

MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

House District 19, State Representative

LOWER FOUNTAIN WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT...

After months of knocking on doors and talking with the citizens of Colorado Centre and Fountain it was clear to me that additional services such as a new waste water treatment plant is necessary to support the growth of Colorado Center Metropolitan District and some areas of Fountain.

It just happens that the community leaders of Colorado Centre and Fountain knew of this dilemma years ago and have been laboring to construct it's own regional waste water treatment plant known as the Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District, (LFMSDD).

The Lower Fountain Metro Sewage Disposal District will rely in part on public funds available through the revolving loan fund approved by the Colorado Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee, (a committee I currently sit on), the General Assembly and administered by the Colorado Water and Power Development Authority to construct wastewater facility. The District will operate this new facility on a "user pay" basis with Operations and Maintenance charges in the facility being shared by the participants in the district. If approved the District will have a fully qualified operational staff for the facility upon its opening date of January 1, 2010.

The District has consistently demonstrated that this proposed facility will comply with all regulatory effluent limits and ensure that the risk of negative impacts to public health and the environment are very low. I would like to note that the Water Quality Management Committee previously acknowledged that the District's proposed facility is technically sound from a water quality standpoint.

On May 9, 2007 the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments board recommended approval of the site application while encouraging the District and Colorado Springs Utilities to continue discussing a consolidated facility.

In order to continue with this project it is essential that the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission support an amendment of this 208 plan to allow for the construction of the Lower Fountain Metro Sewage Disposal Plant. The State of Colorado has a public process in place for anyone who wishes to comment on any project that has been forwarded to the commission for approval. Their approval is necessary if Colorado Centre and Lower Fountain Metro Sewage Disposal District want to proceed with this project.

If you would please consider the merits of this project;

- Colorado Centre will finally have its own entitlement to sewer treatment capacity;
- The plant is needed no later than the end of 2010;
- Colorado Centre and the Lower Fountain Metro Sewage Disposal District will have control over the construction and operation of this facility.
- The alternative is becoming a customer of Colorado Springs Utilities, which may cost the District between two to three million dollars more than the current price tag of the project.
- You can be in control of your wastewater treatment needs, not the City of Colorado Springs Utilities.

I plan on testifying at the Colorado Water Control Commission hearing in November on the importance of this project for Colorado Centre. It is my privilege to work closely with all of the stakeholders of this project to work towards a favorable ruling. The Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District has provided me with this important information so you can make smart choices about your future.

It is important that you notify the Colorado Water Control Commission of your support of this very important project. Please contact Al Testa at 719-380-8857 or write to him at al.testa@proconinc.net for additional information regarding the Commission. For more information please plan on attending a short meeting at the Colorado Centre Metropolitan District Saturday, October 13th at 9:00 am.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue or any other issue, please call me at 719-238-5600, email me at marshalooper@hughes.net or visit my website at WWW.GOMARSHA.ORG. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you!

Respectfully,

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Colorado State Representative

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