

To: Minturn Town Council  
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RE: Town Manager Update

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### **Senate Local Government & Housing (SB24-174) Testimony**

At the March 20 Council meeting the Council approved support for SB24-174 through my Manager's report request to provide testimony. I will be providing testimony in support of this legislation on behalf of Mayor Earle Bidez and the entire Town Council on Tuesday, April 2.

### **Mayors/Managers/Commissioners & Partners Update**

June 26<sup>th</sup> is Bike to Work Day and there will be a ribbon cutting for the ECO Trail in Minturn. Following the ribbon cutting will be a celebration at the Minturn Saloon. Be on the lookout for more information. Everyone is welcome to join!

Emergency Alerts will now be available via the Reach Well app which translates into 130 different languages and is more user-friendly than the Everbridge option. Residents who are not already signed up under the Everbridge system, or who would like to switch to a more user-friendly system are encouraged to download the Reach Well app and sign up for Eagle County alerts.

### **NWCCOG – QQ Update**

The Water Quality Control Commission currently has two openings on the Commission. This Commission has the ability to strongly affect Minturn wastewater rates. Their regulations have been lacking in finding a realistic grounding in solving water quality problems and we believe getting new Commissioners seated on this Commission who will be more pragmatic in approaching water quality needs is incredibly important. Currently the Commission has pushed through regulations that will require cooling towers for wastewater treatment plants at the cost of millions of dollars and only benefit the river a few days out of the year. QQ is looking at having conversations around this issue and considering taking a more political approach to address this issue.

Shoshone Water Right (1902 appropriation date) is being purchased by the Colorado River District with the purpose of utilizing the right for the instream flow call. This is an exciting step toward keeping more water in the river and fewer transmountain diversions. One point to consider for Minturn to consider and how we manage our water and augmentation water use is the desire for the Colorado River District to administer this right to keep a minimum flow of 1408 cubic feet per second. This will likely result in more calls on the river. This is something Cristy Radabaugh will need to analyze to determine how it will affect Minturn's current water rights management.

### **Minturn Fitness Center Board Meeting**

2023 was the first year the MFC saw revenues exceed expenses. This was 10 years in the making. The MFC Board at its most recent meeting approved both an annual contribution toward the capital improvements reserve as well as a payback schedule to both Ski and Snowboard Club Vail and the Town.

### **Community Survey**

Staff is currently testing the final phases of the community survey draft before going live. We are hopeful the survey will go live by next week. The survey will be sent to the mobile phones of all registered voters in Minturn. Additionally, the survey will be available on the town website and hard copies for those without the internet can complete the paper survey and submit to town hall staff.

### **Water Moratorium**

Staff continues to address the water moratorium as potential developers and investors submit interest to the town. As a reminder, the 2020 and 2023 water moratoriums are in effect and as it relates to Section 3 of the 2020 Moratorium, taps will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

### **Bellm Bridge Feasibility Study RFP Interviews**

The Town published an RFP for the Feasibility Study work on Bellm Bridge. The Bridge is either in need of repair or replacement and the Town looks to understand, through a Feasibility Study, which option is advisable. Interviews for three RFP submittals took place on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Funds for the Feasibility Study will come out of the capital improvements line item in the budget.

### **International City Manager Association (ICMA) Credential Application**

I have completed all of the requirements and have now submitted my application for my ICMA Certified Manager credential. This is an opportunity to be recognized by the City Manager's leading organization for the knowledge and expertise I bring to the position of town manager. More information on this credential is included with this update.

### **Congressionally Directed Spending Applications Submitted**

Applications for CDS funds have been submitted. As previously discussed, the Town applied for \$1, 996, 875 toward the Little Beach Park improvements outlined in the Little Beach Park Recreation Area Master Plan. Submissions were also provided for the completion of Phase II Main Street Sidewalk Project totaling \$1,088,000. Separately, and only through Congressman Neguse's office, the Town will be able to apply for funding toward the water treatment facility. These applications are very competitive, and Minturn has already been awarded funds in prior rounds, so we will be very fortunate if we are selected again.

### **Legal Matters – Rob Marsh**

Rob Marsh continues to assist Minturn on a variety of legal matters. In addition to his recent work on the nuisance and fence codes, which will come before all of you at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Rob has also been supporting us with the updates to our Chapter 8 of our code addressing matters related to the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) and jury trials. Those ordinances will also come before the Council at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.