



Mount Werner Water District

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Mount Werner Water District Construction Season Begins

Projects Include a New Water Main, Storage Tanks, and Pump Station

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (April 28, 2008) –The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District has launched its summer construction program designed to improve water service for its customers. For fiscal 2008, the District has committed \$3 million to construction projects that include a major water main replacement, two new storage tanks, a pump station, and pressure reducing valve.

The District was due today to begin replacing 2,400-feet of water main along Whistler Road from Walton Creek Road to Stone Lane. By upsizing the water main to 12 inches from eight inches, this project will strengthen the water distribution backbone in the southern portion of the District.

“This a complex project with 10 water main reconnections and six fire hydrant replacements,” said Jay Gallagher, manager of the Mount Werner Water District. “Our contractor will expend a major effort to mitigate the impact of construction on area residents with an emphasis on traffic control and dust control.”

Traffic on Whistler Road will be restricted from now until July 11, with through-traffic prohibited Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Local traffic for residents will be permitted during those times. Work will begin at Walton Creek Road and proceed south to Stone Lane. Residents may have to use alternate routes and follow detours for access to their driveways, depending upon the location of the closure.

This spring, the District will complete work on a project that began last summer -- a 250,000-gallon, in-ground water storage tank located above the Burgess Creek/Ridge Road neighborhood. Pending access granted by the U.S. Forest Service, the District will complete the water main to the new tank and conduct leak tests before backfilling the tank and re-grading the site. The Burgess Creek storage tank will work in tandem with the 150,000-gallon Thunderhead Tank to bolster the water supply in the northeast portion of the District.

A second 250,000-gallon storage tank above the Laurel Lane cul-de-sac is also in the works. The Laurel Lane Tank will increase water reserves in the southern portion of the District and improve fire-flow availability in the Laurel Lane and Ski Trail Lane neighborhoods. The District is moving forward to design the access road and tank structure, and construction of the access road may begin in early fall.

The District will also begin construction in May on a new Burgess Creek Tank pumping facility in the Steamboat Springs right-of-way between Burgess Creek Road and Ridge Road. The addition of a pressure-reducing valve along a feeder main off Ridge Road will create a water main loop between Ridge Road and Burgess Creek Road, which will improve fire-flow availability for residents in that neighborhood.

“These projects should significantly strengthen our ability to manage water supply at peak periods and increase fire-flow availability in those areas,” said Gallagher. “Our goal each year is to improve the performance of our storage and distribution system for our customers.”

Gallagher advised that, prior to construction, work crews may remove any obstructions such as fences, bushes and landscaping rocks that lie in utility easements or in the city’s right-of-way. The District’s contractor will be prepared to ease the impact of construction with regulated start-up and shut-down times, excavation barriers, street sweeping, erosion control, and traffic control.

Anyone with questions about the construction is welcome to call the District at 970-879-2424.

About Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District

The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District treats and distributes water for the mountain resort area of Steamboat Springs and, under agreement with the City of Steamboat Springs,

provides water to the City Water District for distribution to its customers. The District also provides the infrastructure for the collection of wastewater within the District that is treated at the City's wastewater treatment plant west of Steamboat Springs. The Mount Werner Water District, formed in 1965, is a Special District pursuant to Colorado statute and is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado. An elected five-member board of directors governs the District.