

Flooding, Facilities and Future

Colorado has had a number of costly and destructive floods, and back in June 1965 the south metro area including Parker, Castle Rock, Sedalia and many other communities, endured a five day rainfall that yielded one of the worst flash flood and mud slide periods in Colorado's history. Then, the water rolled down the South Platte River washing out bridges, inundating homes in the Denver metro area as well as flooding out over two-thirds of the of Denver's industrial area. Since then communities, like Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, Douglas County and Urban Drainage and Flood Control District have studied and worked together, engineering a number of drainage and flood stabilization improvements.

As rain began to fall in early September this year, no body could imagine much less expect that the rain would bring such dramatic flooding and catastrophic damage throughout Colorado, and likely be the most costly on record. The recent District construction project involving drainage way and channel stabilization improvements of Newlin Gulch, has proven to be a valuable investment for the District. The District will not only benefit from these improvements in the long-term, but immediate value was revealed during the recent September rainfall. Newlin Gulch sits in the heart of Stonegate, and withstood the powerful water flows and flash flood conditions. The District was not void of problems during the recent rain and storms either, many of our streets, open spaces, drainage ways and even some homes were push to limits. Colorado Water Systems (CWS), the District's utility operator was out 24-7 each day, out in the rain inspecting our District's resources. CWS team not only monitored our water and wastewater plant and systems, but actively watched the entire District's comprehensive support structure of wells, storage tanks, holding ponds, pipelines, pumps, and much more. "We are fortunate to have an operator that provides professional services with the personal care in every aspect of maintaining our District," says Mike Sjobakken, Board Member.

As the District continues to plan, operate and ready's itself for the future, the SVMD Board of Directors are constantly looking to make improvements for the District residents and commercial businesses. Like the Newlin Gulch Improvement Project, the District is underway with planning and design engineering for improvements to the District's wastewater treatment facilities. "A new plant will position the District to meet the ever changing Federal Treatment Regulations, and provide our residents with treated effluent water for our open spaces," says Norman Shaw, District President and Board Member. In addition to the monthly District update meetings, the District Management Company, Mulhern MRE holds weekly and regular status meetings with project participants to ensure progress. "Being able to find a solution to a problem the District is facing is what being on this board is all about. I am proud to know that I do this as a service for the residents of this district and the other districts we serve only," says Dan Schmick, District Board Member. The District is planning to finalize all design and permitting for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project in December 2013, with construction starting in early 2014. "What excites me is the peace of mind the upgrades will provide, as the improvements will secure and provide the residents of the district a safe and efficient wastewater treatment plant for years to come," says Chris Kannawin, District Board Member.

The Stonegate Village Metropolitan District is an independent entity, a separate organization from the Stonegate Homeowners Association. The District's Board of Directors and its management company oversee the care, operations and maintenance of four important services for its residents and commercial businesses, which include recreational facilities, open space and public landscapes, water and wastewater resources, and drainage-way maintenance. For more information on Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, and on the many other District projects and programs supporting the community, please visit the District website at www.svmd.org, or call 303-858-9909, and or mail us at Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, 2 Inverness Drive East, Suite 200, Englewood, CO 80112.