

# UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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## FARMERS KORNER EXPANSION EYES EARLY COMPLETION

The \$34 million dollar expansion at Farmers Korner is proceeding rapidly to the point that the project could be completed up to 6 months early. This early completion could result in savings to the District through lower utility and consultant costs. To date, the project is tracking with the approved budget and with no major changes on the horizon. The District attributes this success to the close partnerships created with the contractor, consultants and staff.

In addition to possible early completion the District is proud to continue its efforts to employ as many local sub contractors, vendors and skilled labor as possible

This project is fully funded through the use of District reserves created by the collection of Plant Investment Fees. The District continues its philosophy of growth paying its own way without the need of assessing property taxes.

### 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

My thanks to everyone who voted in the Upper Blue Sanitation District election this past spring, especially to those who voted for me. I will work hard to validate your confidence.

It has been a busy summer for your Sanitation District. Ongoing maintenance and repair has gone on throughout the District. Already 30 miles of main line have been cleaned and examined. Manholes have been repaired and raised and the plants are ready for a big ski season. Construction on the addition to the Farmers Korner plant has gone extremely well and is on pace to finish ahead of schedule. In Blue River, the first large project of installing collector mains is nearing completion. This project also includes the construction of a large lift station on Blue River Road and the force main from there to the South Blue plant. More homeowners than projected are hooking on to the sewer now.

I am so proud and pleased with the Blue River sewer project. The Board of Directors for the District has approved an incentive package that includes favorable financing of the fees to encourage Blue River homeowners, on existing septic systems, to connect to the sewer. No other project will do as much to improve future water quality in the Blue River or to protect the drinking water supply for the residents of Blue River and the Town of Breckenridge.

I am also very proud of the fact that all of these building projects are being paid for out of reserves and current customers are bearing no burden for these expansions.

Finally, I urge you all to learn about the amendments to the Colorado Constitution that will be on the November ballot. The impact of these amendments, if approved will be tremendous. Once you learn about them, I trust you to cast an informed vote.

Have a great rest of the fall and a big ski season.

MR. ROBIN THEOBALD

## DISTRICT PROTECTING WATER QUALITY IN THE UPPER BLUE BASIN

The District has historically been proactive in the protection of water quality in the Upper Blue Basin. Through the consolidation of treatment facilities and the construction and operation of other facilities the District has gained national recognition as an industry leader.

Now with the backing from the Board of Directors the District has committed to providing sewer service to the residents of the Town of Blue River. This is another major step in preserving one of the most precious assets in the Upper Blue Basin—clean water. With the extension of central sewer into the Town of Blue River, the District anticipates that nearly 600 septic systems will be eliminated over the next 15 years. This would be an incredible boost to the improvement of water quality and public health.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWING DRAFT 2011 BUDGET

The Board of Directors is currently reviewing the anticipated revenues and expenses for 2011. Changes to the District's rate schedule of an additional \$1 per sfe, per month increase in the service fee along with an additional 4% increase to the Plant Investment Fee on new construction are being considered to offset the rising costs of doing business. The District does not impose a property tax on their customers. In addition, the Board reviews the 10 year financial forecast to ensure long term financial stability. The Board will take comments up to the December 9th, 2010 Public Hearing, at which time the Board will consider adopting the 2011 budget. The Public Hearing will take place at the District's Administration office and begins at 5:30 PM.

## UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors conducts all of the Public's business during open meetings held at 5:30 PM, on the second Thursday of each month. The location is the Administration office on 1605 Airport Road, Breckenridge, CO. A work session precedes all meetings with the agenda posted at least 24 hours in advance. Meeting minutes of previous Board meetings can be obtained on line at [www.ubsd.org](http://www.ubsd.org).

## LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY?

The District is looking to fill an operations position in 2011. This position is for the career minded and offers a competitive salary plus benefits. Qualifications include certification in the water or wastewater field and a college degree is preferred, but not required. The position requires the ability to learn multiple technical disciplines and perform physical labor. Employee housing is available.

To learn more about this position please contact the Administration office at 970-453-2723.

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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