

Ditch Co., possibly before the end of the summer. WWSD will use telemetry equipment from Mission Communications LLC, which will provide the measuring equipment at a competitive cost.

A cell phone service will automatically upload the water

information to a web page run by Mission Communications. Gillette said the equipment should be installed within one or two weeks. WWSD is required to measure the water owing into JV Ranch through the Chilcott ditch in order to take receipt of the water.

Creating a perfect brew
WWSD informs the local Pikes Peak Brewing Co. about when the water source changes from underground aquifers to surface water. Board member Rich Strom said Pikes Peak Brewing uses this information to adjust

the pH in its water in order to reach high standards used in producing its beer products. WWSD was projected to start drawing from Woodmoor Lake water at the end of May.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, at 1

p.m. at 1846 Woodmoor Drive. Please call 719-488-2530, or visit www.woodmoorwater.com for more information.

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Tri-Lakes Facility Joint Use Committee, May 13

Planning and design of phosphorus equipment underway

By Jim Kendrick

On May 13, Tri-Lakes Facility Manager Bill Burks reported

two more bills from engineering consultant Tetra Tech RTW for planning and design of new

phosphorus removal equipment to be installed at the facility in the near future. The total of all three bills from Tetra Tech was \$37,420, which will be reimbursed from the state's \$80,000 planning and design grant.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate public utility and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: President Jim Taylor of Woodmoor, Vice President Dale Smith of Palmer Lake, and Secretary/Treasurer Don Smith of Monument. Several other district board members, district managers, and district staff from each of the three owner districts also attended the meeting.

Financial report

Burks noted April payments of \$13,692 and \$12,066 to Tetra Tech RTW for planning and design of new phosphorus removal equipment to be installed at the facility. The March payment to Tetra Tech RTW was \$11,722. All three will be reimbursed by

the state.

Burks also noted a payment of \$424 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for an administrative fee for tracking the biosolids that were removed from the plant. A payment of \$4,000 was made to John Cutler and Associates for the facility's 2013 audit. Burks will provide copies of the draft audit to each district for their separate internal 2013 district audits. Cutler will present the final facility audit report at the June 10 meeting.

The April financial report was unanimously approved as presented.

District manager reports

Monument District Manager Mike Wicklund reported that the district's new computers and new accounting software have been installed.

Palmer Lake Sanitation District Manager Becky Orcutt reported that district collection line cleaning was underway. Voters approved, 208 to 30, the district's TABOR waiver election on May 6 to be able to accept \$360,000 in state grants. The funds will help pay for the district's share of the facility's planned \$2.08 million total

phosphorus removal equipment installation at no cost to constituents.

Woodmoor Assistant Manager Randy Gillette said his district had nothing unusual to report regarding wastewater but had been dealing with a water main break.

Plant manager's report

Burks noted that the plant had been running efficiently and that there were no unusual or noteworthy test results in the facility's March Discharge Monitoring Report or Control Regulation 85 tests for nutrients in Monument Creek or the facility's treated effluent. The facility's quarterly whole effluent toxicity test was passed successfully as well.

There was discussion of what nonylphenols are and how they are a problem elsewhere in El Paso County. The facility's latest nonylphenol test yielded a "non-detect" reading as always. Burks applied successfully to the state Health Department last fall to reduce the number of expensive tests from twice a month to once a quarter because no facilities use significant amounts of nonylphenols in the facility's service area.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on June 10 at the Tri-Lakes facility's conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information for these meetings is available at 481-4053.

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