

RWSD Achieves BIG Milestone

For decades, Roxborough Water & Sanitation District (RWSD) has worked to secure a permanent raw water supply for the community. The effort began in the 1970s, when Roxborough Park Metro District (RPMD) negotiated a 50-year water supply agreement with the City of Aurora. By 1983, nearly 100 homes were built in Roxborough Park, and the following year the Roxborough Village Metropolitan District was formed.

By the early 2000s, then-General Manager Larry Moore recognized that the Aurora agreement was nearing its end. He spent years negotiating with large municipalities, including Denver Water and Aurora, for a permanent solution. In 2010, he secured a long-term contract with Aurora, with a 90-year initial term and automatic 90-year renewals.



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Over time, the agreement was amended to support growth and conservation, and in 2017 the District opened the Larry D. Moore Water Treatment Plant. That same year, the contract was consolidated into a single, comprehensive intergovernmental agreement (IGA). But one major requirement remained: RWSD had 60 months to relocate the irrigation pump station that supplied Arrowhead Golf Course and Roxborough Village, which was then located at Aurora's Rampart Reservoir.

Former General Manager Barbara Biggs identified a promising site east of Denver Water's property and spent two years in tough negotiations. When progress stalled, she began discussions with another landowner, and draft easements were in motion. Tragically, Barbara fell ill and passed away in 2023 before the deal could be finalized.

Soon after, RWSD secured the easements under the leadership of new General Manager Mike Marcum. Construction began on the relocated Rampart Pump Station, and in August 2025, substantial completion was reached. By September, final documents were

being prepared, with the project delivered about \$1.5 million under budget—an enormous savings for Roxborough ratepayers.

The project capped RWSD's obligations under the Aurora contract, ensuring long-term water reliability for the community. It also marked the culmination of Barbara Biggs' tireless work. She devoted countless hours to negotiations, bringing creativity and persistence to the effort.

In recognition of her dedication, RWSD named the new pump station in her honor. A plaque at the entrance now commemorates Barbara's leadership and friendship. Each time staff visit the facility, they will think of our lost friend and remember her contributions and legacy.

In Loving Memory
Barbara J. Biggs
Great Leader and Friend
1957 to 2023