EXHIBIT 9
DATE Jan 31, 2011
HB 6

Town of Belt
P O Box 453
Belt, Mt. 59412

Joint Long Range Planning Committee
Montana Legislature

31 January 2010

Re: Town of Belt DNRC RRGL and TSEP Grants

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jean Fontana. I am the Clerk / Treasurer in Belt. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of our water storage tank replacement project.

Belt is nestled in a little valley in Cascade County, 20 miles East of Great Falls and has a population of about 600 people. We are currently rated as the # 20 project on the DNRC list and are ranked below the fundable level in TSEP. We appreciate the efforts of the MDOC and DNRC staff in review of our applications, appreciate the DNRC ranking, and respectfully disagree with the TSEP ranking allotted our project.

Tank Conditions

As shown on the attached photographs, our concrete water tank is very near catastrophic failure and is unlikely to last another two years, leaving us critically short of fire protection and summer demand storage. MDOC staff ranked our application down because we did not included a "structural analyses" of the tank. We considered such a waste of money, money we felt was better spent on the replacement of the tank, as one look at the leaks, cracks, and exposed reinforcing bar tells everyone this tank has lived its economic life. *Please review the attached photographs taken last Friday of tank conditions.*

Public Health and Regulatory Concerns

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is very familiar with our situation. They conducted a sanitary survey in April of 2010, *which is rapidly approaching* and found the tank to be "significantly deficient" and a probable cause of repetitive coliform contamination to the public drinking water system. MDEQ subsequently placed our town on a compliance schedule to replace this water tank by 2012. We are counting on TSEP funding to meet that compliance schedule. MDOC staff found no significant public health hazard associated with our project, and essentially disagreed with the expert evaluation of DEQ. DEQ holds all the cards, and places us in position to borrow extraordinary sum to comply with the mandated replacement schedule. *I have attached a copy of the DEQ compliance schedule to my testimony*

Financial Concerns

TSEP staff ranked our project lower because our proposed water rate of $31 per month will be "only" 108% of the MDOC target rate. This ranking does not take into account that we will soon face a significant sewer rate increase due to mandated improvements to our sewer lagoon. Our town is 57% low and moderate income people, and we cannot afford to take on more debt service than the $192,000 SRF loan proposed. If we are forced to borrow $ 692,000 (without a $500,000 TSEP grant) our water rates will skyrocket to about **$41 per month, or 139% of target rate**. We cannot afford this level of debt. We are currently paying on a $714,000 *USDA/RD loan* for previous Sewer Lagoon Improvements. We will admit that the local government has been fiscally conservative in it's utility rates, but the Town Council has been trying to keep utilities at an affordable rate for our 57% low to moderate income population, many or which are retired individuals living on extremely low fixed incomes.

Support for the Project

Our community, its leaders, and our legislators firmly support this project. See letters of support from ***Rep. Mike Milburn*** and ***Sen. Brad Hamlett,*** as well as from our school and local businesses.

Conclusion

We do not understand why TSEP staff recommended funding so many bridge projects. Forty percent (40%) of the proposed TSEP budget will go to fund county bridge projects, costs for which can be spread out over a much larger population with much lower financial impact than the cost of a an absolutely critical water project, under DEQ mandate, for a small town with a population of 57% low and moderate income people.

We do not feel we received a fair shake. Small local governments should not have to compete against larger cities, and county governments for funding.

We desperately need TSEP and RRGL funds to make this project work and to meet the DEQ mandated compliance schedule for tank replacement. We respectfully request that you move our project onto the funded list for TSEP, and rank it equal to the ranking it received from DNRC.

Although we applaud efforts to cut spending, we feel it should be made on a fair and equitable manner. Small local governments with limited revenue sources have no where else to go for help for our "big" projects, but to the various State Agencies.

Thank you for your time.

Montana Department of
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Brian Schweitzer, Governor
Richard H. Opper, Director

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September 14, 2010 CERTIFIED MAIL

Jean Fontana
Town of Belt
PO Box 453
Belt MT 59412

Re: **Town of Belt, (PWS ID MT0000138) Class C**
Ground Water Rule Significant Deficiency Corrective Action Schedule Approval

Dear Ms. Fontana:

On August 3, 2010 the Public Water Supply Section of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received the proposed corrective action schedule from the Town of Belt for addressing significant deficiencies by repairing and replacing the concrete storage tank and repairing the metal storage tank.

DEQ accepts the proposed schedule and will track three activities required by the Town of Belt under this compliance schedule;

1) Submittal of design plans and specifications to DEQ by January 1, 2012,
2) Completion of the Request for Bids for the construction by March 1, 2012, and
3) Completion of Construction by September 2012.

As short term corrective action the Town of Belt will;

1) Patch any existing unapproved openings on the concrete and metal storage tanks with caulk and /or mortar by November 19, 2010, and submit photographs of the repairs by December 1, 2010, and,
2) Inspect the storage tanks once a week until permanent repair/replacement of the tanks is completed.

Failure to meet these requirements will result in a violation pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.38.211.

If you have any questions please contact me at 406-444-2691 or bhovda@mt.gov

Sincerely,

Betsy Hovda

Betsy Hovda
Ground Water Rule Manager

cc: PWS File
Cascade County Sanitarian
Lyle Meeks, NCI, 4509 North Star Blvd, P.O. Box 6350, Great Falls, MT 59406

SANITARY SURVEY FORM - INVENTORY

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PWSID MT0000138 | SYSTEM NAME Belt, Town of

DATE OF SURVEY 4/1/2010 | COUNTY Cascade | SURVEYOR NAME – Luella B. Schultz

(SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE) Robin Franzen (operator) | (OTHER REPRESENTATIVE) Jean Fontana (clerk and treasurer)

SYSTEM ADDRESS– ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT

Addressee Jean Fontana
Primary Address
Street PO Box 453 ____
City Belt State MT Zip 59412
System Phone (406)277-3621 Fax (____) ____

SYSTEM OWNER

Addressee Town of Belt John Masonovich, Mayor
Owners Address
Street PO Box 453
City Belt State MT59412 Zip ____
Owner Phone (406) 277-3621 Fax (____) ____

LOCATION OF SYSTEM

Nearest City Belt Description or Physical Address located approximately 21 miles east of Great Falls on highway 87

☐ seasonal operation dates: ____ to ____
☒ year round operation

OPERATOR OF SYSTEM

Name Robin Franzen
Certified Operator? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required
Copy of Certificate? ☒ Yes ☐ No Certification # 6762
Phone # (406) 277-3621 Cell Phone # (____) ____
Fax # (____) ____

ALTERNATE OPERATOR OF SYSTEM

Name Dennis Nebel (in training)
Certified Operator? No
Copy of Certificate? ☐ Yes ☐ No Certification # ____
Phone # (____) same Cell Phone # (____) ____

SYSTEM STATUS

☒ A = Active ☐ P = Pending *(Add New System)*
☐ I = Inactive

SYSTEM CLASS

☒ C = Community
☐ NTNC = Non-Transient Non-Community
☐ TNC = Transient Non-Community

Total Service Connections: Residential / Non-Transient: 279
Transient: ____

Total Active Connections: Residential / Non-Transient: ____
Transient: ____

Service Connections Metered? ☐ Yes X No
Percent Metered ____ % flat rate of $20.90 per month

Resident Population 700
(Number of permanent residents utilizing PWS daily)

Non-Transient Population ____
(Maximum number of non-transient persons utilizing PWS daily)

Transient Population ____
(Maximum number of transient persons served by PWS daily)

OWNER TYPE

☐ 1 Federal Government
☐ 2 Private Subdivision, Investor, Trust, Cooperative, Water Association, etc.
☐ 3 State Government
☒ 4 Local Government Authority, Commission, District, Municipality, City, etc.
☐ 5 Mixed Public/Private
☐ 6 Native American

SERVICE AREA CHARACTERISTICS LIST

☐ BR Bar
☐ DC Day Care Center
☐ DI Dispenser
☐ HS Head Start
☐ HA Homeowners Assoc.
☐ HM Hotel/Motel
☐ HR Highway Rest Area
☐ IA Industrial/Agricultural
☐ IC Interstate Carrier
☐ IN Institution
☐ MF Medical Facility
☐ MH Mobile Home Park
☒ MU Municipality
☐ OA Other Area
☐ ON Other Non-Transient Area (____Average Daily Visitors TNC)
☐ OR Other Residential Area
☐ OT Other Transient Area
☐ PA Recreation Areas
☐ RA Residential Area
☐ RE Retail Employees
☐ RS Restaurant
☐ RV RV Park
☐ SC School
☐ SI Sanitary Improvement District
☐ SK Summer Camp
☐ SR Secondary Residences
☐ SS Service Station
☐ SU Subdivision
☐ WB Water Bottler
☐ WH Wholesaler (Sells Water)

Service Category Description ____

Comments: The system's wells are located in the flood plain and have flooded in the past. he wells are deep (379 and 440 feet) and have been classified as groundwater.

The system has sporadic coliform positive samples (usually fall and early spring). The sources have been sampled and found to be coliform negative. While the PWS assumes the tanks are "turning over" and that causes the problem – the presence of coliform bacteria may be due to the poor condition of the tanks (concrete tank in particular). If precipitation can run into the tank, it may wash dirt, bird droppings, etc. into the tank. The tanks and wells are routinely disinfected twice a year (early spring and fall).

The concrete tank has been determined to be a significant deficiency for this system and will require corrective action under the Ground Water Rule.

The town has hired an engineer and are seeking funding to make repairs. They also plan to raise rates to cover upgrades to the system. With those upgrades they are also proposing (in addition to addressing the tank issues) to meter the system and fence the tank location with security fencing.

SANITARY SURVEY FORM – WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES

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SID **MT0000138**

SYSTEM NAME **Belt, Town of**

Water System Facilities (WSF) numbers are WSF Type Codes plus an assigned number. (i.e. source facility numbering starts with 002 and all non-source facilities start with 001). See instruction sheet for a list of WSF Type Codes. When a source is operational it is considered *A*ctive, this includes systems that are seasonal. *I*nactive sources are those which are shut down but can return to active status, such as a system out of business *P*roposed sources are those that have been identified through the Plan Review process, but are not connected to the water system.

*A **water source facility** is a well, spring, intake, infiltration gallery or consecutive connections from which a system draws or purchases water:*

Total Number of Source Facilities_____

WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES SUMMARY (WSF)

WSF ID	Facility Name	Water Type Code	Purchased	Seller PWSID	Activity Status*
DS 001	Distribution System				
			☐ Yes ☐ No		
WL002	Well 1	GW	☐ Yes ☒ No		A
WL003	well 2	GW	☐ Yes ☒ No		A
			☐ Yes ☐ No		
ST001	concrete storage		☐ Yes ☐ No		A
ST002	steel		☐ Yes ☐ No		A
			☐ Yes ☐ No		
			☐ Yes ☐ No		
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			☐ Yes ☐ No		
			☐ Yes ☐ No		

Description of Water System Facility flow: WL002 and WL003 to DS001 and ST001 and ST002

Example: Well 1 (WL002) to common header (CH001), Well 2 (WL003) to common header (CH001) to treatment plant (TP001) to pressure control assembly (PC001) to distribution system (DS001) to storage tank (ST001) to distribution system (DS001).

*(A)Active, (I)Inactive, (P)Proposed

EMERGENCY POWER

Does the system have emergency power? ☐ Yes X No

If yes, what type: _____

Frequency of testing: ____

Record of primary power failures: 7 in last year

Switchover ☐ Automatic ☐ Manual

Comments: Power outages are of short duration (less than ½ hour) and have been less frequent since the power company has made improvements to the system. The longest was about 1 hour in duration.

SANITARY SURVEY FORM – WELLS & WELL PUMPS

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PWSID **MT0000138** | SYSTEM NAME **Belt, Town of**

(Please copy this sheet for additional wells & pumps)

COMPLETE ONE PAGE FOR EACH SOURCE — **STATUS OF SOURCE** ☐ (A)ctive ☐ (I)nactive ☐ (P)roposed

WSF ID WL002 *Entry Point ID* EP 502
These are State assigned identification numbers

Source Name Well 1 or park well
Name of Source – Example: Well 1 or South well, etc.

Location of Water Source (TRS or street address) **located on the east edge of the park**

Entry Point Name entry point for well 1
Name of EP – Example: Entrypoint for North Well 1 & South Well 2

Location of Entry Point at the well house

Available ☒ Perm ☐ Emerg ☐ Interim ☐ Seasonal ☐ Other
If seasonal: _____ to _____

GWUDISW PA Completed ☒ Yes ☐ No

Log Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Average Production _____ indicate units

Maximum Production _____ indicate units

Date Drilled 5/5/82 if well, . date drilled

Casing Size 12 inchto 43.5ft; 10 inch to 251 ft. size of casing installed in well

Case Depth 251ft depth of casing installed in well

Well Depth 440 ft. depth of well expressed in feet

Grout Depth 251 ft cement depth of grout used to seal well walls

Log SWL 194' (static) expressed in feet below ground elevation

Log PWL 210 (pumping) expressed in feet below ground elevation

Test Pump Rate 500 gpm expressed in gallons per min

Intake Type open end type of intake mechanism

Screened Interval 251- 440 ft. expressed in feet below ground elevation

Well Yield 500 gpm pump tested in gallons per minute

Latitude 47.38376° ____ ' ____ "

Longitude 110.92227° ____ ' ____ "

WELLS

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Is well metered?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is well site protected from flooding?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is well protected from potential sources of pollution (includes: surface water, known chemical spills, agricultural use, etc.)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
If no . . explain _____				
Does casing extend at least				
☐ 18 inches above outside ground level;	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ 12 inches above finished floor inside well house; and	☒	☐	☐	☐
☐ 3 feet above 100 year flood elevation? (Check for appropriate distance)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Is top of the well casing properly sealed? (sanitary seal)	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is well vented?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Is well vent properly screened and terminated in a downward position?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Does well have suitable sampling tap? Raw Water	☒	☐	☐	☐
Treated	☐	☐	☐	☐
Are check valves, blow-off valves and water meters maintained and operating properly?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is upper termination of well protected (housed or fenced)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is intake located below the maximum drawdown?	☒	☐	☐	☐

PUMPS

Type Layne Vertical turbine
(example: 30 hp line shaft turbine)
Rated Capacity 100 HP

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Are pumps operable?	☒	☐	☐	☐
How frequently are pump(s) replaced? not since 1982				
Are backup pumps/motors provided?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Are controls functioning properly and adequately protected?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Do underground compartments have a drain?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Is facility properly protected against trespassing and vandalism?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are pump records maintained (amp, drawdown, discharge, pressure, maintenance schedule, manuals, etc.)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is the plumbing adequately painted to prevent excessive corrosion?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are adequate heating, lighting, and ventilation provided?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is a preventive maintenance program in operation?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are recommended spare parts on hand?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Cross connection protection provided?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Comment:
Well is unvented. They could vent the well thru the plug on the side. Need to recaulk the sounding tube and gauge on the other side.

Since flapper valve on blow-off doesn't work, they have installed screen over it.

Both well houses have chlorination rooms built, just in case f.t. chlorination is required. Wells are located in the flood plain and have flooded in the past.

Explain Controls: pumps run on clocks - 2 hrs/day. This well is the back-up so they will run it every 34 days just to keep it from getting stagnant.

Comment: grease pumps annually

Disinfect the wells and storage tanks twice a year.

MONTANA WELL LOG REPORT

This well log reports the activities of a licensed Montana well driller, serves as the official record of work done within the borehole and casing, and describes the amount of water encountered. This report is complied electronically from the contents of the Ground-Water Information Center (GWIC) database for this site. Acquiring water rights is the well owner's responsibility and is NOT accomplished by the filing of this report.

Other Options

Plot this site on a topographic map
View hydrograph for this site
View water quality for this site
View scanned well log (3/24/2008 12:52:34 PM)

Site Name: TOWN OF BELT * 1982 EAST WELL
GWIC Id: 188537
DNRC Water Right: P016382-00

Section 1: Well Owner

Owner Name
TOWN OF BELT
Mailing Address

City	State	Zip Code
BELT	MT	

Section 2: Location

Township	Range	Section	Quarter Sections
19N	06E	26	SE¼ NE¼ SW¼ NE¼

County CASCADE **Geocode**

Latitude	Longitude	Geomethod	Datum
47.38378	110.92349	MAP	NAD83

Altitude	Method	Datum	Date
3515	MAP	NAD83	3/6/2008

Addition **Block** **Lot**

Section 3: Proposed Use of Water

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY (1)

Section 4: Type of Work

Drilling Method: AIR ROTARY

Section 5: Well Completion Date

Date well completed: Wednesday, May 05, 1982

Section 6: Well Construction Details

Borehole dimensions

From	To	Diameter
0	251	12
251	440	10

Casing

From	To	Diameter	Wall Thickness	Pressure Rating	Joint Type
-2.5	251.08	10	0.375		STEEL
-0.8	43.5	12	0.375		STEEL

Completion (Perf/Screen)

From	To	Diameter	# of Openings	Size of Openings	Description
251	440	10			OPEN HOLE

Annular Space (Seal/Grout/Packer)

From	To	Description	Cont. Fed?
0	251.08	CEMENT GROUT	

Section 7: Well Test Data

Total Depth: 440
Static Water Level: 194.1
Water Temperature:

Unknown Test Method *

Yield 500 gpm.
Pumping water level 210.04 feet.
Time of recovery _ hours.
Recovery water level _ feet.

** During the well test the discharge rate shall be as uniform as possible. This rate may or may not be the sustainable yield of the well. Sustainable yield does not include the reservoir of the well casing.*

Section 8: Remarks

5 FT SOUTH OF BELT CITY WATER PUMPHOUSE ON SOUTHSIDE OF BELT. IN VALLEY- EAST SIDE. 3/6/2008- PUMPHOUSE HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THIS WELL.

Section 9: Well Log

Geologic Source
330MDSN - MADISON GROUP OR LIMESTONE

From	To	Description
0	3	BLACK DIRT WITH GRAVEL AND COBBLESTONES
3	6	GRAVEL AND COBBLESTONE IN TAN SILTY SAND
6	11	MOIST BROWN SILTY CLAY WITH GRAVEL AND COBBLESTONE
11	27	MOIST GRAY AND BROWN SILTY CLAY WITH FEW GRAVELS
27	30	WET SILTY CLAY WITH FEW GRAVEL
30	40	WET TAN SILTY CLAY- SAND AND GRAVEL- SILTY WATER- 5 GPM
40	57	ROCKLIKE DARK GRAY SHALE
57	77	LIGHT BROWN ROCK AND LIGHT GRAY CLAYSTONE
77	81	DARK GRAY-GREEN AND DARK BROWN WATER
81	98	GREEN BROWN ROCK
98	119	MEDIUM GREEN- GREE-BROWN ADN LIGHT BROWN ROCK. SOME PYRITE.
119	131	MEDIUM LIGHT GRAY SANDSTONE- SOME CHIPS OF BRIGHT GREEN AND DARK BROWN ROCK SOME PYRITE
131	159	LIGHT GRAY SANDSTONE- SOME DARK GRAY AND DARK BROWN ROCK SOME PYRITE
159	161.5	LIGHT GRAY TO MED GRAY SS WITH SALT AND PEPPER YELLOW TO YELLOW-BROWN AND DARK GRAY SHALE INTERMIXED
161.5	180	ORANGE-BROWN TO YELLOW BROWN SANDSTONE WITH SEAMS OF DARK BROWN SHALE

Driller Certification

All work performed and reported in this well log is in compliance with the Montana well construction standards. This report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Name:

Company LIBERTY DRILLING & PUMP CO
License No:-
Date Completed:5/5/1982

Site Name: TOWN OF BELT * 1982 EAST WELL
GWIC Id: 188537
Additional Lithology Records

From	To	Description
180	207.5	LIGHT GRAY SALT AND PEPPER TO DARK GRAY SANDSTONE. SEAMS OF DARK BROWN SHALE- SOME PYRITE.
207.5	238	GREEN-GRAY TO MEDIUM DARK GRAY ROCK. SOME PYRITE
238	245	LIGHT BROWN TO WHITE LIMESTONE- STREAKS GREEN TO GREEN GRAY SHALE SOME PYRITE. TOP OF MADISON
245	253	LIGHT BROWN TO WHITE AND GRAY LIMESTONE. SOME PYRITE.
253	257	ORANGE-BROWN LIGHT BROWN AND GRAY. ABUNDANT CALCITE AND PYRITE.
257	265	GRAY LIMESTONE WITH WHITE TO BROWN-BUFF. ABUNDANT CALCITE AND PYRITE. WATER 5 GPM
265	272	LIGHT GRAY TO GRAY-BROWN- SEAMS OF DARK GRAY
272	281	WHITE TO LIGHT BROWN TO LIGHT GRAY WITH LIGHT GREEN SHALE SEAMS
281	284.5	WHITE TO BUFF- BROWN AND GRAY-BROWN ROCK.
284.5	297	BUFF TO BROWN AND GRAY TO WHITE ROCK
297	301	GRAY-WHITE TO GRAY ROCK. SOME PYRITE
301	313	BROWN ANDLIGHT GRAY-BROWN ROCK
313	327	LIGHT GRAY-BROWN ROCK 90% BROWN ROCK 10%. SOME GRAY-WHITE AND BROWN CHERT. SOME CALCITE.
327	339	LIGHT BROWN ROCK TO WHITE ROCK. RUSTY TO RUSTY GREEN CHANGING TO PINKISH CAST. POROUS ROCK AND CALCITE. WATER 300 GPM.
339	348.5	BROWN-WHITE TO LIGHT BROWN ROCK.
348.5	354	LIGHT YELLOW-BROWN ROCK. SEAMS OF DARK AND LIGHT GRAY.
354	389	LIGHT BROWN LIGHT GRAY BROWN YELLOW AND RED-BROWN ROCK. SOME PINKISH AND GRAY SEAMS
389	396	LIGHT AND GRAY LIMESTONW AND LIGHT BROWN LIMESTONE
396	398	LIGHT BROWN AND BROWN-WHITE LIMESTONE. THIN DARK GRAY STREAKS. SOME CALCITE.
398	401	BROWN LIMESTONE. SEAMS OF LIGHT GRAY-BROWN AND GRAY. SOME GRAY-WHITE CHERT. SOME CALCITE.
401	404.5	BROWN AND LIGHT GRAY-BROWN ROCK WITH THIN BLACK STREAKS
404.5	406	LIGHT GRAY-BROWN AND MED. TO GRAY ROCK. SOME CALCITE.
406	411.5	LIGHT-GRAY BROWN AND MED TO GRAY ROCK. SOME CALCITE
411.5	417	GRAY-WHITE TO BROWN-WHITE ROCK WITH MED TO DARK GRAY ROCK. SOME CALCITE.
417	422	BROWN-WHITE TO BROWN ROCK WITH RED STAINING. SOME CALCITE.
422	425	BROWN-WHITE TO YELLOW-WHITE LIMESTONE. SOME RED STAINING. POROUS. ABUNDANT CALCITE. WATER INCREASING.
425	427	YELLOW-WHITE TO YELLOW-BROWN AND RED-BROWN LIMESTONE- CALCITE
427	431	YELLOW-BROWN TO MED BROWN LIMESTONE. CALCITE
431	439	WHITE - GREEN BROWN AND BROWN LIMESTONE. CALCITE VEINING
439	440	YELLOW-WHITE BROWN WHITE GRAY BROWN LIMESTONE. WATER 700 GPM TOTAL.

SANITARY SURVEY FORM – WELLS & WELL PUMPS

Page ____ of ____

PWSID MT0000138 | SYSTEM NAME Belt, Town of

(Please copy this sheet for additional wells & pumps)

COMPLETE ONE PAGE FOR EACH SOURCE — **STATUS OF SOURCE** ☐ (A)ctive ☐ (I)nactive ☐ (P)roposed

WSF ID WL003 *Entry Point ID* EP 503
These are State assigned identification numbers

Source Name well 2 or Coke Oven Flats well
Name of Source – Example: Well 1 or South well, etc.

Location of Water Source (TRS or street address) **located opposite the town park well**

Entry Point Name entry point for well 2
Name of EP – Example: Entry point for North Well 1 & South Well 2

Location of Entry Point at the pump house

Available ☒ Perm ☐ Emerg ☐ Interim ☐ Seasonal ☐ Other
If seasonal: _____ to _____

GWUDISW PA Completed ☐ Yes ☐ No

Log Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Average Production 500 gpm
indicate units

Maximum Production _____
indicate units

Date Drilled 4-22-82
if well . . date drilled

Casing Size 10" to 240 ft.; 12 inch to 46 ft.
size of casing installed in well

Case Depth 240 ft.
depth of casing installed in well

Well Depth 379 ft.
depth of well expressed in feet

Grout Depth 240 cement
depth of grout used to seal well walls

Log SWL 196 ft.
(static) expressed in feet below ground elevation

Log PWL 202.7
(pumping) expressed in feet below ground elevation

Test Pump Rate 500 gpm
expressed in gallons per min

Intake Type open end
type of intake mechanism

Screened Interval 240-379
expressed in feet below ground elevation

Well Yield 500 gpm
pump tested in gallons per minute

Latitude 47.38147°

Longitude 110.92737°

WELLS

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Is well metered?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is well site protected from flooding?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Is well protected from potential sources of pollution (includes: surface water, known chemical spills, agricultural use, etc.)?	☐	☒	☐	☐
If no . . explain Approximately 100' from Belt Creek				
Does casing extend at least				
☐ 18 inches above outside ground level;	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ 12 inches above finished floor inside well house; and	☒	☐	☐	☐
☐ 3 feet above 100 year flood elevation? (Check for appropriate distance)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Is top of the well casing properly sealed? (sanitary seal)	☐	☐	☒	☐
Is well vented?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Is well vent properly screened and terminated in a downward position?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Does well have suitable sampling tap? Raw Water	☒	☐	☐	☐
Treated	☐	☐	☐	☐
Are check valves, blow-off valves and water meters maintained and operating properly?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is upper termination of well protected (housed or fenced)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is intake located below the maximum drawdown?	x	☐	☐	☐

PUMPS

Type Layne Vertical Turbine
(example: 30 hp line shaft turbine)
Rated Capacity 100 HP

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Are pumps operable?	☒	☐	☐	☐
How frequently are pump(s) replaced? Feb. 2008 replaced motor				
Are backup pumps/motors provided?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Are controls functioning properly and adequately protected?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Do underground compartments have a drain?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Is facility properly protected against trespassing and vandalism?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are pump records maintained (amp, drawdown, discharge, pressure, maintenance schedule, manuals, etc.)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is the plumbing adequately painted to prevent excessive corrosion?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are adequate heating, lighting, and ventilation provided?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is a preventive maintenance program in operation?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are recommended spare parts on hand?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Cross connection protection provided?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Comment: Well is not vented. The air release valve and blowoff are screened. The flapper valve on the blow-off still doesn't work.

This well serves as the lead well or main well.

Wells are located in the flood plain and have flooded in the past.

Explain Controls: Pumps run on clock. They set the clocks for about 2 hours on each. Manually operate the well run times- each tank has a level indicator on the side, so driving by they can see the tank level. The steel one works sometimes, the concrete one doesn't work at all... .

Hope to have telemetry for well with new system improvements... once constructed.

Comment: grease once a year; knows vendors so if he needs parts he can easily get them.

MONTANA WELL LOG REPORT

This well log reports the activities of a licensed Montana well driller, serves as the official record of work done within the borehole and casing, and describes the amount of water encountered. This report is complied electronically from the contents of the Ground-Water Information Center (GWIC) database for this site. Acquiring water rights is the well owner's responsibility and is NOT accomplished by the filing of this report.

Other Options

Plot this site on a topographic map
View hydrograph for this site
View water quality for this site
View scanned well log (4/10/2008 1:47:49 PM)

Site Name: TOWN OF BELT * 1982 WEST WELL
GWIC Id: 132766
DNRC Water Right: G016381-00

Section 1: Well Owner

Owner Name
TOWN OF BELT
Mailing Address

City	State	Zip Code
BELT	MT	

Section 2: Location

Township	Range	Section	Quarter Sections
19N	06E	26	SW¼ SW¼ SW¼ NE¼

County CASCADE **Geocode**

Latitude	Longitude	Geomethod	Datum
47.38147	110.92736	MAP	NAD83

Altitude	Method	Datum	Date
3515	MAP	NAD27	3/6/2008

Addition **Block** **Lot**

Section 3: Proposed Use of Water
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY (1)

Section 4: Type of Work
Drilling Method: AIR ROTARY

Section 5: Well Completion Date
Date well completed: Thursday, April 22, 1982

Section 6: Well Construction Details

Borehole dimensions

From	To	Diameter
0	240	12
240	379	10

Casing

From	To	Diameter	Wall Thickness	Pressure Rating	Joint Type
-2	240	10	0.365		STEEL
-0.5	46	12	0.375		STEEL

Completion (Perf/Screen)

From	To	Diameter	# of Openings	Size of Openings	Description
240	379	10			OPEN HOLE

Annular Space (Seal/Grout/Packer)

From	To	Description	Cont. Fed?
0	240	CEMENT	

Section 7: Well Test Data

Total Depth: 379
Static Water Level: 196
Water Temperature:

Pump Test *

Depth pump set for test _ feet.
500 gpm pump rate with _ feet of drawdown after 16 hours of pumping.
Time of recovery _ hours.
Recovery water level _ feet.
Pumping water level 202.6 feet.

** During the well test the discharge rate shall be as uniform as possible. This rate may or may not be the sustainable yield of the well. Sustainable yield does not include the reservoir of the well casing.*

Section 8: Remarks

Section 9: Well Log

Geologic Source
330MDSN - MADISON GROUP OR LIMESTONE

From	To	Description
0	17	GRAVEL AND COBBLESTONES.
17	22	SAND & GRAVEL IN TAN SILT.
22	38	GRAVEL & COBBLESTONES IN HEAVY TAN SILT.
38	42	SAND & GRAVEL IN TAN SILT.
42	61	SOFT LIGHT GREEN CLAYSTONE
61	83	SOFT GRAY GREEN CLAYSTONE.
83	95	GRAY ROCK (SILTSTONE) W/SOME GREEN STREAKS.
95	117	BROWN AND GRAY ROCK.
117	125	GRAY ROCK SANDSTONE
125	133	IRON STAINED SANDSTONE
133	142	LIGHT GRAY SANDSTONE
142	153	DARK GRAY SANDSTONE
153	171	LIGHT GRAY IRON STAINED SANDSTONE WITH STREAKS OF SHALE.
171	188	FIRM GRAY ROCK
188	195	LIGHT GREEN & DARK BROWN ROCK.

Driller Certification
All work performed and reported in this well log is in compliance with the Montana well construction standards. This report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Name:
Company LIBERTY DRILLING & PUMP CO
License No WWC-52
Date Completed 4/22/1982

Site Name: TOWN OF BELT * 1982 WEST WELL
GWIC Id: 132766
Additional Lithology Records

From	To	Description
195	214	LIGHT GRAY-LIGHT BROWN-LIGHT GREEN & DARK BROWN ROCK.

214	234	WHITE-LIGHT BROWN & DARK BROWN LIMESTONE (MADISON)
234	237	WHITE-LIGHT BROWN & TAN LIMESTONE.
237	239	TAN LIMESTONE.
239	251	TAN LIMESTONE W/GRAY STREAKS.
251	267	BUFF- LIGHT AND DARK GRAY LIMESTONE.
267	276	LIGHT BROWN & DARK GRAY W/WHITE CHERTY STREAKS SOME CALCITE.
276	288	BROWN- LIGHT BROWN & GRAY LIMESTONE.
288	293	YELLOW-BROWN & GRAY W/SOME GRAY-WHITE CHERT.
293	321	BROWN-WHITE YELLOW-BROWN W/PINKISH STREAKS-SOME BROWN & WHITE CHERT-SOME CALCITE.SOME FINE INFILLED POROSITY. SEEP OF WATER.
321	333	GRAY-BROWN BROWN-WHITE & GRAY W/SOME PINK STREAKS. 5 GPM WATER.
333	339	BROWN-WHITE & BUFF W/PINK SEAMS.SOME BROWN CHERT AND SOME CALCITE
339	348	GRAY-BROWN TO YELLOW-BROWN W/PINK STREAKS. SOME CALCITE.
348	355	GRAY-BROWN TO YELLOW-BROWN W/GREEN-GRAY SEAMS.
355	358	SOFTER YELLOW-BROWN TO BROWN-WHITE.
358	365	GRAY-BROWN TO YELLOW-BROWN W/RED STAINING.WATER. WATER 100 GPM.
365	379	WHITE TO BUFF GRAY TO BROWN W/RED STAINING. ABUNDANT CALCITE. 500+ GALLONS PER MINUTE.

SANITARY SURVEY FORM - STORAGE

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PWSID **MT0000138** | SYSTEM NAME **Belt, Town of**

COMPLETE ONE SECTION FOR EACH STORAGE FACILITY **water usage: summer 500,000 gpd; winter 105,000 gpd**

Total storage provided? 280,000 gallons | Total treated storage provided NA gallons | Storage provides 2-3 days of water reserve in winter and less than one day in summer....

STORAGE FACILITY

WSF ID ST001

Location: Description concrete tank

Latitude: 47.38072°
Longitude: 110.93206°

Storage Volume? 188,000 gallons

Year constructed: 1938

Condition: **Poor**

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Does surface runoff and underground drainage drain away?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is the site protected against flooding?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Is the site protected against trespass/vandalism?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Ladders caged and locked?	☐	X	☐	☐
Are overflow lines, air vents, drainage lines or clean out pipes turned downward or covered, screened and terminated a minimum of 3 diameters above the ground or storage tank surface?	SEE NOTES			
Overflow pad?	☐	X	☐	☐
Is access hatch sealed properly and locked?	☐	☐	X	☐
Are surface coatings in contact with water ANSI / NSF approved?	☐	☐	X	☐
Is tank protected against icing and corrosion?	☐	X	☐	☐
Can tank be isolated from system?	X	☐	☐	☐
Is all treated water storage covered?	☐	☐	☐	X
Are tanks disinfected after repairs are made?	X	☐	☐	☐
What is cleaning frequency for tanks? 1996 LAST TIME				
Is tank inspected every 5 years by a structural engineer for structural integrity?	☐	X	☐	☐

May 1996 by Water Tower Paint and Repair

Date of last inspection By whom

This tank has serious structural issues. The concrete is spalling and rebar showing through. It has numerous leaks and the top is really in bad shape.

Overflow pipes (2) are screened but terminate high near the top of the tank The tank isn't being filled above the large leak about half way up the side.

Have hired an engineer and are planning to submit applications for funding.

The tank level indicator doesn't work.

STORAGE FACILITY

WSF ID ST002

Location: Description Steel tank

Latitude: 47.38072°
Longitude: 110.93206°

Storage Volume? 100,000 gallons

Year constructed: 1960

Condition: ☒ **Poor**

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Does surface runoff and underground drainage drain away?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is the site protected against flooding?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Is the site protected against trespass/vandalism?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Ladders caged and locked?	☐	X	☐	☐
Are overflow lines, air vents, drainage lines or clean out pipes turned downward or covered, screened and terminated a minimum of 3 diameters above the ground or storage tank surface?	SEE NOTES			
Overflow pad?	☐	X	☐	☐
Is access hatch sealed properly and locked?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Are surface coatings in contact with water ANSI / NSF approved?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Is tank protected against icing and corrosion?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Can tank be isolated from system?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Is all treated water storage covered?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Are tanks disinfected after repairs are made?	☐	☐	☐	☐
What is cleaning frequency for tanks? Last in 1996				
Is tank inspected every 5 years by a structural engineer for structural integrity?	☐	☐	☐	☐

May 1996 Water Tower Paint and repair

Date of last inspection By whom

Comments:

Tank has a lot of sanded/painted spots on the lower third and some bullet holes in the top. The spots are attributed to bullets, but I don't know thats true. They are only on the lower third and are also on the back side by the bank which wouldn't be within sight of a person with a gun.... They may be due to pitting and corrosion.

Tank needs to be inspected and cleaned. This should be done before any plans are made to rehab it. The last operator stated the metal is thin from the sandblasting.

The tank level indicator sticks.

SANITARY SURVEY FORM - MISCELLANEOUS

Page ____ of ____

PWSID **MT0000138** | SYSTEM NAME **Belt, Town of**

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EVALUATION

Distribution description Cast Iron pipe, and PVC mostly some AC by park

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
System drawings available?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Accurate As-Built drawing(s) on-site?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Lines adequately sized?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Adequate pressure maintained?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mains protected from freezing?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Distribution system free of leaks?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Asbestos concrete pipe used?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Fire hydrants?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Dead end lines minimized by looping mains?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Flushing program?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Pressure reducing stations? Number each home	☐	☐	☐	☐
Booster stations? Number____	☐	☒	☐	☐
Are individual booster pumps on any service lines? (see DEQ1 8.9.2)	☐	☒	☐	☐
Were cross connections observed?	☐	☐		

Comments: the system is flushed twice a year. The pressure in the system runs from about 65-130 psi so each home has a pressure reducing valve to reduce the pressure to 35 psi.

They have 8 inch mains that reduce to 6 inch in the distribution system.

SAFETY

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Were confined spaces observed?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Describe any confined spaces observed Both tanks are confined spaces and the valve vault by the tank is also a confined space

Confined space safety adequate?	☐	☐	X	☐
Fall risks adequately mitigated?	☐	☒	☐	☐

Note all safety deficiencies (consider items such as ladders, tank supports, guards on rotating electrical equipment, lightning protection for pumps, etc.) _____

MONITORING AND RECORDKEEPING EVALUATION

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Does the system have a current Monitoring Schedule?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Bacti monitoring records maintained? (5 years)	☒	☐	☐	☐
Bacti Sample Site Plan submitted?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Familiar with repeat sampling?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Chemical monitoring records maintained? (10 years)	☒	☐	☐	☐
System specific records / plans maintained? (DBP, PB/CU, treatments, waivers, violations, etc.)	☒	☐	☐	☐
Familiar with Public Notice requirements?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Did Surveyor take a bacteriological sample?	☐	☒		

If Yes, date of Sample:____ Time of Sample:____

Comments:

Have new sample site plan. Provided me a copy during the inspection.

MANAGEMENT

	Yes	No	Unk	N/A
Are there sufficient personnel?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are operators properly certified?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are personnel adequately trained?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is there a current O&M manual on-site?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is an emergency plan on-site and workable?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Has system addressed concerns from previous sanitary survey(s) or technical visit(s)?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Budget exists?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Does system maintain an emergency fund?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Does system contribute to facility replacement fund?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Are abandoned wells present?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Do abandoned wells appear to be properly abandoned? (see ARM 36.21.670)	☐	☒	☐	☐

Comments: The two extra wells (one in each pump house) are used for monitoring the static water level by DNRC. They are not in use and may serve as a reservoir of stagnant water. Both have a sealed access hatch and Mike disinfects the well after DNRC has used them as a precaution.

The emergency plan is their flood plan. The well locations have flooded in the past and they have used bottled water until the wells are back online.

REPORT SUMMARY

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PWSID **MT0000138** | SYSTEM NAME **Belt, Town of**

The State, or an authorized agent, must conduct sanitary surveys for all public water supply systems in Montana. DEQ believes that periodic sanitary surveys, along with appropriate corrective actions, are indispensable for assuring the long-term quality and safety of drinking water. When properly conducted, sanitary surveys can provide important information on a water system's design and operations and can identify minor and significant deficiencies for correction before they become major problems.

Minor deficiencies do not pose serious health threats. However, corrective action of minor deficiencies can be critical in the long-term operation and safety of a public water system. Minor deficiencies are generally described as suggested or recommended corrections in the letter to system owner(s).

Significant deficiencies can be defined as a defective water supply component(s) having or likely to have an adverse influence on public health. Significant deficiencies require immediate corrective action in efforts to protect consumers.

EPA and ASDWA guidance identifies eight broad components that should be covered in a sanitary survey. Using these eight broad components as a guide, minor and significant deficiencies should be described in the letter to system owner(s).

1) Source
2) Treatment
3) Distribution system
4) Finished water storage
5) Pumps, pump facilities, and controls
6) Monitoring and reporting, and data verification
7) System management and operation
8) Operator compliance with State requirements

With consideration that significant deficiencies may influence regulatory decisions and monitoring requirements, please list all significant deficiencies observed and corrective action(s) taken below.

Comments: ____

Significant Deficiencies:

1. **The concrete tank serving the town of Belt has severely deteriorated in structural integrity and represent a potential risk to public health.**
2. **The steel storage tank has bullet holes and other patched holes that should be inspected and repaired to prevent the entry of contaminants.**

SANITARY SURVEY FORM - DIAGRAMS

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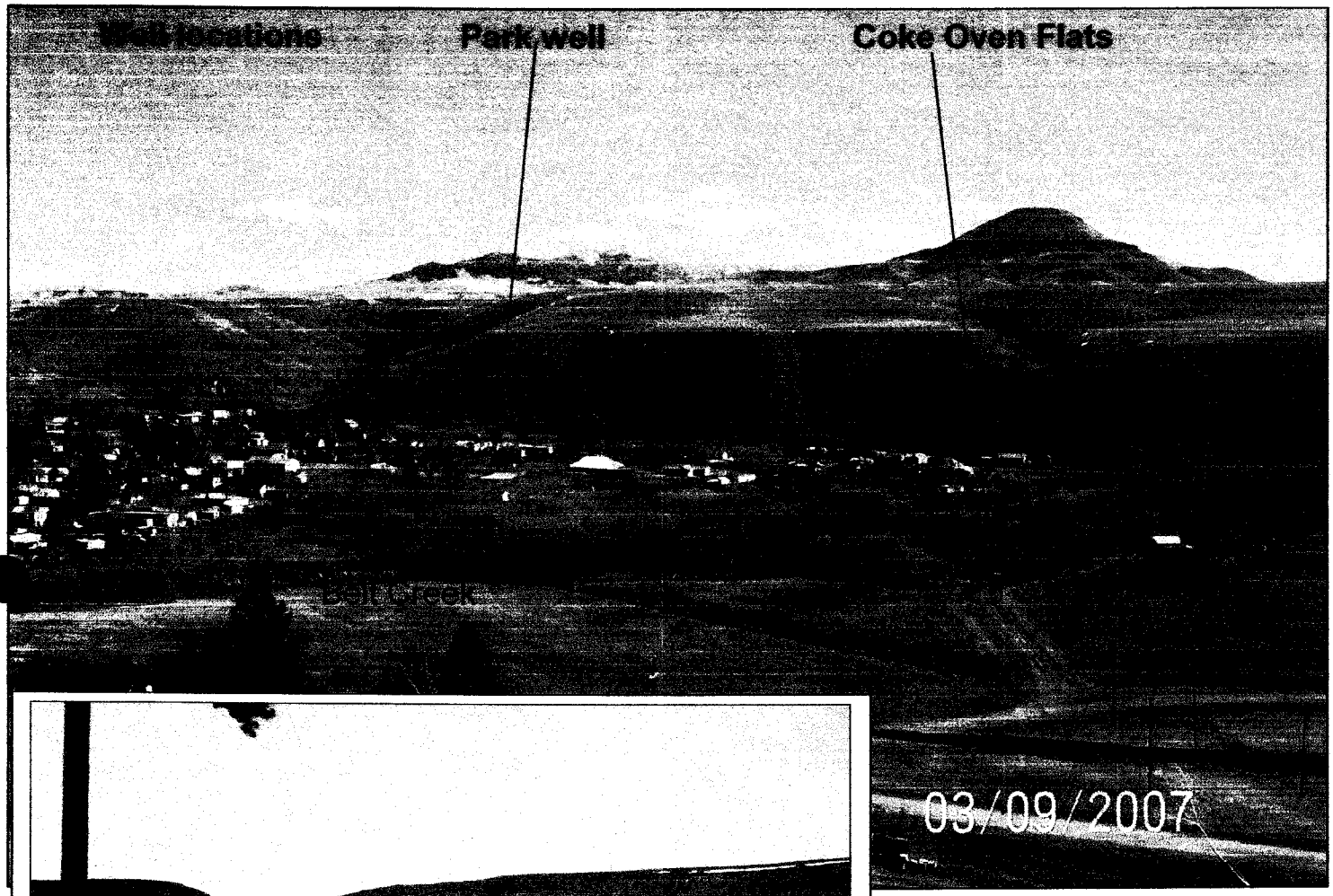
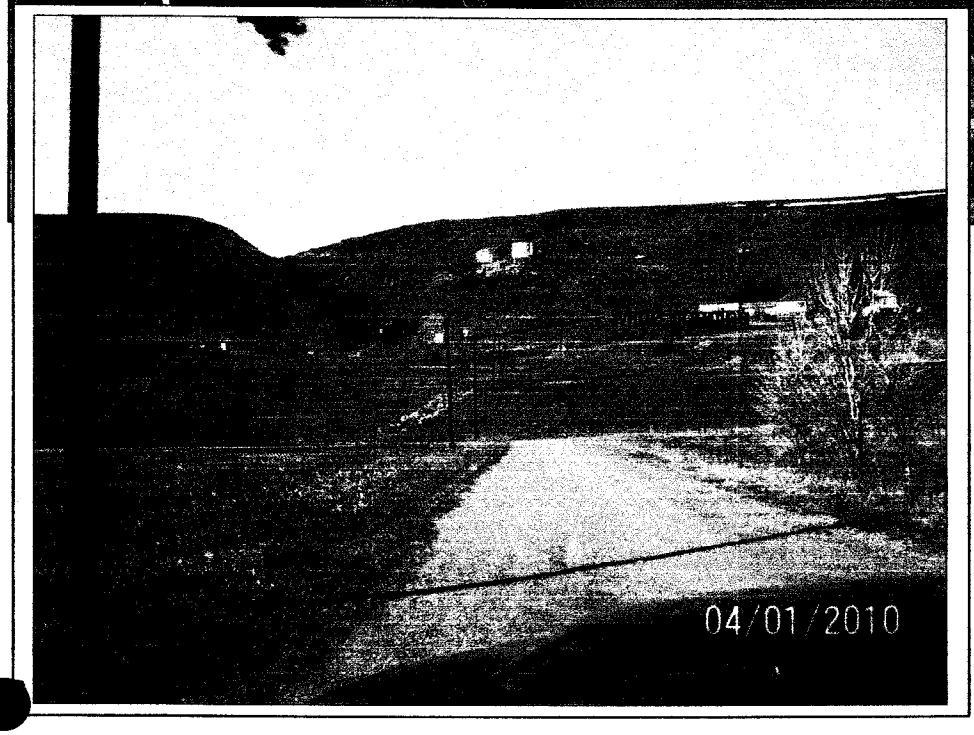
PWSID MT0000138 | SYSTEM NAME Belt, Town of

Draw brief site plan showing location of well(s), springs(s), water storage, distribution system, pumphouse(s), entry point(s), treatment, etc. and label with appropriate facility designation. Include interconnections with other PWS's. Add additional pages as needed.





The Big Sky Country

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April 13, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Town of Belt TSEP and DNRC Grant Applications

I strongly support the Town of Belt's efforts to plan for the future. Belt has an aging concrete water tank that was constructed by the WPA in the late 1930's. The tank leaks badly and needs replacement. Belt is currently un-metered and has no way of "auditing" their water loss. It is suspected leaks are impacting their demand.

Belt also has an aging water distribution system that will need scheduled replacement in the future and will face incredibly high costs to ultimately replace the entire system. The first phase will replace the water tank and install meters, allowing them to gain control of water loss and leakage figures and to target water mains for replacement in a second phase. The Town is 57% low and moderate income. A proposed water rate increase in conjunction with the phase 1 water project will take Belt well above target rates as established by the Montana Department of commerce.

I strongly support Belts grant applications.

Sincerely,

Mike Milburn

Montana State Senate

SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT
SENATE DISTRICT 10

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To Whom It May Concern:

April 14, 2010

Re: City of Belt TSEP and DNRC Grant Applications

The City of Belt has a very old water tank that leaks badly, is continuing to deteriorate and needs a replacement. In fact a picture of the deteriorating tank was in a recent article of the Great Falls Tribune which showed the true state of the tank. DEQ recently sent the City of Belt a letter indicating the tank is a public health hazard and DEQ will required replacement of this tank. Now if the State of Montana requires this improvement, I submit that the State of Montana is compelled to assist Belt in obtaining financing to assure the improvement is affordable. The Town is 57% low and moderate income, and the good people of Belt certainly can use your help. Belt is currently unmetered and has no way of "auditing" their water loss. It is suspected that leaks are impacting their demand as well. The proposed project will replace their water tank, providing a safe and secure storage facility for their drinking water, and install meters, allowing them to obtain critical information on water loss and primary leakage areas so that they can target water mains for replacement in a second phase. A proposed water rate increase in conjunction with the phase 1 water project will take Belt well above target rates as established by the Montana Department of commerce. Clean, adequate and affordable water for the City of Belt should the goal for all concerned.

I strongly support Belt's grant applications.

Sincerely,

Senator Brad Hamlett

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Belt Valley Bank

Established 1936

April 15, 2010

Re: Belt Water Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Belt Valley Bank is very interested in the financial, environmental and public health of our citizens. The safety and cost of public drinking water is critical to maintaining our economic status and to attracting new investment to our community.

It is my understanding that the DEQ has inspected the Town's concrete water supply tank and finds it unsafe. Businesses could be damaged in the event of contamination to our water supply, via entrance of contaminants to the tank.

The Belt Valley Bank strongly supports the grant applications from the City of Belt to your agency to help defray the cost these improvements. As our community has a high percentage of low to moderate income citizens, grant funds are essential to make this project possible.

Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely:

R. A. Browning
President

Phone (406) 277-3314 ❖ Fax (406) 277-3521
P.O. Box 196 ❖ Belt, MT 59412

CASCADE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

SERVING CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

March 10, 2010

Lyle Meeks
PO Box 6350
Great Falls, MT 59406

RE: City of Belt- Water Improvements Project Impacts

Dear Mr. Meeks:

I am writing in support of the City of Belt's Water Improvements project to improve the Belt Water system.

I am aware that the City of Belt and the community are all concerned with the well being, health and overall safety of their community. I am also aware that the City of Belt has committed as much to this work as the City's resources will allow for maintaining the existing community's system.

The location of the existing water tank and its possible relocation would not have any known negative impacts as the alternative location remains outside of any floodplain or designated wetlands.

Once again, I support the City of Belt's project for water improvements and updating their existing system and to take the necessary steps to safeguard the health of their community.

Sincerely,

Susan N Conell

Susan Conell,
Interim Planning Director, Cascade County

415 3RD Street Northwest, Great Falls MT 59404-4106, PH: 406-454-6905, Fax: 406-454-6903

BELT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 29
P.O. Box 197
Belt, Montana 59412
Telephone (406) 277-3351
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April 14, 2010

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Town of Belt TSEP and DNRC Grant Application

I strongly support the town of Belt's effort to plan for the future. Belt is currently unmetered and has no way of "auditing" water loss. It is suspected that leaks in the existing water tank are creating significant loss of water; therefore, creating increased and unnecessary demand on the water system. The aging concrete tank, constructed in the 1930's by the WPA, and the aging water distribution system, each need to be replaced.

In the first phase of the project the water tank will be replaced and meters will be installed. Data from the meters will be collected to determine water loss through leakage. In phase two of the project, defective water mains targeted through data collected in phase one will be replaced.

The costs of these necessary improvements are more than the Belt community can shoulder without the support of this grant and other potential outside funding sources. Belt is 57% low and moderate income and a proposed water rate increase in conjunction with the phase 1 water project costs will place the Belt rates well over the target rates as established by the Montana Department of Commerce resulting in significant financial stress on Belt families. Your support will help the residence of Belt to ensure a safe water supply and will update the water system to meet current water conservation standards. Grant funding will assist in the completion of this necessary work to improve the infrastructure of the Belt community and provide a safe and efficient water system.

I strongly support Belt's efforts to secure this grant for improvement of the water system.

Sincerely,

Kathleen O. Prody

Kathleen Prody
Superintendent, Belt Schools

April 13 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Belt Water Project

It is my understanding that Montana DEQ has inspected the Town's concrete water supply tank and finds it unsafe. My business could be damaged in the unlikely event of contamination to the town's water supply, via entrance of contaminants to the tank.

The continued safety and cost of public drinking water is critical to my operation. I am a small business with 15 employees and my operating margins are tight. I want to keep my operation in Belt, and cost containment of water improvements is very important.

I strongly support grant applications from Belt to defray the cost of these improvements. The people of our community are generally of low and moderate income, and we need grant funds to reduce costs.

Sincerely,

Vicki Throckmorton

Vicki Throckmorton
Owner
Belt Valley Grocery
Castner St
Belt, MT 59412

January 28, 2011

To the members of the Montana Legislature;

We the undersigned citizens, would like to express our support for funding of the Town of Belt's Water Tank Project. We feel that the replacement of the current tank is necessary in order to continue to provide safe drinking water to the citizens of Belt. The condition of the current tank which was built in the 1930's is in jeopardy of complete failure, the concrete has been patched, and is in such a poor condition, that it can no longer be patched. The cost of replacement is more than a town of 630 can bear, therefore, we are requesting funding help for this project. Thank you for your consideration.

SINCERELY

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[illegible]	1/E A ST Belt
Becky Lowery	312 2nd Ave S.
[illegible]	65 CASTLE ST.
[illegible]	211 3rd Ave S, Belt MT
Amber Smith	220 Bridge St. Belt, MT
Kathy Miller	227 Bridge St
[illegible]	115 Lewis St
[illegible]	Belt, mt.
Michael Hyalbert	19 5 St N Belt MT
BJ Wells	# 20 ANACONDA ST. - BELT, MT
Jim Wells	# 20 Anaconda st Belt MT 59412
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Winona Ryan	115 4th Ave S. Belt MT 59412
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[illegible]	435th St N
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Craig Fuchs	17 Valley Dr
[illegible]	228 Castner St.
Ignie Adams	324 3rd Ave So.
[illegible]	328 2nd Ave S.
Lydia Myrvat	117 3rd ave S
[illegible]	223 3RD So.
Patti Johnson	404 Lewis St.
John Pardini	203 MILLARD ST S. BELT MT 59412
Mary Shakita	220 Bridge St
Jessica Dillon	301 1st Ave S
Ron Bradshaw	412 Lewis ST
Charlotte Garrison	147 Castner St Belt MT 59412
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Glen Erickson	163 Castner Belt
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Gill	182 main Belt
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Josie Visocan	779 Cosa Creek Belt
Frank Trick	Box 247 BELT
Eleanora Keller	203 So. Millard Belt
Mandee Foss	Belt

Thomas J Clark 133A St, Belt, MT

W Oak Adam 112 MILLARD BELT, MT

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Marlin Kyhn 101 1st ave S.

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[illegible] 328 2nd Ave So Belt, MT 59412

[illegible] 164 Belt Creek Ln Belt MT 5941[illegible]

Dave Woodcock 219 1st Ave N Belt MT 59412

John Mital 122 1st St. Belt MT

[illegible] 2132 Lewis St Belt MT

Phyllis M. Wall 213 Lewis St Belt MT

Paul Heikkila 304 ~~Main~~ N ST Belt MT

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January 28, 2011

To the members of the Montana Legislature;

We the undersigned citizens, would like to express our support for funding of the Town of Belt's Water Tank Project. We feel that the replacement of the current tank is necessary in order to continue to provide safe drinking water to the citizens of Belt. The condition of the current tank which was built in the 1930's is in jeopardy of complete failure, the concrete has been patched, and is in such a poor condition, that it can no longer be patched. The cost of replacement is more than a town of 630 can bear, therefore, we are requesting funding help for this project. Thank you for your consideration.

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