

To: Minturn Town Council  
From: Michelle Metteer  
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RE: Town Manager Update

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### **Water Treatment Facility Security Fence**

A security fence will be installed at the Minturn water treatment facility this spring summer. The fence will border the eastern property line of the town and travel up the slopeside on the east side of the property only. CPW and CDPE required this design for wildlife movement to/from Cross Creek while still keeping out any vehicular traffic and pedestrians coming from the east.

### **Downtown Development Authority**

With Jim Mann, municipal financial advisor, back on board, Minturn is moving forward again with our analysis of the Downtown Development Authority. One new factor for property valuations will be the recently adopted Historic Preservation Ordinance and how that seems to be affecting property values. This will impact the amount of funds a DDA could potentially secure, so Jim Madd will be adding this to his analysis. We hope to have a report in the coming months.

### **Minturn Tank Operations**

Update – Jarod Limke, Jeff Spanel, Jim Mann, and I had a productive conversation with Sean Oliver, State Revolving Fund representative. Sean indicated Minturn CAN use the remaining funds from the concrete tank loan to install a PRV vault which would allow Minturn to efficiently operate both the steel bolted tank and the new concrete tank at maximum capacity. Minturn is now looking into the viability and costs associated for the rehabilitation of the steel-bolted tank. This route may also prove more cost-effective than installing a service line to the Median property for a separate project. More to come.

12/20/2023 update - Tank #3 is now online and operational. I will be discussing tank loan options with the State Revolving Loan Fund representative to determine if leftover loan funds can be used to facilitate the functioning of the two tanks interchangeably. If funds can be used to improve the functioning of the system, Minturn may want to install a valve box on HWY 24. I will have more information after discussing this option with the SRF representative.

### **USGS Gauge on Cross Creek**

Update – I had a productive discussion with Steve Anders, USGS program manager. Steve provided a little more history regarding the stream gauge and has supplied the contact information for the CWCB representative I can reach out to for discussing cost share options. I expect the CWCB may be interested in supporting this gauge financially.

12/20/2023 update - Minturn currently pays for the USGS gauge on Cross Creek. This comes at an annual cost of around \$16,000. This is a federal program and I have reached out to USGS to understand why Minturn incurs this cost. Unless there is a specific reason in one of Minturn's water rights decrees, I expect Minturn to drop this expense. The CWCB and Division 5 Engineer use this gauge to make the instream flow call on Cross Creek. I expect if they wish to continue making the instream flow call on Cross Creek, they will support the federal government in maintaining the costs of the gauge.