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**Centennial Water welcomes new Director of Water & Wastewater Operations, Ken Lykens**

**Highlands Ranch, CO** -- The Highlands Ranch community welcomes Ken Lykens as the new Director of Water & Wastewater Operations for Centennial Water and Sanitation District, the water and wastewater utility serving Highlands Ranch.

“We’re proud of the service Centennial Water and Sanitation District has provided to Highlands Ranch for more than three decades and we’re thrilled that Ken Lykens will bring his expertise and leadership to the organization as we look to the future,” said Centennial Water General Manager John Kaufman.

Lykens brings 25 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry to this position. He has been the Senior Vice President and the Central Region Water Business Group Director for HDR Engineering, Inc., since 2011. At HDR, Lykens led a team of more than 400 engineers and scientists in 17 states, executing more than 1,000 infrastructure projects each year. From 2005 to 2011, Ken was a client service manager and Vice President for MWH Americas, Inc. in Denver and Las Vegas, respectively. From 1993 to 2005, he was an environmental compliance officer and commercial and industrial water conservation engineer with Denver Water.

Lykens has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and a Master of Science degree in Finance from the University of Denver. He is also a licensed professional engineer and is active with the American Water Works Association and currently serves on the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WE&RF) Board.

“I am very excited to be joining Centennial Water and Sanitation District as their Director of Operations. My passion has always been to help utilities solve complex problems associated with limited water resources; water quality issues; infrastructure planning, design, and construction; and regulatory compliance. Centennial has a long

history of being one of the best utilities in Colorado and providing great service to their customers. I am honored to be part of this great organization,” Lykens said.

Learn more about Centennial Water at [www.centennialwater.org](http://www.centennialwater.org).

*Centennial Water & Sanitation District is the water and wastewater utility in Highlands Ranch. Centennial Water provides high quality water through the Joseph B. Blake Water Treatment Plant located in Highlands Ranch. Wastewater is treated at the Marcy Gulch Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet stringent water quality standards before it is discharged. Over the past 36 years, Centennial Water has built a reliable and highly-respected water portfolio, based on a conjunctive use system, to serve its customers. Its major water source is surface water from the South Platte River, supplemented with groundwater from deep aquifer wells throughout Highlands Ranch. For more information about Centennial Water & Sanitation District, which serves Highlands Ranch, please visit [www.centennialwater.org](http://www.centennialwater.org), or call 303-791-0430.*

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