



Date: Sept 9, 2019

COPMOBA-RAT Regional Trails Plan  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Non-Motorized Trail Planning Grant Application

Hello Trail Partners,

As part of our passionate and continuing efforts to create trails we love in our communities and region, COPMOBA is applying for a CPW Non-Motorized Trail Planning Grant this year. The application will include funding requests to complete a regional trails plan which will include public meetings, stakeholder meetings (CPW, USFS, BLM and more as needed), and a conceptual trail plan of potential new trails in Ouray County and the region.

If you or your business/organization appreciate the value of our local and regional trails and can help in any way, we would truly appreciate it. The grant requires a cash match as well as letters of support – both are equally needed and important to show community support for the projects.

If you can contribute cash match, ***all donations will go directly to COPMOBA, Inc.*** and are tax deductible. At this time, we only need a pledge, provided through your letter of support. When we receive a grant award letter (next spring), we will follow up with you at that time to finalize your contribution.

We have attached a sample letter of support. Please address to CPW, but you must submit your letter directly to our grant writer (not CPW) as it must be included with our application package to be considered. Letters can be submitted to Amy Sharp, Sparrow Trails at [sparrowtrails@gmail.com](mailto:sparrowtrails@gmail.com). Letters and cash match pledges are due by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our Executive Director, Tisha McCombs, at [coordinator@copmoba.org](mailto:coordinator@copmoba.org) or directly at (970) 244-8877.

Thank you for your support of trails and for your partnership with COPMOBA in our nearly 30-year effort of building trails for our communities!

Sincerely,

Scott Winans  
President, COPMOBA





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Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program

Re: COPMOBA-RAT Regional Trails Plan

September 11, 2019

Trail Grant Committee:

We're excited to share that the Ridgway Town Council supports COPMOBA's initiative to improve regional trails for the benefit of residents, visitor and businesses within the Ridgway community and Ouray County. COPMOBA-Ridgway Area Trails have led numerous successful efforts to plan, finance, seek grants, and construct other trail systems in our area, including the Ridgway Area Trails project on BLM which was also funded by CPW. They have shown creativity and responsibility in securing and expending grant and matching funds.

The Town Council understands the positive economic impacts of outdoor recreation opportunities and access and believes COPMOBA's desire to seek funds for a CPW planning grant for a new regional trails plan will greatly benefit numerous individuals, businesses, and visitors to the region. The Town's Land Use Plan calls for connecting our Riverway and trails, creating a sustainable community and developing livable landscapes. COPMOBA's goals and plans for a region-wide trail plan supports these town-wide goals.

The Town of Ridgway is pledging to invest in these efforts and contributing a match of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in 2020. We hope that Colorado Parks and Wildlife will join our efforts and support this project.

Sincerely,

Jen Coates  
Town Manager, Town of Ridgway



## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by and between the Town of Ridgway, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and Reynolds Ash + Associates, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

In consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations herein expressed, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

### 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Contractor agrees to perform services in accordance with the Scope of Services attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

### 2. TIME OF COMPLETION

The services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement by Contractor consist of the fabrication of items as described in Exhibit A and shall be initiated upon execution of this Agreement, shall be pursued with due diligence thereafter. Design shall be completed by January 31, 2020 and Bidding and Construction Administration shall be completed by December 31, 2020.

### 3. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, timely completion and coordination of all services as outlined in Exhibit A and shall without additional compensation promptly remedy and correct any errors, omissions or other deficiencies. Contractor is solely responsible for the timing, means and methods of performing the work. Contractor shall meet or exceed industry standards applicable to the services and shall provide for all training and education needed and provide all tools necessary to perform the services. Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws.

### 4. RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor hereby waives any claims for damage to Contractor's property or injury to Contractor's person against the Town, its officers, agents and employees arising out of the performance of the services under this Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town, and its officers and its employees, from and against all liability, claims, and demands, on account of any injury, loss, or damage, which arise out of or are connected with the Services, if such injury, loss, or damage, or any portion thereof, is caused by, or claimed to be caused by, the act, omission, or other fault of the Contractor or any subcontractor of the Contractor, or any officer, employee, or agent of the Contractor or any subcontractor, or any other person for whom Contractor is responsible. The Contractor shall investigate, handle, respond to, and provide defense for and defend against any such liability, claims, and demands, and to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, including court costs and attorneys' fees. The Contractor's indemnification obligation shall not be construed to extend to any injury, loss, or damage which is caused by the act, omission, or other fault of the Town.

### 5. PAYMENT

In consideration of the proper performance of the Contractor's services, Town agrees to pay the Contractor for time expended by Contractor's principals and subcontractors in a total amount not to exceed \$24,330 for Design



and a total amount not to exceed \$14,250 for Bidding and Construction Administration as described in Exhibit A, billable in ¼ hour increments. Payment shall be made upon itemized monthly billing statements allowing for 30 days processing time by the Town. Contractor is not entitled to reimbursement for supplies, materials or expenses without the prior approval of the Town Manager.

**6. INSURANCE AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

Contractor shall obtain statutorily required Worker's compensation insurance to cover Contractor's employees and provide the Town a certificate of such insurance. Contractor hereby agrees to release, waive, save, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Town, its officers, agents or employees on account of any claims arising under the Worker's compensation laws of the State of Colorado on behalf of Contractor or any of Contractor's employees, subcontractors or subcontractor's employees.

**7. TOWN REPRESENTATIVE**

The Town hereby designates its Town Manager, or her designee as its representative and authorizes her to make all necessary and proper decisions with reference to this Agreement.

**8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

The services to be performed by the Contractor are those of an independent contractor and not as an employee of the Town. As an independent contractor, Contractor is not entitled to worker's compensation benefits except as may be provided by the independent contractor nor to unemployment insurance benefits. The Contractor is obligated to pay all federal and state income tax on any moneys paid pursuant to this Agreement.

**9. ASSIGNMENT**

This Agreement may not be assigned nor subcontracted by either party without the written consent of the other party.

**10. SUBCONTRACTS**

A Subcontractor is a person who has a contract with the Contractor to perform any of the Work.

Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement or in the Instructions to Bidders, the Contractor, as soon as practicable after the award of the Contract, shall furnish to the Town in writing a list of the names of Subcontractors proposed for the principal portions of the Work. The Contractor shall not employ any Subcontractor to whom the Owner may have a reasonable objection. The Contractor shall not be required to employ any Subcontractor to whom he has a reasonable objection. Contracts between the Contractor and the Subcontractor shall be in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

**11. SEPARATE CONTRACTS AND OWNER WORK**

The Owner reserves the right to award other contracts in connection with other portions of the Project or other work on the site or to perform such work itself.



**12. TIME**

If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the Work by changes ordered in the Work, by labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in transportation, unavoidable casualties, causes beyond the Contractor's control, or by any cause which the Town may determine justifies the delay, then the Town may extend the Contract Time by written Change Order.

**13. BREACH AND TERMINATION**

All terms and conditions of this Agreement are considered material and failure to perform any of said conditions on be considered a breach of this Agreement. In such event, either party may notify the other of the breach, in which case there shall be a thirty day opportunity to cure the breach, except for failure to provide service which must be corrected within 3 days. If the breach is not cured the non-breaching party may have recourse to any and all remedies provided by law, including damages, specific performance, and termination of the contract.

**14. CONTRACTOR'S OFFICE**

Contractor shall maintain its own office, utilize Contractor's own office equipment and supplies and shall keep the Town advised of Contractor's office address, mailing address and telephone number.

**15. PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY AND RISK OF LOSS**

The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. He shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of, and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to (1) all employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby, (2) all the Work and all materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, and (3) other property at the site or elsewhere. Contractor shall bear all risk of loss to the work, or materials or equipment for the work due to fire, theft, vandalism, or other casualty or cause, until the work is fully completed and accepted by the Owner. He shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public authority having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. All damage or loss to any property caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Sub-subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by the Contractor.

**16. MISCELLANEOUS**

Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating to the performance of this Agreement, use of premises and public places and safety of persons and property.

**17. DATE**

This Agreement is dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.



**18. ILLEGAL ALIEN PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY COLORADO REVISED STATUTES 8-17.5-102, AS AMENDED**

The following provisions are required by Colorado Revised Statutes §8-17.5-102, as amended. The term “illegal alien” is used as it is referenced in the above Statutes and is not a term chosen or endorsed by the Town.

- A. Contractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement.
- B. Contractor shall not enter into a contract with a Subcontractor that fails to certify to the Contractor that the Subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement.
- C. Contractor has confirmed the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this agreement through participation in either (1) the e-verify program, (the electronic employment verification program created in Public Law 104-208 as amended and expanded in Public Law 108-156, as amended, and jointly administered by the US Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration, or its successor program) or (2) the Department Program (the employment verification program established pursuant to CRS 8-17.5-102(5)(c)).
- D. Contractor is prohibited from using the e-verify program or the Department program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this Agreement is being performed.
- E. If the Contractor obtains actual knowledge that a Subcontractor performing work under this Agreement knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, the Contractor shall be required to: (a) notify the Subcontractor and the Town within three days that the Contractor has actual knowledge that the Subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien; and (b) terminate the subcontract with the Subcontractor if within three days of receiving the notice required pursuant to (a) of this paragraph (E), the Subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien; except that the Contractor shall not terminate the contract with the Subcontractor if during such three days the Subcontractor provides information to establish that the Subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien.
- F. Contractor shall comply with any reasonable request by the Department of Labor and Employment in the course of an investigation that the Department is undertaking pursuant to CRS 8-17.5-102(5)
- G. If Contractor violates these illegal alien provisions, the Town may terminate this Agreement for a breach of contract. If this Agreement is so terminated, Contractor shall be liable for actual and consequential damages to the Town. The Town will notify the Office of the Secretary of State if Contractor violates these provisions and the Town terminates this Agreement for that reason.
- H. Contractor shall notify the Town of participation in the Department program and shall within 20 days after hiring an employee who is newly hired for employment to perform work under this Agreement affirm that the Contractor has examined the legal work status of such employee, retained file copies of the documents required by 8 USC 1324a and not altered or falsified the identification documents for such employee. Contractor shall provide a written, notarized copy of the affirmation to the Town.



19. **APPROPRIATION REQUIRED**

This Agreement shall NOT be construed to constitute a debt of the Town beyond any current fiscal year and shall be subject to the availability of an annual appropriation therefore by the Town.

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY**

**CONTRACTOR:** Reynolds Ash + Associates

By \_\_\_\_\_  
*John Clark, Mayor*

By \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name, Title*

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk



### CRS 8-17.5-102 Certification

Name of Project: Athletic Park Pavilion

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to CRS 8-17.5-102(1) the undersigned hereby certifies that at this date it does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under the contract for the above referenced project and that the Contractor will participate in the E-Verify Program or the Department Program in order to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for work under the contract for the above referenced project.

**CONTRACTOR:** Reynolds Ash + Associates

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title





## EXHIBIT A

### Scope of Services

#### Design

Information Gathering: RA+A will work with key stakeholders and partners to gather pertinent details and information in order to successfully launch this project.

Research Town / Context: RA+A will conduct analysis and character, photo project context including neighboring buildings and site features. Conduct initial charette with stakeholders to obtain input on all desired features for the project.

Public Engagement: RA+A will prepare for public meetings to gather input on the pavilion design; along with providing graphics including an enlarged site plan, contextual photos, example photos of pavilion projects of various styles, and site context. RA+A will then conduct public meetings and take public comments on pavilion location and orientation, size and features of the pavilion, and the architectural style of the pavilion.

Conceptual Design: RA+A will prepare initial schematic designs for the pavilion. The designs will include 2 to 3 different options and will include a site plan, floor plans, and exterior elevations. RA+A will present schematic designs to stakeholders and discuss the pros and cons of different options to reach consensus on design direction. RA+A will then update the conceptual design and meet again with the stakeholder group to discuss and refine the design; leading to the finalization of the conceptual design. The final design deliverables will include a colored site plan, floor plans, exterior elevations, and 3d images. Civil drawings will include a conceptual grading, drainage, and utility plan.

Final Design / Construction Documents: RA+A will prepare plans and specifications adequate to obtain competitive bids, permitting, and construction. Drawings will include architectural, landscape, structural engineering, MEP engineering, and civil engineering.

#### Bidding and Construction Administration

Project Bidding: RA+A will assist the town with obtaining competitive bids for the project and determine bonding and insurance requirements. RA+A will also assist the town with advertising the project and soliciting bids, review bids with the owner to make recommendations for the award, and assist the town with the owner / contractor award.

Construction Administration: RA+A will provide construction administration services for the project through completion. RA+A will conduct a pre-construction meeting, bi-monthly on-site progress meetings, review and approve contractor pay-applications, and conduct a substantial completion walk-through / punch list.

#### **Project Timeline**

Timeline will be in line with the bid document submitted 8/28/19.

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PRINT NAME MARISA MURPHY ADDRESS 890 SABETA DRIVE  
(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)

DEAR TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS,

FIRST I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND MAKING RIDGWAY A TERRIFIC PLACE TO LIVE.

SECOND, THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME, IT IS THE ONLY TIME IN 25 YEARS OF LIVING HERE I FEEL MOVED TO SET UP AND TO SPEAK.

THE WATER ISSUE IS HUGE AND PROBLEMATIC. I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THE LOW ALLOTMENT OF 6000 GALLONS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OF US WITH LARGER (1/2 ACRE) LOT SIZES.

THE PENALTIES ARE FAR TO HIGH FOR OVERUSAGE, NOT MENTION THAT SELF REGULATING AND METER READING IS A DIFFICULT TASK.

PLEASE CONSIDER THAT I HAVE CULTIVATED A LOT OF FOOD GROWING ON MY PROPERTY IN THE LAST 20 YEARS. I GROW BERRIES, APPLES, APRICOTS, APPLES, AND A LARGE VEGETABLE GARDEN THAT FEEDS DOZENS AND DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN THE SUMMER.

MY JUNE USAGE IS HISTORICALLY THE HIGHEST AND I AM DOWN 35% (AT LEAST) FROM PAST YEARS WITH STILL YET A HUGE WATER BILL FROM PENALTIES.

PLEASE REDO THE ALLOTMENT

Leave Petition at Town Hall for Town Council.

OF WATER TO AN ANNUAL USAGE, LOWER PENALTIES AND RAISE THE MONTHLY ALLOTMENT TO A MORE FUNCTIONAL AMOUNT. THANK YOU!

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**PRINT NAME** Paul Hebert **ADDRESS** 258.5 Mary St  
(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)

As a long time resident of the town who has planted many trees here both on my property and in the town park. I have seen the difference trees make in our quality of life. Zeriscape just doesn't cut it for cooling your town as well as combating climate change.

I have always felt it was unfair to conserve water all winter and never even approach the minimum for 9 months and that get penalized heavily for watering our yard for 3. I feel that the town should average our usage annually and allow us to keep the town green.

Paul Hebert

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**PRINT NAME**

**ADDRESS**

*(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)*

Shawn McKearnan

258 S. Mary St.  
Ridgway

Trees, yards of green, and gardens all are a huge part of what makes Ridgway a special place. These rates will discourage people from not just planting trees, but giving them the water they need to survive in our semi arid climate.

Some possible ideas:

When stage 1 is in effect, keep proposed annual allotment in place, but honor above ideas

\* Create access to untreated water for irrigation in parts of town: ~~near~~

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PRINT NAME Niha Rea ADDRESS 875 Cipet Drive

(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)

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PRINT NAME BRYAN REA

ADDRESS 875 Chipeta Drive

(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)

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**PRINT NAME** Nicole Dow **ADDRESS** 1070 110th St. Ridgway, CO  
(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)

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**PRINT NAME** SUZIE W. GINGERY **ADDRESS** 502 SABETA DR. #C  
(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)

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Slugway Town Council - we ask that you change the water rates and give residents an annual allotment, not monthly. This way if we don't use our water in the winter months, we can use it in the summer to water our yards and grow food in our gardens. This is a right to farm county, and now we can't grow food in our yards without a penalty. We live here for the beauty of our Town, yards and trees will die when we can't afford to water outside. Also, we are not happy you reduced our water from 9000 gallons to 7000 and in December it drops again to 6000, the amount you are charging when we go over the allotment is way too high, and that the water rates will increase every year for the next five years.

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PRINT NAME Richard Gingery ADDRESS 502 Sabeta, Unit C  
*Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)*

monthly. This way if we don't use our water in the winter months, we can use it in the summer to water our yards and grow food in our gardens. This is a right to farm county, and now we can't grow food in our yards without a penalty. We live here for the beauty of our Town, yards and trees will die when we can't afford to water outside. Also, we are not happy you reduced our water from 9000 gallons to 7000 and in December it drops again to 6000, the amount you are charging when we go over the allotment is way too high, and that the water rates will increase every year for the next five years.

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PRINT NAME Laura Grieschel ADDRESS 502 Subeta Dr. Unit B  
*Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)* RIDGWAY CO 81432

Christine Niles  
488 N. Coast.

8/21/19

## Town of Ridgely,

I'm paying my 2nd astronomical bill  
of the summer under protest.

In 2 months I have paid the town  
\$500 more for water than any other  
year in the 17 years I've lived here.

The increase is outrageous and cruel.  
At 68 years old I am financially  
strapped to pay my water bill, when  
nothing about my life + usage has  
changed. The changes in the threshold  
of usage + the overage cost is robbery.

How families are adjusting to this,  
let alone me, 1 person, I can't imagine.  
Shame on you Town of Ridgely!

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**PRINT NAME**

**ADDRESS**

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Ralph Tingey - 505 Marion Overlook

first, the graduated scale of water charges is punitive, not reflective of actual water costs and should be revised.

Second, and most important, there is limited water and a gradual desertification forecast for S.W. Colorado. However the town, continues to approve housing, even very high density housing where each person is estimated to use 140 gal/day. There is no new water source available, so there should be a moratorium on new building unless more water is available, otherwise each home will have diminishing water for the future as the town continues to expand.

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**PRINT NAME** Paulette Crabb **ADDRESS** 160 S Cora  
(Write any comments to the Town Council below your name)

#### Ridgway Town Council & Staff


This note is to clarify my objections to the huge water rate increase.

First and foremost, there was no formal noticing regarding the sky-rocket increase. (To personalize my pain, my July bill last year was \$106 while my July bill this year was \$258!!! I had absolutely no idea or I would have let my lawn start to die then.) Service providers such as SMPA, Black Hills Energy, and others, always send a notice thru the mail detailing a rate hike. It would seem that the Town's take on noticing must have involved a legal notice in the paper? Since not everyone subscribes to the Plaindealer, I maintain that there was no noticing and those charges should be rescinded until such time as proper and considerate noticing takes place.

Secondly, the beauty of our town will be compromised as those of us with limited income have now been forced to watch our lawns wither and die.

Finally, this incredible rate increase seems to go counter to the Town's goals of prioritizing tourism through the beautification grants, e.g. paved areas, striped parking, sculptures, colorful benches and *well watered public spaces and parks*. Sadly, my yard and others will no longer reflect that pride and beauty.

ACK!

  
Paulette Crabb

P.S. Not that you care, but I have lived here for 37 years and have contributed through volunteerism to the well-being of the citizens in this community...

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**PRINT NAME** MEREDITH NEMIROV **ADDRESS** 282 S. MARY ST.  
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**PRINT NAME** BOB MANN **ADDRESS** 761 CLINTON ST  
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**PRINT NAME** RITA ROBINSON **ADDRESS** 510 Kismet  
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I understand the need to encourage conservation but the current level of water allowed before the higher rate is insufficient to maintain minimal landscaping. And the higher rate is really punitive - forcing normal income folks to have to decide between paying more or letting their trees, bushes, flowers and food suffer. I've already sacrificed the lawn - but the rest provides beauty, shade and nourishment. Perhaps a year-round allotment is not the answer - but the current approach is not the answer either.

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**PRINT NAME** Dore Francis **ADDRESS** 755 CHIPETA DR.  
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- ① Monthly rate abolished to change to yearly allotment is a process used by other utility companies to promote savings and fairness.
- ② Ability to get readings on our meters at will would certainly help us monitor use. Clearly other utilities do this. Perhaps access to online readings.
- ③ WARNING System if a surge in use. Impossible for us to know if there is a leak. This is good not only for us but for all who use H<sub>2</sub>O - saves everyone wasted water.
- ④ ~~START~~ Looking at new building. Building more fireproof as concerns in fire of water concerns!

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**PRINT NAME** Martha McKeaney **ADDRESS** 545 Hyde St. Ridgway, CO.  
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#1 It is a given fact that we all need to conserve water everywhere. However, I feel that the town's approach is punitive to those people who garden and grow trees for the enhancement, not only for their own lives but also for the beauty of the town as a whole. The aspen trees in our yard are the focal points of our residence. Everyone knows where the aspen yard is. We have lost seven trees this year and last due to the dryness and heat of the summer. ~~this year as well as last year~~. Punishing people for growing trees and their own good is unacceptable. We are a right to farm community! I propose that instead of using base gallons per month that eventually make gardens & trees impossible to grow that you use and enforce water restrictions in years when we need them. If people don't live by those restrictions, ticket them and fine them. Do not punish the residents who are abiding by those restrictions.

#2 Encourage people to install water systems that conserve water. Let's also visit the possibility of using gray water for our gardening needs. We don't need treated water for our trees and plants. They are healthier if we use untreated water. →

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New Water Rates for Ridgway Residents (from Town Website)

Minimum Monthly Charge 0 to Base gal./mo	Rate for Use over Base and up to 10,000 gal./month	Rate for Use 10,000 and up to 15,000 gal./month	Rate for Use Over 15,000 gal./month
Beginning on 12/1/18: Base gallons: 7000 Base Cost: \$32.75;			
Beginning on 12/1/19: Base gallons: 6000 Base Cost: \$32.75;			
Beginning on 12/1/20: Base gallons: 6000 Base Cost: \$37.75;			
Beginning on 12/1/21: Base gallons: 6000 Base Cost: \$42.75;	\$10.50/1,000 gal.	\$15.00/1,000 gal.	\$20.00/1,000 gal.
Beginning on 12/1/22: Base gallons: 6000 Base Cost: \$47.75;			
Beginning on 12/1/23: Base gallons: 6000 Base Cost: \$52.75			

#3 If growth is the issue for revising our water system plan, let's have a moratorium on growth (we've done it before) until we can as a community create a proper and just plan for all residents.

#4 We need to know how much water we are using during the usage time. We need to know if we have a leak in our system immediately. If we can't have readable meters installed, then we need more than one reading per month from the town. It's too late when the reading is only done one time at the end of the month. If you really want to save water, this needs to happen.

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Susan McMurry

418 Amy Way Ridgway

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**ADDRESS**

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**PRINT NAME** Deborah Wheeler **ADDRESS** 610 Sabeta Dr  
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I have previously submitted a request for price reduction for my May & June water bill. I expressed my concern for the excessive price increase & reduction of water allotment. This is an excessive cost. And like they said - "It is more expensive to water a lawn than raise a child in Ridgway"

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Patricia Kennett (+ Scott) 870 Chipeta Dr. Ridgway  
x Patricia Kennett x Scott Kennett

Comments: Ouray residents do not even have meters. We are in Ouray County, yes right to farm and all my plants are suffering. Pentafires are way to steep + allotment way to low for us that have  $\frac{1}{4}$  +  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres to tend to. ~~Not~~ Yearly allotment is the solution + don't keep taking away amount + raising prices!



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PRINT NAME STEVE & KATHLEEN BRATT ADDRESS 890 CHAPETA DRIVE, (SP)

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**PRINT NAME** JORGE ANCHONDO **ADDRESS** 282 S. MARY ST.  
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## Pam Kraft

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**From:** Susan Baker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:28 AM  
**To:** Pam Kraft  
**Subject:** Ridgway water issues 2019

To the Ridgway town officials  
September 11, 2019

I am concerned about the speed in the decision to increase water rates. Granted there was a lack of participation by town members during a very busy summer time. I am requesting more time to finalize the decisions. Time to hear the more informed town members. Seems it would be more respectful.

In regards to the raised water rates I have a request. I started building my building in 1989 and followed ALL regulations required. I was told one water tap would be adequate for my commercial building. I added on to the building twice through the years and again did as the building inspector required. I was never told to have another water tap.

Another point I need to make—For some reason residences in commercial buildings are allotted much less water 4,000 gal. than residences in houses. Shouldn't we have an even playing field for all residents. The residences in the commercial buildings have been the only truly affordable housing in the downtown area of Ridgway for years.

I also am requesting we have more categories for billing 1. Families verse single people  
2. Commercial businesses that use obviously much more water like restaurants or manufacturing, verse offices. Making more categories, and not an excessive amount of categories seems more fair and would probably settle in more easily.

I have always greatly appreciated the time put in by counsel and staff. But I must say this these water decisions happened fast. It's taken a while even for the residents to become alerted (the usual). Just asking for more fair treatment- and an even playing field.

Thank you  
Susan Baker  
aka "Lupita"

Sent from my iPhone