

commend four officers for their actions during a “particularly stressful call” in May 2014. He said due to the working relationship among all the agencies, Deputy Michael Schnelle (El Paso County Sheriff’s Office), Officer Alex Kenoyer (Palmer Lake Police Department), Sgt.

Mark Owens and Officer Greg Melikian (Monument Police Department), cooperated in an “intense situation brought to a successful conclusion.” Shirk also commended Corporal Rob Stewart, who just received the 2015 Officer of the Year award from the local

Masonic Lodge, for his work developing the traffic safety officer position. Community Liaison Specialist Madeline VanDenHoek presented certificates of appreciation to all the businesses and organizations that sponsored and coordinated the July 4 events. She also thanked

all the artists who have been displaying their artwork in the Monument Town Hall with the help of curator Anne Barhyte. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm. ***** Lisa Hatfield can be reached at

Academy Water and Sanitation District, July 28

Board approves IGA, other next steps in wastewater project

By Susan Hindman

The most recent draft Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Academy and Donala Water and Sanitation Districts was approved by the Academy board at its July 28 meeting, moving the district one step closer to finalizing its connection with Donala’s wastewater system. Because of new stringent state regulations, Academy must replace its current lagoon treatment system by October 2018.

- The timeline’s next steps include:
- Addressing the upfront engineering costs—a total of \$259,600, according to a status report presented by Dave Frisch of GMS. Interim financing through the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority would not be available until the end of the year and would involve closing costs. The district could instead pay for the work using its own funds and get reimbursed once the district gets permanent financing.
 - Authorizing water rights attorney

Gib Marchand and HRS Water Consultants to amend the water augmentation plan, a “key component” to the connection plan and something will take a while to complete, Frisch said. The point of discharge of Academy’s wastewater will change from where it is now—at the confluence of Smith and Monument Creeks—to Donala’s treatment facility off of Baptist Road, which triggered the need to amend the plan. Fees will total \$30,000. The board approved a resolution to start this work.

- Authorizing GMS to start work on completing the site development plan and the 1041 regulation submittal, both required by El Paso County Development Services. The board approved a resolution for this work as well.

Sometime in 2016, prior to applying for a loan from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, the district will likely set up its wastewater operations as an enterprise.

Treasurer Walter Reiss said this would be the lowest-cost option rather than going with a general obligation bond because enterprise status allows the district to get grant money that could cover half the \$3.9 million project; user fees would pay back the remaining debt. By comparison, a bond requiring voter approval would create a mill levy—paid for through property taxes—that would have to cover the entire cost of the project.

Resident joins board

Steven Callicott was sworn in as a director of the board. He replaces Jim Weilbrenner, who moved out of the state in June. Callicott’s appointment will expire in May 2016.

The Academy Water and Sanitation District board meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the fire station on Gleneagle and Jessie Drives. The next meeting is Sept. 29.

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