



Newsletter

Target Range Sewer & Water District Newsletter

LATE WINTER 2023

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TRSWD TRIVIA QUESTION:

What was the original name of the first settlement in the Missoula Valley called?

*****Secretary/Treasurers Position*****

Target Range Sewer and Water District is in need of an individual to perform the duties of Secretary Treasurer for the District.

The duties for this position include:

As Secretary/Treasurer you will be required to attend all board meetings that are held once a month on the second Tuesday of each month. Board meetings usually last for two (2) hours and are held at the District office.

During this meeting you will be required to report on the current financial status of TRSWD take notes on special issues and discussions by board members. This will need to be filled in accordance of TRSWD bi-laws.

You will be required to summarize the meeting in a minute's document that will be presented in the next board meeting. This usually is less than a one page report.

You will also be required to prepare an agenda for the next board meeting. This is usually a copy of previous agenda meeting report with changes as needed.

You will also be required to produce a financial report on the District which includes a copy of the financial report from Missoula County and the balance of TRSWD checking account and all expenditures. This is reported from the Missoula County financial report under appropriate categories.

You will have all Board Members and the TRSWD Business Manager for any information you require in performance of this position.

Required time in performing duties is anticipated to be 10 hours a month, usually less. The time required is 2 hours a month at District office in attending the monthly Board Meeting all other time is at your location.

Reimbursement:

This position will be for \$200 a month. If additional time is required beyond 10 hours for special projects additional payment will be provided by Board approval. This is a contract position and there will be no benefits provided.

If you are interested in this position please contact:

Fred Jones, Chairman: (406) 239-4300

Larry Nagy, Business Manager: (406) 207-4087 or any of the other Board Members.

***** TRSWD IS AGAIN EXPANDING TO OFFER OUR SERVICES TO OUR NEIGHBORS *****

TRSWD again is involved in efforts to expand the District. The proposed expansion areas are located west of the Bitterroot and Clark Fork rivers that include the O'Brien Creek and Big Flat areas to Deep Creek. The District has grown from the eighty (80) original members

in 2000 to over fourteen hundred (1,400) today. Since we are more effective in greater numbers, we would like to have those area residents join us. We will be contacting them for a meeting at a future date to be determined regarding what TRSWD offers our members.

***** AGAIN A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS WE ARE OFFERING YOU A FREE WATER TEST *****

To you our Valued **TRSWD Members** – In case you missed our previous several newsletters, we are offering **FREE WATER TESTS** to you. We have over 1,430 members and only 180 have used our testing program at no charge to them. If you have used the testing please let your neighbors know.

When was the last time you had your well water tested? TRSWD Board is offering, to all our members, a **“Free Water Test”** of your well(s) for Coliform & E-Coli Bacteria at no charge. The laboratory processing will be done by “Crisp Water Technologies, Inc.”. Crisp Water is located here in Missoula at 1709 South Ave West. They are staffed with highly qualified water specialists, Certified Water Operators and State and EPA Certified Laboratory Technicians.

TRSWD is offering this free water test at no charge to our members to make sure your health and our precious aquifer and other water resources are protected.

To participate in the “Free Water Testing Program” you must be a member of TRSWD, **have a well that provides water to your home** and be able to perform the following:

1. Pick up the water sampling kits at Crisp Water Technologies office located at 1709 South Avenue ***Tell them you are a member of TRSWD and let them know which tests you would like to have processed upon pickup.***
2. It is important to read the instructions carefully before drawing your water sample for Coliform & E-Coli Bacteria. *(Please return all samples at the same time for simpler organization for the Crisp staff.)*
3. Fill out the form provided with the bottles and return them or mail them to Crisp Water.

This information is critical in the testing of your water samples. It will be analyzed by Crisp Water Technologies

and TRSWD in combining these results on how “HEALTHY IS YOUR WATER & OUR AQUIFER”. This information will allow TRSWD to maintain our mission in “Preserving our quality of life through planned management of our water resources”.

TRSWD wants all our members to participate in this program. We cannot emphasize enough how important this program is to your health and the health of our aquifer.

Crisp Water Technologies also offers other tests you may want to consider: *These additional tests are not covered by TRSWD; however, they are discounted to our members.*

District Developments – Subdivisions – Existing & Proposed

There are currently two active developments in the District Spurgin Ranches. McCauley Flats is on South Avenue W. west of the Target Range School in the 4200 block and south of South Ave W. This development eventually will consist of five homes on 1-acre parcels with their own wells and septic systems. There are currently three new homes built with one under construction and one more to be built.

The second subdivision is located on Spurgin Road west of Clements and is called Spurgin Ranches, which will consist of 19 homes when completed. The subdivision access is off Clements onto Spurgin at the 3100 Block. There will be two accesses to the development, all off Spurgin. All building lots will consist of approximately 1 acre in size. The subdivision currently has all roads developed, along with a pedestrian and bicycle lane. Currently there are two residential houses being constructed in the development.

Proposed Developments – Subdivisions

There are currently four (4) proposed new subdivisions within the District. The ongoing proposed subdivision of McCauley Meadows is east of Humble Rd and south of Sundown at the base of McCauley Butte. This development has been proposed with numerous revisions and is still under consideration.

The other three (3) proposed subdivisions are in the following areas:

The Dairy Subdivision located on North Ave off of Clements and behind the Dairy/Trough. This subdivision will consist of 14 lots on 9.96 acres. The subdivision will have a community well and septic system, in accordance of C-RR2 requirements and allow each lot to 2 residences.

The Creighton Subdivision that is located off the 600 block of Walker and west of Clements. This subdivision will consist of 10 lots on approximately 12.14 acres. This subdivision will have a community water and septic system. There are some outstanding issues with this subdivision and are under consideration. The radio towers have been removed from the properties.

The Gladis Subdivision is located at 3125 S 7th ST W. This proposed new subdivision will be comprised of 9.8 acres. Current estimates are that there will be two (2) homes per acre. This subdivision is in the early stages of development. There is Missoula City water within 300 feet of the development which may require that the development be annexed into the city before approved.

If you are aware of any new planned development or have a concern about one, please contact the District through our website: www.targetrangeswd.org

Cesspool – Septic Issues Program Upgrade

To date the TRSWD has awarded over 22 grants assisting our members for the replacement of cesspools or upgrades of existing septic systems within the District. TRSWD is proud to announce an **increase** in these grants for replacing a cesspool in the district from **\$3000 to \$5000**. Grants start at \$500 for the repair or upgrade of septic systems. Grant requests along with a written bid or estimates need to be submitted to the Board. For more details, please visit our website www.TargetRangeSWD.org.

<https://gardenmag.net/2021/09/03/is-a-plastic-pot-better-or-an-clay-one-disadvantages-and-advantages/>

Trivia Answer from First Page:

The original name was “HELL GATE” and comes from what the Salish called the canyon west of Missoula. This area was used in numerous ambushes that occurred between numerous tribes in the area.

TRSWD Website and contact Information:

The TRSWD Website contains information about the District and its mission. It also contains historical information on the creation of our aquifer and the impact it had on the Northwest, not just the Missoula Valley. Please visit our site and see the importance of the District’s Mission.

TRSWD Contact Information

Board Members:

Fred Jones, Chairman: (406) 239-4300

Mitch Ferm: (406) 529-3476

Norm Smyers: (406) 543-9775

Scott David: (406) 381-6229

Larry Nagy

Business Manager: (406) 207-4087

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Missoula, MT 59806

Office Location: 1705 South Reserve

Missoula, MT 59801

Email Address can be obtained at District Website:

www.targetrangeswd.org

Other Contact information concerning TRSWD Members:

Target Range Home Owners Association:

If you are a member of TRSWD you probably belong to the Target Range Home owners (TRHOA) which was established in 1980. The TRHOA provide valuable information concerning our area. You can get this information by visiting their web site at: www.TargetRangeHOA.org

Irrigation Ditch Contact Issues:

There are two irrigation districts within TRSWD that provide irrigation services. The following list provides contact information:

Missoula Ditch:

Bob Cole: (406) 529-2694

Ditch Rider (TIM): (406) 544-5040

Orchard Homes

Brian Cole: (406) 549 8236

COUNTY COMMISIONER CONTACT:

The current Missoula County Commissioners board members are:

Juanita Vero: (406) 258-4877 – District 1

Dave Strohmaier: (406) 258-3204 –District 2

• Josh Slotnick: (406) 258-3202 – District 3