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Commercial Properties Embrace Water District's Certification Program; Participation Swells

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (Sept. 5, 2007) – The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District announced today it has awarded certification for the first time to commercial property management groups.

The Commercial Property Group LLC won a silver certificate that recognizes the work it has done in managing the water use of six client properties – two of which independently earned gold certification.

Also, the District awarded silver certification to Central Park Management, for both its commercial and residential divisions.

Previous winners of the District's gold, silver and bronze seals were lodging or multi-unit residential properties.

"The addition of Commercial Property Group and Central Park Management to the District's certification program broadens the program and demonstrates that everyone in the community can participate in water conservation," said District General Manager Jay Gallagher.

The District unveiled the conservation program in early May and has since awarded certification to ResortQuest Steamboat, the Steamboat Grand Hotel, and the Snowflower Condominiums at Steamboat Gondola. Certified companies are entitled to use the seals in their promotional materials.

The Commercial Property Group clients that won independent certification are listed as follows, with their awards: Copper Ridge Business Park HOA, gold; Steamboat Crossings Condominium Association, gold; Yampa River Business Park, silver; Pine Grove Center, silver; GLM Warehouse, silver; Mountain West Business Park, silver.

Central Park Management members that won independent certification are listed as follows: Sky View Terraces, silver; The Meadows, silver; Indian Meadows, silver; Walton Pond Apartments, silver; Fish Creek Professional Buildings, silver; the Medical Office Building at the Yampa Valley Medical Center, gold.

The certification program is designed to encourage water conservation throughout the year, but particularly in the high-usage period of June through August.

Multi-unit residential complexes are certified on the basis of meeting up to 12 possible standards encompassing a wide range of water saving ideas from plumbing fixtures to landscaping ideas, maintenance requirements to new construction. The standards also encourage homeowners' associations to adopt policies and practices consistent with responsible water management. Commercial properties are certified based upon a subset of nine conservation standards.

Property managers may enroll in the certification program any time of the year and are encouraged to call Gallagher in his Steamboat Springs office at 970-879-2424 or contact him via email at info@mwwater.com.