

ning and construction grants culminated over four years of work by Wicklund, Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal

District Manager Jim Heckman, and Tad Foster, the Tri-Lakes facility's environmental attorney. Wicklund and Heckman,

who is also the district manager of Fountain Sanitation District, ensured that Monument, Fountain, and Lower Fountain sent a representative to over 100 hearings and meetings on nutrient regulations held by the state Legislature, the

Colorado Water Quality Control Commission, the Water Quality Control Division, and numerous types of stakeholder workgroup meetings held by the Colorado Water Quality Forum, the Colorado Wastewater Utilities Council, the Colorado Nutrient

Coalition, and the Colorado Rural Communities Coalition.

Wicklund and Heckman were instrumental in creating the Colorado Nutrient Coalition and the Colorado Rural Communities Coalition and gathering voluntary state-wide funding from over 60 state wastewater entities that were members of each coalition. They all worked to oppose the unfunded state mandate created by the Water Quality Commission's recent approval of the new Control Regulation 85 and Regulation 31.17 in June 2012.

For more information see: www.ocn.me/v12n6.htm#juc and www.ocn.me/v12n3.htm#nutrients.

Over the past three years, Wicklund and Heckman visited Hickenlooper's office; worked with Colorado Majority Leader Amy Stephens, Rep. Marsha Loper, and Sen. Keith King; and testified at various state House and Senate hearings for the Colorado Rural Communities Coalition on legislation to mandate state funding of the new equipment being required of all 391 state wastewater treatment facilities.

In each hearing and meeting Wicklund and Heckman pointed out that the smaller facilities cannot take advantage of the economies of scale available to facilities such as Metro Wastewater Reclamation District in Denver. They also pointed out that the state's and EPA's published long-term nutrient requirements are unattainable with current technology and will bankrupt small towns and small special districts throughout Colorado.

The Tri-Lakes plant's biological activated sludge treatment process was installed in 1998 and immediately won an EPA award as a state-of-the-art plant, but was never intended to nor expected to remove total phosphorus or total nitrogen at the levels now being demanded by the state's recently approved Control Regulation 85 nor the far more restrictive interim values in the state's Regulation 31.17.

To this day, the Tri-Lakes facility's current discharge permit has no reporting requirement and no discharge permit limit for total phosphorus or phosphates because no requirement existed until now. The current discharge permit limit for total inorganic

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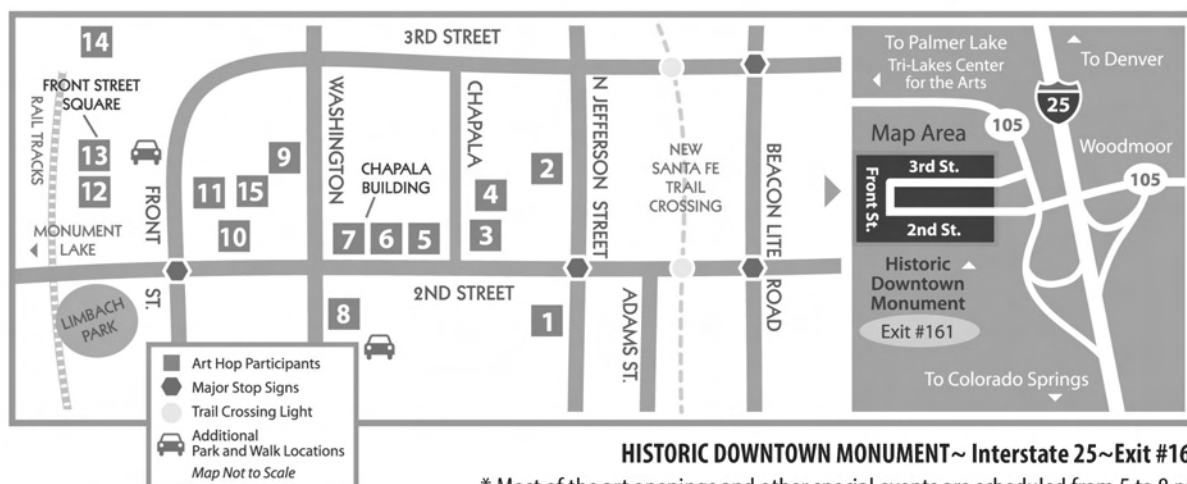
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