

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 19th, 2019

TO: Property Owners Located In:  
Spanish Peaks No. 1  
Spanish Peaks No. 2  
Spanish Peaks No. 3  
Spanish Peaks No. 4  
Amended Plat of Cucharas Camps

FROM: Mr. James Berg, President  
**Cucharas Sanitation and Water District**

RE: Cucharas Sanitation and Water District  
Water System Improvements Project Notification

## PROJECT PLANNING AND STATUS

As many of you know, the Cucharas Sanitation and Water District (CSWD) has been planning a water system improvement project to occur during the latter half of 2019. We anticipate construction will start in August. The project will continue to improve our infrastructure in an effort to maintain our high quality of water delivered to your home and increased system resiliency and reliability. This project is primarily going to be constructed in the Spanish Peaks area, north of Aspen Avenue. With that in mind, the CSWD wants to keep you informed of the progress, but also of some of the challenges we are facing.

1. The road rights-of-way as platted in the Spanish Peaks are very narrow.
2. The actual traveled roadway is slightly narrower than the platted rights-of-way.
3. The road right-of-way is filled with existing utilities, including overhead electric lines and power poles, an abandoned underground gas line, a sanitary sewer main, and the existing small diameter water line.
4. In many cases, the traveled roadway lies next to or beyond the existing road right-of-way.
5. Vegetation, including bushes, shrubs, trees, etc., grow up to the edge of the traveled roadway.

These are just a few of the challenges we have when establishing an alignment for the new water lines. Please keep in mind the existing water line must remain in service while the new water main is

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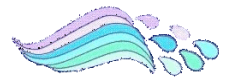
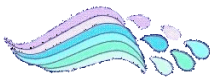
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installed. Furthermore, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has established separation requirements between the existing sanitary sewer mains and new water mains which may present a challenge.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION**

The CSWD needs your help and participation in this effort. A preliminary alignment has been established on the construction drawings that places the new water line in close proximity to the edge of the traveled roadway, and often times off the edge of the traveled roadway. This location will impact existing vegetation in some locations. There are many locations where the exact location of the old, small diameter existing water lines is not known precisely. In light of that, our proposed alignment may be modified to better fit within the traveled roadway.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

- Be flexible and understanding in the placement of the new water line at or near your property line.
- Provide CSWD info on when you may be at your home/cabin during the summer months.
- If a major event is planned for your home/cabin, such as a family reunion, let us know when that is scheduled. We will attempt to schedule construction accordingly.
- Every attempt will be made to save all vegetation. In the construction world, that is not always possible.
- Once the new lines are installed, we request your assistance in granting the District an easement to cover the new water line, if such is required. They are not anticipated to be of great width, but still may be needed.
- Your assistance and your cooperation to complete the project is appreciated.

As previously stated, it is the CSWD's desire to deliver high quality water reliably to our residents. The age and quality of our old water lines is making that more and more difficult, and it is time to update and improve the infrastructure that provides clean drinking water to our customers.

We appreciate the cooperation that we receive from our residents. If you should have any questions or desire additional information regarding what you can do for us, please feel free to contact us at (719) 742-3108.

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