District must comply are Phosphorus and Nitrogen limits. We take great pride in our efforts to consistently treat to levels far below the requirements. However, newly adopted regulations add additional limits that would require the District to

modify our treatment plants which would require capital treatment additions totaling nearly 60 million dollars. These new limits could require the District to expand certain facilities within 5-8 years and the remaining facilities within 10 years.

We do not anticipate these new requirements to be finally implemented by the State until the end of this year or by midsummer 2012. Meanwhile, we are proactive in evaluating funding sources to meet these new challenges. We will begin our evaluation during the development of the District's 2012 budget and will incorporate that information into the District's 10 year financial plan.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The District operates 3 treatment plants
- Each facility has won national Environmental Protection Agency awards
- The District has won a total of 12 Environmental Protection Agency Awards
- The Board of Directors received the prestigious Environmental Achievement Award from the Environmental Protection Agency

FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

The Upper Blue Sanitation District Board and staff have been preparing for another busy summer season. We are anticipating that the 34 million dollar Farmer's Korner Expansion will come in on time and under budget. I can attribute this to our construction team consisting of District personnel, Glacier Construction, Mortensen and Carollo Engineers. They have all worked hard in providing a good product while maintaining a high level of fiscal responsibility.

We are also continuing our efforts in the Town of Blue River with the elimination of septic systems. Through the connection of these systems we accomplish several positives for the community. First, affected homeowners can be assured of a safe and healthy environment. Second, through the elimination of these sources of pollution we are actually protecting the drinking water for a large portion of this area's population that rely on Goose Pasture Tarn as their source of water. And finally, we are removing at least 30 lbs. of Phosphorus per year from the Blue River. Phosphorus is a leading pollutant in Dillon Reservoir.

Finally, as a Board and staff we are proud to say that we continue our efforts to provide all these services in a fiscally responsible, business like manner. No property taxes have been needed to fund any of the District's services, and we do not anticipate any in the future.

We conduct all of our business at public meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM. The meetings are located at 1605 Airport Road, Breckenridge. If you cannot attend or if you have any questions please call our administration office at 970-453-2723.

SEWER SERVICE LINES

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOME-OWNER

The District operates and maintains nearly 120 miles of sewer mainline. In the course of maintenance, routine inspections are often conducted using video cameras which allow us to visually inspect pipe lines. During inspections

we often find individual sewer service lines that show signs of ground water infiltration. This ground water infiltration into the District's system often contributes to hydraulic overloading of both the collection and treatment systems. Once discovered, the District notifies the homeowner of the problem and requires repair. While the District will provide assistance when possible, the

service line remains the homeowner's responsibility to make the necessary repairs. Generally the required time frame for repair is 10 days after notification. Although, there are instances where that time limit can be extended. If repairs are not made as required the District has the authority to impose any or all of the following: a) disconnect service. b) a \$100 per day fine. c) make the repair and back charge the homeowner.

TOWN OF BLUE RIVER EXTENSION PHASE II

The District will begin the further extension of sewer service into the Town of Blue River. The areas affected will be a portion of the Royal Subdivision and the entire Sunny Slope Subdivision. This extension will allow for the connection of numerous failing septic systems.

Construction will begin in July, 2011 and continue through October. There will be traffic delays encountered but we will make every attempt to notify the affected areas in order to minimize those inconveniences. If you have any questions please call the District's administration office at 970-453-2723.

FARMER'S KORNER EXPANSION UPDATE

The construction at Farmer's Korner continues to move forward with few problems. The construction team consisting of representatives from UBSD, Glacier Construction, Mortensen and Carollo Engineers meet on a regular basis to identify potential issues and resolutions which have minimized any conflicts. This type of cooperation is leading this project toward a successful and timely completion. Start up of the new plant should begin sometime during the month of September 2011. We anticipate the plant to be fully on line before the holiday season.

UBSD ONLINE

Information about the Upper Blue Sanitation District can be found online at UBSD.ORG.

The District's Rules and Regulations and the corresponding forms can be found easily. Complete details of our rates and fees can also be found online.

In our continued efforts for transparency we post all audited financial statements, Board meeting minutes and any special events online.

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