

Burks said he would continue working with TLWWTF's environmental attorney, Gabe Racz of Vranish & Raisch LLP, to create a draft letter to send to the state indicating interest in participating. However, information from the WQCC is not clear about when individual facilities would need to submit a letter of intention to participate or how soon they would be able to start earning credits in the program.

#### Stakeholder hoops continue to appear

MSD Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick did not attend the Jan. 9 JUC meeting due to his attendance at a concurrent meeting for TLWWTF regarding stakeholder issues around the state. However, Burks asked the JUC members to read Kendrick's Jan. 9 detailed monthly Colorado Wastewater Utility Council Representative's Report that Kendrick emailed to them before the JUC meeting. His monthly report included his additional research regarding new regulatory information briefed at the Jan. 8 WQCC meeting, as well as confirmations of the potential impacts on TLWWTF. See [www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wqcc-january-8-2018-agenda](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wqcc-january-8-2018-agenda).

Kendrick's report included news that was presented at the conclusion of the extended Jan. 8 WQCC

meeting regarding both naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) and technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM), and two related state legislative bills that are being proposed. Kendrick's report said these topics would be discussed at the Jan. 10 meeting of the Colorado Wastewater Utility Council (CWWUC) with Martha Rudolph, director of environmental programs for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Kendrick also suggested that TLWWTF continue to participate in the continuing statewide stream and lake temperature study that environmental firm GEI is conducting for CWWUC that will conclude in 2018. He said being part of this GEI/CWWUC study would provide more data to defend TLWWTF against potential future claims that TLWWTF effluent is warmer than the stream and would therefore cause harm, when the complete opposite has been true to date.

#### AF CURE update

Burks reported on the discussion and decisions from the Jan. 2 meeting of the Arkansas River/ Fountain Creek Coalition for Urban/Rural River Evaluation (AF CURE), which included:

- Scott Campbell of the Nature Conservancy Initiative visited the meeting hoping to collaborate and share study data with local partners on a regional Nature Conservancy initiative regarding Fountain Creek Watershed health and management.
- AF CURE approved the Brown & Caldwell environmental engineers' 2018 Watershed Plan for E. coli sources within the Fountain Creek Watershed.
- President Mark Shea of Colorado Springs Utilities, Vice Chair Andra Ahrens of City of Pueblo Wastewater, and Vice Chair Jim Kendrick of Monument Sanitation District were re-elected to the executive committee that coordinates AF CURE. ([www.afcure.org](http://www.afcure.org))

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 13 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.

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### Triview Metropolitan District, Jan. 9

## Water and roads are primary focuses

By Jennifer Kaylor

Discussions regarding water and roads dominated the Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors' meeting on Jan. 9. Water discussions involved the purchase of water shares, initiation of an Integrated Water Resources Plan, and a potential solution to increase potable water treatment efficiency. The directors heard a presentation by Project Manager Jim Stewart of Schmidt Construction Co. about road replacement, repair, and maintenance recommendations.

Director James Otis was unable to participate in the meeting via conference call as had been originally planned.

Triview is a Title 32 special district within the 80132 ZIP code, and within the Town of Monument, that provides services such as water/sewer/drainage, parks and recreation, open space, mosquito abatement, and street maintenance to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas (see <http://www.ocn.me/metro-districts.pdf> for district boundaries). The Town of Monument, however, provides land use planning, police, and general governance for Triview property owners.

#### 15 renewable water shares approved

Water attorney Chris Cummins of Monson, Cummins and Shohet LLC reviewed a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) between Prairie Sun Village LLC and Triview. Note: In December 2015, Prairie Sun contracted for the purchase of 15 shares in the Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co. (FMIC) from Comanche Resources LLC and now desires to step out of the contract and assign the shares to another entity. Triview expressed willingness to accept the shares with all of its rights, responsibilities, and entitlements. Cummins described the small purchase as a way to enhance Triview's renewable water resources with a known entity, FMIC. The price tag on the shares is also much lower than the shares from the December 2015 purchase—\$3,300 per share compared to \$13,000 per share.

Cummins reminded the board that the shares are currently committed to the Comanche Resources Augmentation Plan, and the assignment is not an outright purchase. Triview's payment serves as earnest money and acceptance of closing obligations that won't occur until the Comanche-Sun Hills case is resolved, most likely in January 2019. After discussing the PSA in further detail and considering future needs, the board voted to approve the PSA.

#### Operational water initiatives taken

Interim District Manager Jim McGrady and Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton discussed progress that had been achieved since the December meeting. McGrady confirmed that he had begun work on an Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP). He stated that he will use an old IWRP as a template for the new Triview IWRP. McGrady informed the directors that he had finalized the scope of the professional services agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc. The directors approved the Raftelis proposal for a water and sewer financial plan, and a rate and tap fee study, at the December board meeting. Raftelis scheduled a workshop for Thursday, Jan. 11, and will begin gathering extensive data.

Sexton augmented the update with a report on the sanitary survey conducted by the state on Dec. 13. He stated that the results of this state inspection of the Triview water system were very good. The state's summation of the survey showed zero deficiencies. The district was cited with one violation: A report for backflow prevention was not completed in May. Sexton explained that this backflow report is the first of a new kind of now-recurring requirement by the state. By completing the report and notifying the public via a consumer confidence report, the district will be able to rectify the violation. Sexton also clarified that the sanitary survey pertains only to the water system and does not include wastewater.

Sexton described a plan to potentially increase water treatment efficiency. Because the flow of A-plant (a treatment plant) is slower than the flow of the two wells it treats, McGrady and Sexton plan to bypass A-plant and direct the water to the much faster B-plant, which has the flow capacity to meet the treatment demands of the two wells. The district's current infrastructure supports the proposed bypass. The potential benefits are numerous, i.e., minimal expense to initiate the change, improved flow capacity and efficiency, rotation of well use which prevents or decreases wear and tear, and fewer filters to purchase.

#### Additional operational updates

Progress in other operations included:

- Purchase and delivery of a generator for C-plant and a sander for a pickup truck.
- Well A8 was powered up and flushed.
- McGrady spoke with Cpl. Rob Stewart of the Monument police regarding traffic safety at Bear Creek Elementary School. As a result, Triview crews painted and stenciled "No Parking" signs on curbs according to Stewart's recommendations.
- McGrady met with Challenger Homes regarding Home Place Ranch, which is still in planning to be developed north of Promontory Pointe and west of Sanctuary Pointe. Extensive preliminary work must be completed before information will be available.
- Captain Innovations planned to provide website recommendations as of Jan. 10. The district is seeking to improve the website's user friendliness for the public and staff.
- Ground Floor Media provided a proposal for public relations work, including generation of a newsletter.
- The district is working with T. Charles Wilson Insurance Service to account for and ensure coverage for all district-owned assets.

#### 2018 road repair and maintenance plans

Schmidt's Jim Stewart presented his ideas for addressing the district's road needs for 2018. He confirmed McGrady's comments from the December meeting that many of the roads would be well-served to receive an edge mill and overlay—a less costly repair—as opposed to a full mill and overlay. In an edge mill, the 6-foot edge of a road is removed, bringing it lower than the center. The center line of the old road is used a "base course" or foundation, so when the new asphalt is poured, the center has a "crown" and the edges slope, providing all-important drainage. Stew-

art promoted the need for an aggregate base course (ABC) under new roads, stating that ABC provides consistent load-bearing capacity, which translates to greater longevity for the road.

Finally, Stewart recommended using a pavement reinforcement system such as GlasGrid or Petrotac under a new asphalt layer. These interlayer systems dissipate the stresses that cause cracks, strengthen the road, reduce repair and maintenance needs, increase road life, and ultimately save money. These products are also designed to be easily milled once a road reaches the end of its life.

#### Sewer facility expansion question posed

Former Director and current resident Steve Remington inquired if the district had established reserve funds for Phase III of the sewer facility expansion. Note: Triview must make state-mandated upgrades to the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility in the next few years. The directors did not provide specifics, but McGrady responded that the sewer expansion, as well as many other water and wastewater questions, is the reason for the Raftelis rate study.

#### May 8 election information posted

Triview's special district transparency information shows that three director positions with four-year terms will be up for mail ballot election May 8. President Reid Bolander, Mark Melville, and James Barnhart will complete their terms. Anyone interested in serving on Triview's Board of Directors may submit a self-nomination form to Triview by March 2. Affidavits of intent to be a write-in candidate may be submitted by March 5. Self-nomination forms can be printed from the Department of Local Affairs website, [www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola/special-district-election-forms](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola/special-district-election-forms). The forms are also expected to be available on Triview's website; see [www.colorado.gov/triview-metro](http://www.colorado.gov/triview-metro). Triview can also be reached at (719) 488-6868. Additional information is expected at the February board meeting.

#### December financials reviewed

The board reviewed and unanimously approved the nine disbursements over \$5,000 to be paid by the district. They included:

- JDS Hydro - \$12,218
- Cardenas Concrete and Landscaping LLC - \$22,638
- Colorado Electric Power Systems - \$31,825
- Applied Ingenuity LLC - \$83,665 (well A8)
- Applied Ingenuity LLC - \$6,465 (well D1)
- Monson, Cummins and Shohet LLC - \$10,981
- Walker Schooler District Managers - \$13,000
- Donala Water and Sanitation District - \$160,482
- Velocity Plant Services - \$16,345

#### Curfew signs

The directors chose not to vote on whether to post curfew signs in all of the district's parks, but instead tabled the issue.

The public meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. and the board entered into an executive session concerning legal advice and/or negotiations. No additional decisions were announced following the executive session.

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