

**The Sanctuary Filing 1
at Meridian Ranch
Falcon, CO**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT REPORT



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Executive Summary

This report presents the results of the engineering study for the wastewater system improvements serving the Meridian Ranch development located in El Paso County, Colorado.

Meridian Ranch encompasses 2,620 acres of proposed residential, commercial, and business development. It is located approximately 12 miles northeast of downtown Colorado Springs, three miles north of the town of Falcon and immediately north of the Woodmen Hills development. Meridian Ranch is projected to include a total of 5,000 single family residential units, schools, commercial and business properties. The total treatment demand is projected to be near one million gallons per day (1 MGD)

Meridian Ranch Filing 1 of Meridian Ranch discharges the wastewater via gravity sewer pipe directly into the Woodmen Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility (PBHWTF). The PBHWTF is located within the Meridian Ranch property by an agreement entered into between the owners and the developers Woodmen Hills and Paint Brush Hills. The agreement stipulated that the owners of the PBHWTF reserve in perpetuity treatment capacity for 500 single family residential equivalents (SFEs) of discharge which equates to 0.086 MGD at 172 gallons per residential unit.

The remaining phases of Meridian Ranch discharge the wastewater through the Woodmen Hills development to a lift station located in Falcon, where it is transported to Cherokee Metropolitan District (CMD) for treatment. Meridian Service Metropolitan District (MSMD) and Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District (WHMD) entered into an agreement on March 17, 2004 outlining the cooperation and limitations of operations between the two district. The agreement outlined in the agreement set the responsibilities of the systems within each district's boundaries as to maintenance, repairs and capacity upgrades. Sections 5 and 7 of this agreement address the responsibility of upsizing any mainline utility should the need arise. The last paragraph of Section 7 specifically states *"Wastewater lines located within Woodmen Hills that are to be oversized to handle the capacities produced by Meridian Service shall be the responsibility of Meridian Service."* One such segment of sewer mainline within WHMD has been upsized at MSMD cost. Should additional segments be identified as a result of future development, those segments shall be treated in similar manner and with MSMD being responsible for the cost of those improvements.

Cherokee Metropolitan District (CMD) owns a wastewater treatment facility (BSWTF) located south of State Highway 94 near northeast intersection of Drennan Road and Milne Road. The Meridian Service Metropolitan District (MSMD), in conjunction with CMD, has constructed treatment of 4.8 MGD of wastewater at the Black Squirrel Wastewater Treatment Facility (BSWTF). MSMD retains a 45.8% ownership in the treatment capacity through an inter-governmental agreement with CMD for a total capacity of 2.2 MGD. The total capacity available to MSMD through both wastewater treatment facilities is approximately 2.3 MGD or over 13,290 single family residential equivalents based on 172 gallons per day per residential unit, thus providing more than enough capacity for the full build out of Meridian Ranch.

Summary of Proposed Subdivision

Meridian Ranch encompasses 2,620 acres of proposed residential, commercial, and business development. It is located approximately 12 miles northeast of downtown Colorado Springs, three miles north of the town of Falcon and immediately north of the Woodmen Hills development. The development is located within Township 12 South, Range 64 West, Sections 20, consisting of a mixture of residential, commercial, business, school and open space/park uses. The proposed land use breakdown can be found in Table 1 - Land Use as follows:

Table 1 - Land Use

Land Use	Master Plan				Existing/Approved Projects				Proposed:				Projected Total			
	Acres/Units	Pop.	Emp.	Equiv. Pop.	Acres/Units	Pop.	Emp.	Equiv. Pop.	Acres/Units	Pop.	Emp.	Equiv. Pop.	Acres/Units	Pop.	Emp.	Equiv. Pop.
Single Family Residential ¹	5,000	14,553	-	14,553	4,216	11,594	-	12,397	343	943	-	943	4,559	12,537	-	13,340
School ²	113	4,000	380	4,380	83	2,740	260	3,000	-	-	-	-	83	2,740	260	3,000
Commercial ³	15	-	94	94	8	-	47	47	-	-	-	-	8	-	47	47
Civic ⁴	23	-	36	36	14	-	21	21	-	-	-	-	14	-	21	21
Golf Course	174	-	12	12	174	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	174	-	12	12
TOTAL		18,553	522	19,075		14,334	340	15,477		943	-	943		15,277	340	16,420

¹ Maximum of 5000 single family dwelling units. 2.75 persons/single family dwelling unit per El Paso County Falcon-Peyton Master Plan, Chapter 2.3.3 Population Projections

²Falcon Schools: High school current enrollment - 1,350, planned expansion - 1,750, Meridian Ranch Elem. enrollment – 650, Future middle school & elem. – 1,575. Staffing based on 9.5% staff-student ratio. (Source: Falcon School District).

³Commercial building area equals 18% of gross commercial area. One employee/1250 sq. ft. of commercial area.

⁴Civic building area equals 30% of gross civic area. One employee/2200 sq. ft. of building area.

Projected Sewage Flow

The following unit flow factors were applied to the projected land uses:

1. Residential: 172 gallons/day (GPD)/dwelling¹
2. Commercial/Business: 1,200 GPD/acre²
3. School/Comm./Bus.: 25 gallons/student-employee/day
4. BOD Demand: 0.17 lbs/capita/day

¹ Current Meridian Ranch average daily demand.

² Assumed usage for unspecified users. Use 25 gal/employee/day when use defined.

- 80% of potable water demand equals wastewater usage.
- A peak flow factor of 2.5 (peak hour) was applied to the calculated average flows.

According to the above criteria, the projected wastewater demand is shown in the following Table 2 - Wastewater Flow Projections:

Table 2 - Wastewater Flow Projections

Land Use	Master Plan			Existing/Approved Projects			Proposed:			Projected Current Demand		
	Ave. Daily Flow	Ave. BOD Load	Peak Flow	Ave. Daily Flow	Ave. BOD Load	Peak Flow	Ave. Daily Flow	Ave. BOD Load	Peak Flow	Ave. Daily Flow	Ave. BOD Load	Peak Flow
	MGD	#/Day	MGD	MGD	#/Day	MGD	MGD	#/Day	MGD	MGD	#/Day	MGD
Single Family Residential	0.8600	2,474	2.150	0.725	2107	1.813	0.059	160	0.147	0.784	2268	1.960
School	0.0493	745	0.123	0.034	510	0.084	-	-	-	0.034	510	0.084
Commercial	0.0155	16	0.039	0.008	8.0	0.021	-	-	-	0.008	8.0	0.021
Civic	0.0062	6.1	0.015	0.004	3.6	0.009	-	-	-	0.004	3.6	0.009
Golf Course	0.0014	2.0	0.003	0.001	2.0	0.003	-	-	-	0.001	2.0	0.003
TOTAL	0.932	3,243	2.331	0.772	2631	1.930	0.059	160	0.147	0.831	2791	2.078

General

The wastewater improvements for Meridian Ranch are designed in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Public collector sewers serve the individual properties and convey the wastewater to an existing pump station located in the town of Falcon. The wastewater pump station will boost the wastewater through a force main to the BSWTF.

The topography of Meridian Ranch generally falls away to the south and east and will discharge the sewage through the existing sanitary sewer mains and then to Stapleton Drive. Wastewater is conveyed from this point through the Woodmen Hills development to a lift station located in Falcon and then sent to the BSWTF.

Existing Facilities

Collector sewers will be installed at depths to serve basements and will be designed to carry peak daily flow with the pipes at 75% of capacity. Service laterals are to be a minimum of 4 inches in diameter and the collector sewers will have a minimum diameter of 8 inches. If the sewers are to be located within a designated mapped floodplain, the manhole rim will be located a minimum of 6 inches above the 100-year floodplain elevation. All sewer mains will be air-tested during construction to ensure water tightness. The collector sewer system will generally follow the centerlines of the proposed roadways within the development.

Woodmen Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant

The PBHWTP was constructed in the early 1980's under a joint agreement between the owners and the developments of Woodmen Hills and Paint Brush Hills. The plant is located on 13 acres within the Meridian

Ranch development along Stapleton Drive approximately ½ mile east of Meridian Road. The agreement stated that Meridian Ranch will have an allocated capacity of 500 single family residential units for a total of 0.086 MGD.

Cherokee Metropolitan District Agreement

Meridian Ranch has also entered into an Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) with the CMD to share the capacity of the existing wastewater treatment facility south of State Highway 94 near Shriever AFB known as the Black Squirrel Wastewater Treatment Plant (BSWTF). MSMD's share of the capacity is 2.2 MGD at this plant. The facility was completed in July 2010.

Lift Station and Force Main

An existing lift station is operating at approximately 2.2 MGD to carry the wastewater to the treatment facility. The ultimate capacity of the lift station is 4.1 MGD.

Summary

The current capacity allocated to MSMD at the PBHWTP is 0.0925 MGD and the total capacity available at the BSWTF is 2.2 MGD for a total of just under 2.3 MGD. . The available capacity of the wastewater treatment facilities is sufficient to accept the additional flows from the Sanctuary Filing at Meridian Ranch. The total available capacity of 2.3 MGD is greater than the projected demand of 0.932 MGD. Based on the above analysis the existing wastewater treatment facilities have sufficient capacity to accept additional wastewater from the proposed Sanctuary Filing 1 at Meridian Ranch final plat.