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**Centennial Water general manager announces retirement**

The general manager of Centennial Water & Sanitation District (Centennial Water), the water and wastewater utility serving Highlands Ranch and Mirabelle, announced his resignation effective Friday, Oct. 29. John Kaufman served as general manager since 2014. Kaufman indicated he has plans to retire after nearly 40 years working in the water industry.

“We thank John Kaufman for his years of service and dedication to the water and wastewater industry, particularly his contributions while serving as General Manager,” said Jeff Kappes, chair, Centennial Water Board of Directors. “His depth of knowledge and passion for the job were always exhibited in his work. The board wishes him well in his future endeavors.”

Before coming to Centennial Water, Kaufman was General Manager of the Leavenworth Water Department in Kansas, and previously was a board member of the East Cherry Creek Valley Water & Sanitation District in Colorado. In addition, over the span of his career he consulted on water resources and water rights.

During the seven years as General Manager, Kaufman continued its mission to provide safe, sustainable and reliable water and wastewater utility services to customers with superior quality and value. During his tenure as general manager, Centennial Water celebrated numerous achievements. They included:

- A successful inclusion election in 2020 to include all properties located in the Highlands Ranch Metro District and Mirabelle Metropolitan District into the Centennial Water boundaries.
- The finalization of the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project giving Centennial Water 20,600 acre feet of storage capacity in Chatfield Reservoir.
- The new Zone 4C Pump Station and Pipeline which boosts delivery of potable water to pressure zones that serve more than 60 percent of customers within the Highlands Ranch service area.
- The successful navigation operating through the COVID pandemic while maintaining a high-level of service to customers.

Centennial Water will begin a search for its new general manager immediately. Per the bylaws, the district’s finance director, Stephanie, Stanley, is the acting general manager until a replacement is hired.

*Centennial Water & Sanitation District is the water and wastewater utility serving Highlands Ranch and Mirabelle. 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, visit [www.centennialwater.org](http://www.centennialwater.org) or call 303-791-0430.*

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