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METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT REMAMES CENTRAL TREATMENT PLANT IN HONOR OF ROBERT W. HITE

DENVER, Jan. 25 — The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District board of directors has renamed the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District's Central Treatment Plant the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility.

The board changed the name to honor Hite, who died Dec. 4, at its regular meeting in December. The name change took effect Jan. 1

The wastewater treatment facility began treating wastewater in 1966 and is the largest one in the Rocky Mountain West. It presently covers about 100 acres north of Denver between York Street and I-270 and treats almost 140 million gallons of wastewater a day. It is rated for a design flow of 227 million gallons a day (30-day average).

The 71-year-old Hite had served as district manager since 1988. He also served as a member of the Metro District's board of directors from 1971-1988, including an unprecedented three terms as its chairman from 1980-1983.

The accomplishment Hite most cherished was leading the Metro District from being just a large sewage treatment plant to becoming a major force in environmental stewardship. He conceived and spearheaded the name change in 1990 from Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 to Metro Wastewater Reclamation District to better reflect the District's mission.

Other significant accomplishments include rationalizing and improving the Metro District's business practices, extending Metro's planning horizon, nurturing lines of communication between Metro and the various authorities that regulate it, and improving employee benefits and working conditions. As a result, Metro has won numerous national awards and is recognized as one of the preeminent wastewater treatment authorities in the nation.

While serving at the Metro District, Hite also served as president of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (now called the National Association of Clean Water Agencies), as chairman of the National Biosolids Partnership, and on the boards of Water for People, the Water Environment Research Foundation, and the Mountain States Employers Council.

Hite began his long association with the Metro District with his appointment to the board by Denver Mayor Bill McNichols in 1971. He had sought the appointment because he had heard from a friend then serving on Metro's board that it had problems that needed to be solved.

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Hite grew up in Colorado Springs and was graduated from Colorado College in 1958. He earned a juris doctor from New York University School of Law in 1961. Following law school, he served in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Navy in Newport, R.I., before returning to Denver to begin practicing law.

Hite is survived by his wife, Sarah, five children, and 10 grandchildren.

The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District service area comprises 380 square miles and includes all of Denver and parts of Adams, Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties. Arvada, Aurora, Lakewood, Thornton, and part of Westminster are included. Metro treats the wastewater for about 1.5 million people.

Formed under Colorado law in 1961, the Metro District provides wholesale wastewater transmission and treatment service to 57 local governments, including both cities and sanitation districts in metropolitan Denver.

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