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### **METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT BOARD PICKS CATHERINE R. GERALI AS THE FIFTH DISTRICT MANAGER**

**DENVER**, Mar. 21 —After a nationwide search, the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District has unanimously chosen Catherine R. Gerali to replace longtime District Manager Robert W. Hite as district manager.

Gerali succeeded Hite, who died Dec. 4.

Gerali has 26 years' experience at the Metro District. She began as an account clerk in 1982 and has held several accounting and financial management positions. Before being selected as deputy manager in 2005, she was the strategic planning and internal control officer.

Gerali holds an MBA from the University of Colorado at Denver. She was graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a bachelor of science in business and public administration.

Gerali is the Metro District's fifth district manager. She served as deputy manager from 2005-2008.

The 71-year-old Hite had served as district manager since 1988 and had intended to step down in December 2007. He also served on the Metro District's board of directors from 1971-1988, including an unprecedented three terms as its chairman from 1980-1983. The Metro District's treatment facility north of Denver was renamed to honor his service on March 12.

The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District's service area comprises 600 square miles and treats the wastewater for about 1.6 million people in metropolitan Denver. The service area includes all of Denver and parts of Adams, Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties. Arvada, Aurora, Lakewood, Thornton, and part of Westminster are included.

The Metro District collects and treats almost 140 million gallons of wastewater a day at the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility five miles northeast of central Denver. This plant is rated for a design flow of 227 million gallons a day (30-day average). It's the largest wastewater treatment facility in the Rocky Mountain West.

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. The Metro District began treating wastewater in 1966.

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