



CENTENNIAL
WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

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Centennial Water's Ken Lykens elected to South Metro WISE Authority Board of Directors

Ken Lykens was voted as a member of the South Metro WISE Authority's board of directors at its January 15 meeting. The board is comprised of five authority members, who all bring their shared values and collective experience together to help secure our region's water future through collaboration, project partnership and investment.

Lisa Darling, the authority's executive director, said, "I am thrilled that Ken is a new member of the South Metro WISE Authority Board. His decades of experience on complex water issues and his knowledge of our region and potential regional opportunities will add tremendous value as we continue to implement and further develop the WISE project. I look forward to working with him in his new role."

"I am honored to have been elected to the WISE Board. The WISE project provides critical water resources to all of the participating entities and being able to help progress this important project is very exciting."

The authority is comprised of 10 water providers serving Douglas and Arapahoe counties. The providers are committed to participate in the WISE Partnership, a first-of-its kind partnership where South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA), Denver Water and Aurora Water share water supplies and infrastructure, reducing the region's reliance on nonrenewable groundwater, bolstering water supplies to South Metro communities and maximizing existing water assets in Denver and Aurora.

Centennial Water has been a member of SMWSA since its inception in 2004 and part of the WISE Project since 2013. Centennial Water strives to set the standard of excellence for community-based water and wastewater utility services through innovative practices and regional partnerships like the WISE Authority.

"Through collaboration with other local and regional water providers, we can help ensure water resources are used wisely not only for our individual water districts, but also for our region and the state of Colorado," said John Kaufman, general manager of Centennial Water. "Collaboration and innovative practices are key to securing water for future generations and we're excited Ken is taking a lead role in this effort with his new position on the WISE Authority board."

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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. Since 1981, 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, or call 303-791-0430.