

City of Walsenburg



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To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Walsenburg has a terrific working relationship with Colorado Rural Water Association. The expertise and availability of the staff has been called upon frequently to assist with identifying solutions to utility infrastructure issues, training of personnel and special projects.

Dave Diss, CWP, waste water technician has been instrumental in providing his time and knowledge with the following projects.

GIS Mapping system.

Mr. Diss identified a mapping system that was both reliable and cost effective. As a result of his research the City selected his recommendation of contracting with Diamond Maps GIS at a savings of nearly \$1500 a month in service fees. The City now has a system that is accessible and utilized by essential City employees.

Training.

Diamond Map GIS. Conducted an essential employee training on the System usage and in developing various needed Layers for complete mapping capabilities.

Waste water treatment manager. Provided training in

- a. Preparations for obtaining his wastewater certification exam.
- b. Assisted with finding the proper replacement parts to repair their H₂S alarm system.
- c. Developed a spreadsheet for documenting and tracking of wastewater facility's required parameters for compliance with Discharge Permit Requirements daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annually.

Funding.

Assisted in locating grants and funding for the city's much-needed infrastructure upgrades. Significant assistance also provided for issues regarding 12 miles of the City's raw water lines.

Special Projects.

Assisted the city and our engineering firm in identifying and resolving issues with the wastewater facility that was resulting in compliance notifications with CDPHE. Corrective actions has returned the operation to full compliance with CDPHE standards.

In collaboration with the City and our engineering firm, Mr. Diss provided assistance to the City and their engineering company with finding and documenting about 350 missing manholes and 13 cleanouts. The coordinates were documented and verified by the engineering company and then added to the city's GIS System. Completion of this project allowed the city to receive a \$25k grant for mapping and providing a starting place for infrastructure upgrades.

This letter is just a representation of the assistance that has been provided this past year and is certainly not to be taken as a comprehensive report. It is intended to acknowledge and thank in a small way the knowledge and expertise that has been provided by Mr. Diss.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Gaye Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

C. Gaye Davis
City Administrator