

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Ben Wade, CWCB Water Conservation Coordinator

FROM: Philip F. Johnson, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: 75% Progress Report - Water Efficiency Grant

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The City of Cortez Water Enterprise Fund received a \$50,000 grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to improve the existing water metering system. This grant was part of a \$1,200,000 capital program being funded by the City of Cortez, CWCB, and the Department of Local Affairs (DoLA).

## Identified Goals and Objectives:

- Remove and replace approximately 3,400 water meters.
- Relocate approximately 160 water pits from private property to public property.
- Upgrade the system to an Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system with radioread capability.
- Purchase and install meter billing software.

## 75% Status – 10/15/15:

- Approximately 3,200 meters have been replaced.
- Approximately 160 meter pits have been relocated.
- Radio Read Capability not yet instituted; meter data being entered into computer system.
- Billing Software Provider has been chosen: Caselle. We will be moving forward in the next 2-½ months with data conversion, set up, and training. The planned roll-out date at this point is January 1, 2016.

We feel confident all sub-contractor activities on the ground will be concluded by November 30, 2015.