Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer named 2010 chairman of Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority Board of Directors

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer recently was named chairman of the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority for 2010.

Dyer, who represents District 2, which includes Centennial, Cherry Hills Village, Greenwood Village and portions of unincorporated Arapahoe County, is a longtime advocate and champion of water issues and securing renewable water rights for the Denver metro area.

“Water is one of the most important, challenging and complicated issues affecting Colorado today,” said Commissioner Dyer. “For the last 10 years, ACWWA has been in the forefront by working diligently to secure renewable water rights so we will have enough water to serve our customers well into the future. I look forward to leading ACWWA as we begin construction of this important project.”

As chairman of the Authority, Dyer will guide the Authority as it launches its Flow Project, a $153 million transaction that secures long-term surface water rights from the South Platte River Basin and builds the infrastructure needed to ensure the continued flow of water to its customers. Construction begins this year and is expected to be complete – allowing the delivery of water – by 2010.

ACWWA will complete construction on a separate project – the Joint Water Purification Plant this spring, and is partnering with Cottonwood Water and Sanitation to enhance its ability to provide high quality water to customers by “buying into” a portion of the East Cherry Creek Valley water treatment plant, which will give the Authority the capacity and flexibility to serve its wastewater needs.

ACWWA serves roughly eight square miles in central Arapahoe County and a small portion of northern Douglas and Elbert counties. Approximately 65 percent of ACWWA’s customers are commercial and 35 percent residential. Commercial customers include AlloSource, Centennial Airport, the Denver Broncos headquarters and practice facility, as well as a number of hotels.

The Authority was formed in 1988 by an agreement between Arapahoe County and the Arapahoe Water and Sanitation District to develop water resources, systems and wastewater collection.

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Media Note: Photos of Commissioner Jim Dyer is available for download at the County’s FTP server by clicking on: ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Commissioners/