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Imagine a Day Without Water

CHEYENNE, WY – The City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (Board), the US Water Alliance and water professionals across North America have joined in a nationwide day of education and advocacy about the value of water. Water is a valuable natural resource that safeguards the health of Cheyenne’s residents, protects the community from fires, provides a resource for businesses, contributes to recreational activities and drives our way of life.

In Cheyenne, much of the water infrastructure needs to be repaired or even replaced because of the length of time water pipes have been underground. “Water and sewer mains are buried underground, out of sight and unfortunately out of mind,” says the Board’s Water Conservation Specialist, Dena Egenhoff. “It would take around 100 years to replace all of Cheyenne’s water and sewer mains, and yet the average life of a new pipe is only 50-80 years.”

“Imagine a Day Without Water” not only tells the stories of the challenges that are faced when our water infrastructure fails, but also of the innovated solutions being implemented. The Board is taking an aggressive approach for a total of 5.2 miles of water and sewer rehabilitation projects in fiscal year 2017. In addition, the Board is planning approximately \$4.88 million of water main rehabilitation projects and \$4.16 million for sewer collection main projects in fiscal year 2018. These expenditures total around \$1.7 million per mile for rehabilitation projects.

Investing now in Cheyenne’s water and sewer infrastructure is one way to ensure safe and reliable services for Cheyenne and closing the water and sewer infrastructure investment gap. The Board thanks Cheyenne’s continuous support for water and sewer infrastructure upgrades.

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