



PWSD & CPNMD Temporarily Delay Water & Wastewater Utility Inclusion

(Castle Pines/Parker, CO, December 14, 2021) The Castle Pines North Metro District (CPNMD) and Parker Water & Sanitation District (PWSD) have temporarily delayed the inclusion of CPNMD's water and wastewater utilities several months past the original inclusion date of January 3, 2022.

Though both parties continue working diligently and in good faith to complete CPNMD's voter-approved inclusion into PWSD, a handful of easily rectifiable but unforeseen, legal, financial, and supply chain issues will not be resolved by the original January 3, 2022, inclusion date. Most notably, the City of Brighton recently filed a lawsuit contesting CPNMD's award of water rights to the City of Aurora. The City of Aurora submitted the highest bid package, thereby providing CPNMD's ratepayers with the best return on investment. CPNMD is confident it will prevail in court, but the lawsuit may drag on for months, thereby tying up \$18 million in water-right proceeds CPNMD needs to fully execute the inclusion.

Consequently, CPNMD will continue to own and operate its water and wastewater utilities beyond January 3, 2022. However, PWSD will continue to assist with CPNMD's water and wastewater utility operations as planned.

We will share details of our 2022 water and wastewater billing and operations via FAQ on our respective websites at www.cpnmd.org and www.pwsd.org shortly.

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