**April 2023 Newsletter**

**Lake Beckwith Project:**

 We are at an important juncture with everything that has to do with the Beckwith Project. Repairs to three of the four holding tanks will begin taking place in May. In a nutshell, one at a time the tanks will be drained, refurbished, repaired, and put back into service.

 The good news is this should improve water quality. The bad news is it will reduce the amount of water in storage by ¼. So.o.o.o. beginning May 15, 2023, we will begin Level Two water restrictions. You can find the information on our web site but basically if your address ends in an even number you can water Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 5AM to 9AM OR 7PM to 10PM- not both.

 If your address ends up in an odd number you can water during one of the above hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Sunday no one may water.

 This is the key next step in the overall Lake Beckwith project so water when you need to but don’t feel like you must. If we all pull together only good can come out of this work!!

 **Penalties for Ignoring Water Restrictions:**

 We could have mentioned this with the information about water restrictions, but you can be fined for ignoring them. A warning can be followed by a $50 fine, which can be followed by a $100 fine, which can be followed by shutting your water off.

 Seriously, it’s one of those things that requires teamwork, not penalties BUT they are there, in place, if they are needed.

**More Grants in the Works:**

 The CCMD Management and Staff have been hard at work looking for grants to complete the Lake Beckwith Water Project and more. Two grants, totaling $11 Million have been applied for in Fiscal Year 2024 from the Congressionally Directed Spending processes. Senator Hickenlooper’s office has given the initial approval to both grants and sent them on to the next step in the process. There are many others in the works -We’ll keep you updated.

**Outgoing Board Members:**

 As outgoing board members Harry Hochstetler and I (Terry Kraus) would like to thank you for the opportunity of serving for eight years. We appreciate the opportunity and hope we have represented Colorado City well. Hope you were able to get out and vote for three of the candidates you feel will represent you in the next four years.