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Dear Neighbors of Ashland Treated Water Reservoir:

Beginning in October, Denver Water will replace the treated water reservoirs at its Ashland facility. The project will improve the safety and reliability of the Ashland Reservoir site by building two new underground water storage tanks. The Ashland site dates back to the 1890s. At that time, open air reservoirs with earthen bottoms were located at the site. Despite routine maintenance and significant repairs, the existing tanks have experienced leaks, and some of the precast roof sections have cracked. The tanks at this site have reached beyond the end of their useful life and continued repair to the existing structure is impractical.

Western Summit has been hired by Denver Water as the construction manager for the project. As part of a phased project, Western Summit will demolish one of the two existing tanks and build a new tank in its place. Once that tank is in service, the second tank will be demolished and another tank built in its place. The two tanks cannot be demolished at the same time because the water stored at the site is needed for customers and for fire protection. Some early work has begun inside the basins in preparation for the main project. Demolition and major construction work will begin in February 2013. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in February of 2017.

Large portions of the berms on the west and east sides of the site will be kept in place to reduce noise from demolition and construction. Part of the south berm will be removed initially for access to the site off of 29th Avenue. Additional sections of the south berm may be removed for use as a storage area for the project.

Once completed, the site will appear different from the existing site. The new tanks will be circular and smaller than they are now. As improvements have been made to Denver Water's delivery system, it has been determined the existing 41 million gallons of storage at the site can be reduced to 20 million gallons. When Ashland was constructed, it was one of a handful of storage sites for treated water. Denver Water now has more than 30 treated water storage tanks in its delivery system. The two new tanks will have a smaller footprint, which will create a larger landscaped area on the south side of the property. The existing chain link fence will be removed and will be replaced by a black, 8-foot-high ornamental steel fence.

The City of Wheat Ridge has issued a Special Use Permit (SUP) for the project. The permit requires most construction traffic to be routed east from the site on 29th Avenue, and then south on Sheridan Boulevard. The permit also limits construction parking within the neighborhood. Western Summit is currently negotiating parking lot rental with nearby organizations

For more information about this project, visit www.denverwater.org/ashland. Regular updates will be posted on the website. If you would like to receive these updates by email contact Joe Sloan.

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