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## **Property Manager Recognized for Water Conservation Efforts**

### *Mount Werner Water District Salutes Steamboat Resorts*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (July 30, 2009) – The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District announced today that Steamboat Resorts has earned a silver certificate for bringing 21 client properties totaling 848 residential units into the District’s water conservation certification program. Among the 21 client properties are four individual gold certificate winners.

“We are pleased that Steamboat Resorts has stepped forward to join us in our water conservation efforts,” said District General Manager Jay Gallagher. “They are a major player in our community and influential in setting the highest standards for managing their client properties.”

The District launched the conservation certification program in 2007. Steamboat Resorts brings the total number of managed residential properties under certification to 40, encompassing 1,638 residential units in the mountain resort area of Steamboat Springs.

“Steamboat Resorts considers environmentalism an important component of its business, and we are proud to gain recognition from the Mount Werner Water District,” said Bob Milne, president of Steamboat Resorts. “We expect to make this focus on conservation a regular part of Steamboat Resorts’ day-to-day and year-to-year operations.”

According to the District, nearly 70 percent of water consumption in the District is attributed to multiple dwelling units such as condominiums, apartments, hotels and townhouses. The program is designed to encourage water conservation throughout the year, but particularly in the high-usage period of June through August.

There are 12 possible standards for certification at the gold, silver or bronze levels, and those standards address a wide range of water-saving ideas, including plumbing fixtures, landscaping techniques, maintenance requirements and new construction. The standards also encourage homeowners’ associations to adopt a policy to consider water conservation measures in any capital improvements, particularly landscaping.

Other companies that have received certification for themselves and their properties include ResortQuest Steamboat, the Steamboat Grand Hotel, Pinnacle Resorts,

Central Park Management (Residential and Commercial) and Commercial Property Group. Certified companies are entitled to use the seals in their promotional materials.

Property managers may still enroll in the certification program and are encouraged to call Gallagher in his Steamboat Springs office at 970-879-2424 or contact him via email at [info@mwwater.com](mailto:info@mwwater.com).

#### 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.