

# UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

## UBSD



## NEWS

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### UBSD WHO ARE WE?

The Upper Blue Sanitation District is a quasi-municipal governmental entity (commonly referred to as a Special District) authorized by State Statute to provide sewer service to properties in the Upper Blue Basin. Originally formed in 1968 and servicing only a small area with a single wastewater treatment plant, today the District provides service from southern Lake Dillon to Hoosier Pass with a total of three treatment facilities. The District is governed by an elected five-member Board of Directors and is operated by an operations staff of fourteen people.

Although authorized to use property taxes as a source of revenue, the District has developed a business plan which has eliminated the need for taxation and relies solely on fees to fund all District operations and expansions. The “pay as you go” philosophy has kept the District fully funded while keeping the fees as some of the lowest in Summit County. The Board and staff pride themselves for the frugal operation and maintenance of the District.

Organizationally, the District has won numerous national EPA awards for operation and management excellence. These awards were based on the District's efforts in the protection of the public health, and the protection of the water quality of the Blue River. A dedicated and highly professional staff has proven instrumental in achieving this high level of excellence.

### DO YOU HAVE SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE?

Have you ever wondered how you would deal with a sewer backup into your home or condo? Did you know that sanitation districts generally do not have and cannot get insurance to cover the cost of damages due to a sewer backup? Costs for repair and cleanup can easily reach \$10,000-\$20,000. So how can property owners protect themselves if an unfortunate event like this happens? Contact your insurance carrier to see if they offer sewer backup insurance. This insurance is inexpensive when compared to having no coverage and paying the costs yourself. The insurance costs approximately \$30 per year for a single family home and approximately \$15 per year for a condo. The coverage is specifically for damage occurring from surcharge from a sewer system. This type of insurance is highly recommended for full-time residents and second homeowners. For more information about backup insurance please contact your insurance agent.

### DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY NOTICE AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The District annually posts its Transparency Notice on the District's web site and at the administration office. This Notice outlines the District's contacts, meeting schedules, director information and election information. The Notice can be viewed at [www.ubsd.org](http://www.ubsd.org).

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held at 5:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month with a work session preceding each meeting. The meetings are conducted at the District's administration office which is located at 1605 Airport Road, Breckenridge and are open to the public.

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**Robin Theobald,**  
**President**

**Michael Turek,**  
**Vice President**

**Allyn Mosher, Secretary**

**Ken Trausch**

**Barrie Stimson**

**Andrew Carlberg, District**  
**Manager**

## SERVICE LINES

### HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The District operates and maintains nearly 120 miles of sewer mainline. In the course of maintenance, routine inspections are 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. Ground water infiltration into the District's system can contribute 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.

### REGULATORY ROUND UP

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 could require the District to modify our treatment plants which would require capital treatment additions totaling nearly 40 million dollars. These new limits could require the District to expand certain facilities within 5-8 years. We are proactive in evaluating funding sources to meet these new challenges. We have begun our evaluation and have included the results in the District's 10-year financial plan.

### STAY INFORMED:

**[www.ubsd.org](http://www.ubsd.org)**

Did you know that you could find out everything from possibly lowering your monthly bill to the District's Rules and Regulations on the District's web page? We attempt to have all the information you need to keep informed at all times. We are currently updating the web site to include construction updates, Board meeting minutes and information concerning facility tours. If you have any questions, please contact us at (970) 453-2723.

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