

Town of

# Star Valley Ranch

## Water Meter Project

July 28, 2009

The Town was awarded a loan of \$1,607,600 for 100% of the purchase and installation of water meters for all existing water service locations from ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) that will be administered by SLIB (Wyoming's State Land and Invest Board).

As part of the commitment package, 50% of the loan principal (\$803,800) will be forgiven. The other 50% will be paid back over 20 years at -0- percent interest (\$40,190 per year). There will be no upfront costs to the citizens of our Town for the meter project. Cost of the loan repayment will be paid from the Town's Water Department funds.

Water metering / billing is a requirement for our Town by WWDC (Wyoming Water Development Commission). The Town is expecting demand savings based on the national average of 30% in water consumption once we begin to bill based on actual usage. These savings will save all of us millions of additional dollars that would have to be spent on more wells, storage and operating costs to support the added demand.

Our current time table is as follows:

Funding Approval	Completed
Current System Inventory	Completed - July 17 <sup>th</sup>
Final Design Package	July 31 <sup>st</sup>
Permitting / Agency Reviews	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>
Bidding	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>
Meter Installations	Sept to Snow Fall
Installation Continued	Snow Melt thru May 30 <sup>th</sup>
Start Meter Reading – NO BILLS	June - July
Start Meter Billing	October 1, 2010

Thanks to all of you who participated in the "Blue Stake" project. Your help in identifying to location of your current system was very helpful to the Town and our engineering firm in completing the inventory ahead of schedule.

We are aware of the concerns some of you have voiced regarding the location of a meter-pit on your property. First, if you have a meter or meter-pit already installed, we are planning to use as many of the existing pits as possible. For those without a meter-pit, we will work with our engineering firm and contractor to ensure we minimize the impact on all lots.

Across the front of our lots, each of us has a ten foot wide utility easement extending into our lots from the platted road right-of-way. We will attempt to install the new meter-pits as close to this line as possible. We must, however, install the new meter pits in an efficient and effective location both for future servicing and continued road maintenance. Any special location that would be approved outside this norm may require the property owner to pay for the installation.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. Please call Town Hall if you have any questions, 883-8696.

Thank you  
Town of Star Valley Ranch  
Water Department