

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.

How wise is WISE?

In recent weeks, you may have seen or heard two unfamiliar acronyms: "SMWSA" and "WISE."

As we continue working through the multi-year process of responsibly weaning our community off its disproportionately high reliance on Denver Basin Aquifer System groundwater toward annually renewable water sources, you can expect to see and hear both acronyms frequently.

Founded in 2004, the **South Metro Water Supply Authority** (SMWSA) is a regional coalition of 15 separate water providers in Douglas and Arapahoe counties. The Castle Pines North Metropolitan District is one SMWSA member. (See SMWSA membership roster in the box below.) Like our Metropolitan District, many SMWSA members are keenly aware of the unsustainable pace at which the region's growing population is collectively depleting the Denver Basin Aquifer System's ground water. Likewise, most SMWSA members seek to secure renewable water sources.

The Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) partnership is a proposed renewable water delivery agreement between the cities of Denver and Aurora and South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) members.

Beginning in June 2013, the WISE partnership proposes to deliver approximately 5,000 acre-feet of water per year for the shared benefit of participating SMWSA members. Subsequently, as Denver, Aurora and SMWSA collectively finance, design and build future infrastructure, the WISE delivery agreement, if approved, could generate up to 10,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2020 and may eventually render up to 60,000 acre-feet per year.

"The Castle Pines North Metropolitan District Board consists of experienced, successful entrepreneurs and business people, each of whom is a devoted steward of the community's water future and associated property values," said District Manager Jim Worley. "Each Board member conscientiously weighs the costs and benefits of various renewable water scenarios, while seeking to minimize risk. As a proposed

regional solution, we will continue giving WISE the serious consideration it merits. We all recognize that committing to WISE would constitute a significant long-term commitment for this Metropolitan District."

"As potential WISE partners consider their individual and collective renewable water options, we are concerned about the degree to which WISE cost projections could shift to the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District," added Worley. "As compared with other viable renewable water alternatives, how wise is WISE? We are as yet unsure. We will continue performing the necessary due diligence regarding WISE and its alternatives to make the wisest possible renewable water decisions for the people of this community."

South Metropolitan Water Supply Authority Membership

Arapahoe County Water & Wastewater Authority
Castle Pines Metropolitan District (The Village)
Castle Pines North Metropolitan District
Centennial Water & Sanitation District (Highlands Ranch)
Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District
East Cherry Creek Valley Water & Sanitation District
Dominion Water & Sanitation District
Inverness Water & Sanitation District
Meridian Metropolitan District
Parker Water & Sanitation District
Pinery Water & Wastewater District
Rangeview Metropolitan District
Roxborough Water & Sanitation District
Stonegate Village Metropolitan District
Town of Castle Rock

DID YOU KNOW? One acre-foot of water equals 325,851 gallons of water, which should be sufficient to meet the fresh water needs of two typical households for a year.

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