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Boards of Directors for
Hillcrest Water & Sanitation District and
Mansfield Heights Water & Sanitation District
c/o Sue Blair (via email: sblair@crsofcolorado.com)
Community Resource Services of Colorado, LLC
7995 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Re: Discussions concerning Unauthorized Sump Pump Connections with Hillcrest Water & Sanitation District (“Hillcrest”) and Mansfield Heights Water & Sanitation District (“Mansfield Heights”)

Dear Hillcrest and Mansfield Heights Board Members:

Our firm represents Cherry Hills North Metropolitan District (“District”). The Board of Directors for the District (“Board”) received your request to participate in a meeting to discuss unauthorized sump pump connections. The Board appreciates your attention to this matter, but does not believe a meeting on this issue is necessary.

The District has analyzed and discussed the issue of sump pumps over the past several years, and has encountered no evidence of unauthorized sump pump connections to its collection system. More importantly, the District lacks the authority to demand home inspections for purposes of identifying unauthorized sump pump connections.

Despite the District’s inability to inspect homes, it has completed numerous other actions to help ensure the integrity of the Outfall Line. Several years ago, the Board commissioned a detailed engineering evaluation of the District’s collection system, and initiated a program to slip line critical portions of the collection system. To date, the District has slip lined over 40% of its collection system and expended over \$160,000 in upgrades. [Please confirm whether there are updated numbers that are more appropriate, and whether any other upgrades have been completed/planned]. In addition, the District conducts preventative maintenance of its collection system on a regular basis. That preventative maintenance includes [Can you please provide specific preventative maintenance activities that have been performed for inclusion in this sentence?]. The District will continue to invest in upgrades and maintenance deemed appropriate by its engineer.

For the aforementioned reasons, the District is convinced it has adequately addressed the issue of potential stormwater infiltration. If unauthorized sump pump connections remain a concern for Hillcrest and Mansfield Heights, they could consider seeking to incorporate such inspections into Cherry Hills Village’s (“City”) building code regulations. That option could

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create an enforcement mechanism that the City could implement when building permits are issued.

The District has worked diligently to address stormwater infiltration concerns, and appreciates your understanding of the work it has performed within its limited authority. We trust this letter resolves the unauthorized sump pump matter, but please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

SETER & VANDER WALL, P.C.



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Cc: Board of Directors, Cherry Hills North Metropolitan District
Darcy Beard, District Accountant