

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Blue River Room – Silverthorne Library

Attending Board members:

Jon Whintson	Barry Westerland
Randy Rehn	Chuck Gray
Billy Jack	

Others attending:

Matt Willitts	Water Operator, Water Solutions
Bob Polich	District Administrator, Mountain Systems

Jon Whintson called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Minutes. *The minutes from the October 7, 2008 meeting were approved. (Gray/Jack,5-0).*

Operations Report. Matt Willitts of Water Solutions presented the operations report. The parts for the hydrant repair authorized at the last meeting have been received. The repairs are scheduled to begin next week. The exterior indicator gauge at the sewer lift station did not provide an accurate reading. Matt estimated about 3 hours of time would be required to calibrate the indicator. The Board felt the calibration work should be done. The Colorado Department of Health conducted an inspection of the District water operations. All entities operating under a chlorine exemption are being inspected. Matt believes the inspection went well with a few minor deficiencies including wellhead drainage and drainage around the clear well hatch. Corrective actions necessary will be determined upon the receipt of the formal inspection report.

Inflow & Infiltration (I&I). It had been confirmed the Cortina West sewer line on Kings Court feeds into the Mesa Cortina system. The Board discussed the status of the 11 out of district homes with regards to the new sump pump regulations imposed by the District effective in January 2009. Methods of determining the flow from the out of district properties were considered and were dependent on the unknown status of the records maintained by the Buffalo Mountain Metro District (BMMD) operator. The acquisition of additional sewer taps to provide for build out and to partially absorb a portion of the I&I capital cost was discussed. *A motion was approved to authorize the purchase of 20 sewer taps at \$1,300 each from BMMD in 2008 and to amend the 2008 budget for the tap acquisition. (Whinston/Jack,5-0).*

Financial. Bob Polich of Mountain Systems had provided by email the financial summary for 2008 including a projected year end and the proposed 2009 budget. The 2009 budget includes funds allocated to I&I mitigation and to pay the capital I&I fine if negotiations to have it waived were not successful. The information provided to the Board included rate increase comparisons. Alternate rate changes were calculated and discussed. *The Board approved a base rate increase of \$10 for water and \$10 for sewer (\$120 + \$120 = \$240);*

6,000 gallons of usage was included in the base; \$6 per 1,000 gallons for usage between 6,000 and 15,000 gallons; \$8 per 1,000 gallons for usage between 15,000 and 25,000 gallons; \$15 per 1,000 gallons for usage above 25,000 gallons; an increase of the standby rate to \$72 (\$36 water / \$36 sewer); and a tap fees increase of 5% from \$12,000 to \$12,600. (Whinston/Gray,5-0). Unimproved properties with prepaid taps would receive a \$7,000 credit against the tap fee. The Board indicated in the next year consideration of a new base rate structure applicable to all improved and unimproved properties should be developed to accumulate sufficient funds for operations and capital contributions.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be December 2, 2008 at 5 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.