

M *Castle Pines North* METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Providing the people, families, neighborhoods and small businesses of Castle Pines with clean, safe, reliable drinking water, renewable water, wastewater, storm water, parks and open space services in the most fiscally responsible manner, while serving as stewards of the community's water-related assets and Standard & Poor's AA and Moody's A1 bond ratings.

Moving Toward A Public Vote

The Metropolitan District recently asked Douglas County District Court Judge Paul King for a seven-month extension to prepare and file the most responsible Dissolution Plan it can, naming the most responsible, viable dissolution partners.

The Metropolitan District's extension request in no way changes the following facts:

- 1) The Castle Pines North Metropolitan District is the sole drinking water and waste water services provider for all the people of our community who live west of I-25.
- 2) The Parker Water and Sanitation District is the sole drinking water and waste water services provider for everything in our community east of I-25, including The Canyons.
- 3) The City of Castle Pines owns no water, no water rights, no water storage and no water infrastructure and provides neither drinking water nor waste water service to any person, business or entity.
- 4) Making unsubstantiated claims that it could save the people of Castle Pines hundreds of thousands of dollars, in February 2010, City Council chose to take legal action to try to force your Metropolitan District to dissolve.
- 5) City Council's action automatically triggered a State law that requires the Metropolitan District, **in the Metropolitan District's sole discretion**, to draft and submit a responsible Dissolution Plan to the Court.
- 6) The Metropolitan District is working diligently to prepare that Plan.
- 7) Judge Paul King will presumably send that Dissolution Plan to Metropolitan District voters for a "yes" or "no" vote. Ultimately, Metropolitan District voters will decide whether or not to dissolve the Metropolitan District.

A Relevant Perspective

The community of Fraser, with approximately 1,200 services addresses and less than 950 full-time residents, is located in north-central Colorado, in Grand County. According to Fraser Town Manager, Jeff Durbin, the Fraser community took nearly four years – from early 2006 through late 2009 – to work through a dissolution process limited only to waste water service. (At the time, the Town of Fraser was attempting to dissolve the Fraser Sanitation District.)

In that context, the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District's request for a seven-month extension to draft and submit a responsible dissolution plan involving drinking water, waste water, storm water, parks and open space appears reasonable.

When asked for his advice regarding the Castle Pines community's dissolution-related issues, Durbin said: *"Candidly, don't rush the process. Do whatever it takes to get it right."*

Servicing approximately 10,000 residents and 3,200 services addresses, your Metropolitan District Board intends to get it right the first time. If doing so requires a few more months, we respectfully ask for your support and understanding.

In closing, for Castle Pines residents primarily concerned with **limiting future service costs**, StepWise Utility Advisers' independent cost/benefit analyses reveal that dissolving drinking water and waste water services into Parker Water and Sanitation District or the Town of Castle Rock would substantially increase economies of scale and control cost. (To review StepWise Utility Advisers' analyses findings, please visit www.cpnmd.org or see page 4 of the June 2011 Castle Pines Connection or stop by the Metropolitan District headquarters to pick up a copy.)

For Castle Pines residents primarily concerned with **local control**, you already have it.

For more information, please visit www.cpnmd.org and/or email us or District Manager, Jim Worley, at jworley@cpnmd.org.



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