

CASTLE PINES NORTH



METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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Progress suggests May 2021 election is increasingly likely re: possible water & wastewater utility unification with PWSD

During CPNMD’s regularly scheduled board meeting on September 21, 2020, our legal counsel, Kim Seter, reported discussions with the **Parker Water & Sanitation District (PWSD)** would likely culminate in an **election on May 4, 2021**, at which time CPNMD residents and property owners would vote on the proposed unification of CPNMD’s water and wastewater utilities with those of PWSD. Prior to referring any measure to the ballot, we will host multiple public hearings to thoroughly inform constituents of the proposed scope, and renewable water costs and benefits.

We are in the process of drafting an **Inclusion Agreement** — a complex document referencing CPNMD assets, liabilities, and service objectives as well as PWSD’s operations, maintenance, and service responsibilities. When complete, the Inclusion Agreement will define the specific terms, conditions, processes, and timelines through which CPNMD and PWSD would work next year to unify our respective water and wastewater utility systems under PWSD’s jurisdiction. If CPNMD voters approve the proposed ballot measure in May, then we would anticipate a seven-to-twelve month transition period after the election, before PWSD would officially assume responsibility for providing our community’s water and wastewater utility services.

Our core objective: to secure our community’s renewable water future wisely and at less cost than the previous voter-rejected ballot measures of 2016 and 2018.



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CPNMD Proposes to Save Constituents & City Millions of Dollars

Pending voter approval of the City's proposed street-funding ballot measure (Question 2A) this November, the City intends to **reconstruct Castle Pines Parkway**.

In a recent letter to the City, we offered to **accelerate the replacement of CPNMD's existing water main** adjacent to Castle Pines Parkway between Yorkshire Drive and Buffalo Trail, and to relocate that new water main beneath Castle Pines Parkway.

The City responded with a letter committing to work with CPNMD. **For the benefit of all property owners in our community**, if CPNMD and the City successfully deliver both capital projects next year, the net result would lower the City's maximum-proposed sixty-million-dollar debt load and, by extension, would lower residents' property tax burden. Specifically, if Castle Pines residents and property owners approve the City's proposed Question 2A this November, then CPNMD will be in a position to help:

- 1) Shave up to four million dollars off the City's proposed thirty million dollar bond issue;
- 2) Potentially cut as much as seven-to-ten million dollars off the City's maximum possible sixty million dollar debt repayment and property tax burden; and
- 3) Trim three-to-five years off the City's thirty-year, bond-repayment term,
 - all while delivering two capital projects of vital importance to Castle Pines' residents and business community next year.

Volunteers Wanted for Graffiti & Trash Clean-up Days

In voluntarily picking up trash and cleaning graffiti off our facilities in Coyote Ridge Park, and elsewhere, Stonecroft neighborhood residents **Blair & Marilyn Marsden** continue exemplifying outstanding leadership. The Marsden's leadership, love of our community, and relevant experiences at their previous home in suburban Phoenix, Arizona, prompt us to organize quarterly **Clean-Up Castle Pines Days**, the first of which, weather permitting, is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 21st**, from **7:30 to 9:00 a.m.**, in **Coyote Ridge Park**, where we will gather under a well-marked gazebo adjacent to the main parking lot. We will supply coffee, mini-Bundt cakes, disposable gloves, garbage bags, paint, and other supplies required to remove graffiti and pick up debris throughout the park and adjoining areas. Please email your **RSVP** to our director of communications, Ken Smith, at ken@cpnmd.org. As we coordinate future efforts with the City, please look for additional **Clean-Up Castle Pines Days** in March, June, and September of 2021.