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Board approves Water and Wastewater Service-Consolidation Study with Parker Water & Sanitation District and appoints Christopher Lewis as Director.

Consistent with its reform vision and core objectives, the Castle Pines North Metro District Board of Directors is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, the district will begin collaborating with Parker Water & Sanitation District on a joint **Water and Wastewater Service-Consolidation Study**.

During its regular public meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, that was both live video streamed and video recorded, the board and district manager discussed the prospect of the study at length and subsequently voted enthusiastically to move forward. Video of the meeting is available for viewing on the **Board Meetings Page** of the District's website at <https://cpnmd.org/board-meetings>.

*"The study will allow us to flesh out the terms and conditions under which our respective boards of directors might consider water and wastewater service consolidation and the degree to which doing so may or may not make financial sense for the people of our respective communities," said **District Manager Jim Worley** in his report to the board. "We anticipate the joint consolidation study will take several months — through the spring and possibly the summer. After jointly completing a thorough due-diligence assessment of our district's water and wastewater infrastructure, assets, and service requirements, I plan to return to the board to report our findings and recommendations."*

*"This is fantastic news," said **President David McEntire**. "But for the new relationship we have with Parker Water and Sanitation District at every level, this opportunity would have remained elusive. The Water and Wastewater Service-Consolidation Study with Parker Water demonstrates forward progress for this board, for the district, and most importantly, for the people we serve and represent. Though I believe the district should have seriously evaluated consolidation alternatives years ago, we are where we are, and I am deeply grateful to the Parker Board of Directors and their District Manager, Ron Redd, for the opportunity."*

In his remarks to the board, District Manager Jim Worley reminded those present of several *"compelling, obvious, and relevant facts and associated renewable water alternatives"* that in his professional opinion the district and its consultants, in years past, had failed to acknowledge, much less evaluate. For example:

- When built out, *The Canyons* development, located on the east side of I-25 and adjacent to Rueter-Hess Reservoir, will essentially double the size of the City of Castle Pines.
- The Castle Pines North Metro District owns 1,500-acre feet of raw-water storage in Rueter-Hess Reservoir.
- The Parker Water and Sanitation District owns and operates Rueter-Hess Reservoir and is the water and wastewater service provider for what will soon be the new half of the City of Castle Pines.

“I think Jim’s remarks to the board and public on Tuesday night conveyed in a compelling way the rationale for collaborating with a much larger neighbor to assess the value of service consolidation,” said **Director Denise Crew**. *“Through the process of this study, both sides can work together to identify and evaluate potential efficiencies, economies of scale, and the costs and benefits of integrating our water and wastewater service delivery. This study will be a major step forward.”*

Director Robert Merritt had a slightly different take. *“In the interest of managing expectations, I offer a word of cautious optimism,”* he said. *“We won’t know for several months what the study will reveal. However, I want Castle Pines residents to be confident that our support for evaluating this alternative is rooted in our intent to secure the community’s renewable water future wisely and at less cost than the voter-rejected plans of recent years.”*

“To say that I’m pleased would be an understatement,” said **Director Chuck Lowen**. *“In my opinion, we need to spread the cost of designing, building, operating, maintaining, and financing infrastructure and service delivery over tens-of-thousands more rooftops and ratepayers than our district has or is ever going to have. Parker Water may be the water and wastewater service partner we need to minimize cost-of-service escalation in future years.”*

During the same meeting, the board appointed **Christopher Lewis** to fill the board vacancy resulting from the resignation of Norman Froman.

Director Lewis’ military experience spans decades. He is a decorated Commander (Select) in the US Navy Reserve and served in the United States Marine Corp Reserve from 1988 to 1996.

Among his educational credentials, Director Lewis earned a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1991 from the New York Institute of Technology, an MBA from Ashland University in 1998, and a Command and Staff Graduate Diploma from the Naval War College in 2013.



He works as a Director of Construction at Charter Communications where he oversees implementation of construction tools and facilitates collaboration between field construction and cross-functional partners in the delivery of services and production for customers.

Christopher, his wife, and family live in Castle Pines’ Stonedale neighborhood.