

minded the JUC members that the TLWWTF meets all the

current standards designated in its permit each month with flying colors and that Monument Creek contains the right amount of aquatic life, as shown by quarterly WET tests conducted by environmental engineering GEI Consultants Inc. Making this plant meet EPA's proposed tougher TP and TN standards is still technologically impossible, Kendrick said, but the interim values that have now been dismissed were developed assuming that new technology would become available in the future.

Kendrick said Racz told the Nov. 1 workgroup meeting participants that the im-

plied phasing by the TP/TN Reg 31.17 2022 deadline, though no longer valid if the interim values are not repealed, will still compel wasteful interim spending on currently available nutrient treatment technologies that may make new equipment that would have to be installed by 2022 rapidly and wastefully obsolete, as now appears to have happened with the TLWWTF TP expansion project that is still not yet operational.

Kendrick said the division will bring up all these topics (and more) at the next workgroup meeting in January. "We are in flux."

At 11:48 a.m., the members voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Burks told OCN that no action was taken.

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The next meeting will be held Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. For information, call Bill Burks at 719-481-4053 or see [www.tl-wastewater.com](http://www.tl-wastewater.com).

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Triview Metropolitan District, Nov. 8

# Water rates, tap fees to increase

By Lisa Hatfield and Jim Kendrick

At the Nov. 8 Triview Metropolitan District Board meeting, the directors approved a water rates increase for all customers,

a tap fee increase on new development, and took steps to reduce their interest payments on \$43 million in bonds. After the executive session, they voted to approve an infrastructure agree-

ment with Creekside Development LLC.

Director Jim Otis was absent.

## Water rates to increase

Vice President Mark Melville presented the directors with analysis he had done with the help of water attorney Chris Cummins of Monson, Cummins & Shohet LLC. President Reid Bolander said the water enterprise fund is not standing on its own, since about \$200,000 a year is transferred to it from the general fund. Melville said that the district's infrastructure is aging and preventive maintenance is needed. Fixed costs also continue to increase.

The consensus was that the district needs to develop a five-year plan of scheduled increases, but meanwhile an increase was needed so that they could begin to close the revenue gap, and next year they will do more calculations for a longer-term plan.

The directors unanimously approved the following increases, effective Feb. 1:

- Base rates for both residential and commercial customers increase \$2 a month.
- Three percent increase in volumetric use for residential accounts up to 20,000 gallons per month.
- Fifteen percent increase in volumetric use for residential accounts for all gallons used over 20,000 gallons per month.
- Three percent increase in all tiers of volumetric use for commercial accounts.

The consensus was to postpone implementation of this increase to Feb. 1, because Triview residents will also see a change in January as the new automated billing system from AmCoBi begins, and the directors wanted to give everyone a chance to get used to that format before the water rates also changed.

The directors planned to schedule a community meeting early next year to explain all the details, options, and financial reasoning in preparation for creating a five-year schedule of rate increases to make the enterprise fund more healthy. Sewer rates will not change right now.

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