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METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT PRESENTS OFFER TO SYLMAR MANOR RESIDENTS

DENVER, June 3 — Metro Wastewater Reclamation District held a meeting with the residents of the Sylmar Manor Mobile Home Park in Brighton Wednesday night to discuss details of a compensation and benefits package being provided to the residents. Residents will have until June 2011 to relocate from the property. The scheduled moves are required for construction of the Metro District's new Northern Treatment Plant (NTP) at the corner of Highway 85 and 168th Avenue (Weld County Road 2).

At the meeting, Metro District staff outlined the specifics of the package, which include the following:

- Individual assistance through Almost Home, Inc.
- \$2,000 per home for moving expenses
- Costs to relocate mobile homes within a 50-mile radius of Sylmar Manor
- Purchase of mobile homes for 120 percent of appraised value if homes cannot be moved or residents do not want to move them
- Early relocation incentives ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 for those who relocate before March 31, 2011

Metro made a side-by-side presentation in both English and Spanish, which was followed by a question-and-answer period. Metro also gave attendees a comprehensive summary of the moving assistance package in both English and Spanish detailing what they need to do to complete the process. The full presentation delivered to Sylmar Manor residents who attended the meeting can be found at http://www.metrowastewater.com/ntp_sylmar_manor.asp.

Metro also distributed a housing resource directory, available in both English and Spanish, prepared by Almost Home, Inc., a low-income housing assistance nonprofit based in Brighton.

"It's never easy when people have to move as part of a public project that will benefit the broader community. But I believe Metro has put together a package of financial and other assistance that will make this transition as smooth as possible," said Metro District Manager Catherine R. Gerali.

The new facility has been planned for more than four decades and is expected to open in 2015. The site was selected after a thorough evaluation of 11 potential locations. This site stood out as the best location for the NTP because, in addition to meeting all basic requirements, it avoids acquiring productive agricultural land, eliminates rather than adds wastewater pump stations, and has room to meet the clean water needs of the community now and in the future.

During the first phase, the new facility will treat 24 million gallons per day and provide service to 300,000 residents in portions of the cities of Aurora, Brighton, Denver, South Adams County (Commerce City), and Thornton. Additional information on the history of the Northern Treatment Plant is located at http://www.metrowastewater.com/ntp_home.asp.

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