

Donald Ranta

Don has been a homeowner on Lookout Mountain for the past 41 years and a member of the LMWD since inception in 1988. He holds a PhD in geological engineering from the Colorado School of Mines, and has worked in managerial and executive positions for several major mining companies. For the past 12 years he has been an officer or on the Boards of several entrepreneurial companies. Currently he is the Chairman of the Board of Rare Element Resources, a rare-earths company, and its past President & CEO. He is a Certified Professional Geologist with AIPG and a past president of SME.

Don and his wife Linda have three grown children. They are members of the L-H Homeowners Association and know the needs of smaller laterals on the mountain.

Don is committed to strive toward ensuring a safe and abundant water supply to LMWD members. During the next few years, several significant projects need to be designed, engineered, and funded to successfully accomplish this. He believes some of the District's challenges in the next few years will be: 1) continuing to monitor and quickly repair potential leaks in the water lines, 2) securing greater water storage capacity of the Upper Beaver Brook (Roscoe) Reservoir, 3) capping the Lower Beaver Brook Dam with impervious material according to state requirements, 4) replacing outdated and questionable portions of the main line, 5) securing more senior water rights, whenever possible, and 6) securing the funding for all these projects.

During the past 8+ years that he has been on the Board, the LMWD has made great strides forward with a new state-of-the-art filtration system in the treatment plant, metering of several laterals, and replacing chronically bad portions of the main waterline. Breaks and leaks in the main line have been progressively reduced with an effective long-term strategy during this period. Don anticipates that continuity of the Water District's excellent track record will greatly benefit its members.