

DWSRF and WPCSRF PROJECT PRIORITY LIST SURVEY

Proposed water or wastewater system improvement needs, excluding operation, maintenance, and growth development.

NAME OF COMMUNITY OR SYSTEM: COUNTY OR COUNTIES: ***Big Sky County Water & Sewer District No. 363***

POPULATION OF SERVICE AREA: Varies seasonally. ***Estimate 3,000 people as average year-round population.***

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR SERVICE AREA: **\$39,688 per Year**

CURRENT AVERAGE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE: **\$21.79 per Month**

CURRENT AVERAGE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE: **\$34.40 per Month**

CURRENT AVERAGE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE RATE: **\$34.22 per Month**

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Please provide the following information:

1. A brief description of the project. As a guideline, do not exceed approximately 200 words. ***Design, construct, and install improvements to the District's water system, consisting of connecting the Mountain Village, Lone Moose Meadows, Aspen Groves, and Meadow Village water systems into one system using 8-inch steel pipe; drill two new Meadow Village production wells and connect them to the existing water system. Water system mainline replacement work in Hidden Village and Silverbow Condominiums, all to provide the district with a redundant water supply system and improve the public water system to distribute water during peak demands.***

2. Provide an estimated project budget, including potential funding sources. Include engineering, legal, and administrative costs in addition to construction related costs.

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| \$ | 2,700,000 | Connect Systems |
| \$ | 600,000 | Well development |
| \$ | <u>1,700,000</u> | System Replacement Work |
| \$ | 5,000,000 | Total |

3. What is the reason for the project? What compliance issue is being addressed? For drinking water projects, are there supply, treatment, distribution, or storage problems? For wastewater projects, are there collection, treatment, storage, or disposal problems? Again, limit your response to approximately 200 words. ***Big Sky growth rates have been double digit for several years now. We need to develop more drinking water supply to keep pace with demand,. Particularly in the Meadow Village. There is currently no “compliance issue” associated with this project.***

4. Provide the following information as an indication of your readiness to proceed:

a) Project Schedule. ***This project is underway.***

b) Has a planning document or preliminary engineering report been prepared? ***Yes, and the project plans have been reviewed and approved by the DEQ.***

c) Have you hired an engineer? ***Yes, HKM, Inc., Billings, Montana.***

d) Have plans and specifications been prepared and submitted to DEQ? ***Yes, and they have been approved for the Meadow/Mountain water line and for the drilling of 2 new wells in the Meadow Village area. Plans for the replacement work in the Hidden Village and Silverbow areas have not been submitted yet.***

e) Has a bond resolution been adopted? ***Yes (See attached resolution)***

f) Are rates and charges in place to allow for additional debt service? ***The bond resolution calls for a general obligation bond which places debt service repayment on the property tax role and not on the user fees.***

5. Has a county water and/or sewer district been formed? Do you anticipate the formation of an RSID? Do you anticipate the issuance of a Revenue or General Obligation Bond? What type of loan security are you planning? Please limit your response to approximately 200 words. ***The Big Sky County Water & Sewer District has been in existence since 1995 and the projects described herein will be projects contracted solely by the District. As noted above, our bond resolution calls for General Obligation bonds. We intend to secure the loans with the District’s authority to levy ad valorem taxes to repay the bonds.***

