

# UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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## UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT AWARDS \$27 M CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

At their June meeting the Board of Directors of the Upper Blue Sanitation District awarded the 27 million dollar contract for construction of the state of the art Farmers Korner wastewater reclamation facility to Glacier Construction. With the award, construction of one of the largest, locally funded, public works projects in Summit County's history will begin and last up to 2 ½

years. Glacier was the lowest of 6 qualified bidders who submitted construction proposals; ranging from approximately 27 million to 33 million dollars. The construction bid was lower than anticipated and will help in achieving the goal of a total project cost of under 34 million dollars. This project, paid for without property taxes, has been in the planning stages for over ten years with the final two years in design and permitting.

### 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

These are exciting times for the Upper Blue Sanitation District with the recent award of one of the largest, locally financed, public works projects in the history of Summit County. Great care and planning have taken place in order to proceed in an orderly and fiscally responsible manor.

The construction team has now been assembled and is under contract to build the Farmer's Korner plant expansion. The engineering design and construction engineer for the team is Carollo Engineering. Carollo has worked with the District many times in the past and assured that the new expansion will be a seamless addition to our Farmer's Korner operation. The construction management position on the team will be filled by Mortensen Construction. Their Summit County experience including the new Hospital assures project management of the highest capability. This ownership team is joined by the contractor Glacier Construction as the General Contractor. Glacier is a Colorado company headquartered in Denver, Colorado with extensive experience across the region and nationally. Their track record indicates that the construction will be on time and on budget.

Unlike some infrastructure, complicated tertiary waste water treatment systems must be constructed well ahead of time so when the need arises the capacity is available. The Plant Investment Fees that the District has sold and is currently selling will pay for the expansion that past and future growth has required. In keeping with the District's long standing policy of requiring growth to pay for the capacity it requires, the plant expansion will be paid for entirely by those fees. No property tax is needed for the expansion. This policy and its implementation is a matter of great pride to me, the rest of the Board of Directors and our Manager.

Mr. ROBIN THEOBALD

## FAREWELL TO AN OLD FRIEND

It is with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to the District's long time friend Gene Baker. Gene had been an integral part in the design and planning of over 50 million dollars of District projects. He was the architect for both the award winning Iowa Hill Water Reclamation Facility and the current 34 million dollar Farmers Korner expansion. His laughter and wild stories of the Yucatan, fine margaritas and beyond will surely be missed. Adios Amigo

## WHAT IS FOG ?

No one wants to be unfortunate enough to experience a sewage backup in their home, but the chances of this happening have less to do with luck than you might think. What we put down our drains has a direct effect on the operation of the sewage collection system.

Fats, oils, and greases (FOG) can be a primary cause of clogged sewage pipes. Just like they do in our own arteries, these products cool, harden, and collect in sewer pipes. As they accumulate, sewage flow is restricted and can eventually be blocked completely. With nowhere to go, the wastewater will backup into homes causing major inconvenience and expensive cleanup and repair, or spill from a manhole threatening the public health and environment. Here's what you can do to promote the good health of your sewage collection system:

Collect any FOG that will harden in a disposable container and put it in your household garbage.

Many cooking and frying oils can be filtered and reused once or twice. When they are no longer good, collect them in an old oil or milk jug, cap tightly, and dispose of with the garbage.

Before washing greasy dishes, toss greasy food scraps in the garbage and pre wipe with a paper towel.

Grease and oil recycling may be on the way through the efforts of the High Country Conservation Center and Summit Grease recycling, so get in the habit now of saving your FOG.

Help fight the FOG! Don't put Fats, Oils, and Greases down the drain!

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## WHAT ABOUT WATER?

Did you know that the UBSD has to meet some of the most stringent Phosphorus discharge limitations in the nation? Phosphorus, a nutrient necessary for plant growth, must be removed to protect Dillon Reservoir from algae blooms which discolor and lower the amount of dissolved oxygen in the lake. Effluent from the UBSD facilities is treated to .02 parts per million phosphorus.

Because of this, the Upper Blue Sanitation District is being featured as a case study in Phosphorus removal at the 2009 Nutrient Removal Conference of the Water Environment Federation in Washington, DC this summer.

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