

# Colorado Central Telecom Welcomes a New CEO

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Buena Vista, CO – On July 18, 2022, the shareholders of Colorado Central Telecom (CCT) approved the sale of the company to Chaffee County business leader, Carlin Walsh.

“As the leading, local choice for telecom in South Central Colorado, we were thrilled when a local businessman like Carlin came to us as a prospective buyer,” said Ralph Abrams, Founder and Former CEO. “Someone who understands first-hand the needs of the communities Colorado Central Telecom serves will be invaluable as they grow the network and continue to provide the best support to its customers.”

Walsh, a longtime resident of Chaffee County, and a rural Colorado native, comes to CCT with a strong business background and financial acumen having served as the founder and CEO of Elevation Beer Company in Poncha Springs since 2011. Walsh is also an Executive Board Member of Chaffee County Economic Development, where he has worked on economic resiliency for the South-Central Colorado region since 2013.

Walsh will retain his ownership of Elevation Beer Company while advocating for the modernization of Colorado liquor laws. “I am honored to be able to serve as the CEO for Colorado Central Telecom and work to ensure that rural Colorado has the best telecom choices and technologies available to them,” said Walsh. “I understand how critical broadband is to our local businesses and families. I also know that customer service and a live voice on the end of a phone is important. At the end of the day, I have to look my neighbor in the eye at the grocery store and tell them that I’ve provided them with the best product and service that I possibly can. I look forward to doing just that while continuing to invest in our local economy and community partnerships. I would also be remiss if I did not thank my Elevation Beer Company team and customers for their ongoing support.”

In a statement to the CCT employees announcing the leadership change, Walsh shared the following, “We are a collective of intelligent folks working as a team to move the South-Central Colorado region forward into the 21st century. This will not happen by the work of one person, but by the hard work of this entire team. It is an honor to join you as your CEO, and I look forward to the work we will all do together.” CCT, based in Buena Vista Colorado, will maintain its headquarters there while continuing to serve rural South-Central Colorado.

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