

Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, March 8

Board cancels election

By James Howald

At its March 8 meeting, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation (WWSD) board canceled the election scheduled for May 8. The board also answered questions concerning the Woodmoor Ranch (previously known as the JV Ranch) and discussed plans to address problems with the augmentation station on the Chilcott Ditch that delivers water to ditch shareholders, including WWSD.

Board election canceled

District attorney Erin Smith reported to the board that since there were two candidates for the three available seats on the board, Election Officer Wyn-ter Wells had canceled the election, as state law allows. The two self-nominated candidates are Jim Taylor, currently serving as the president of the board, and resident Lee Hanson; both candidates are declared elected by acclamation, Smith said, adding that their terms would begin on May 8.

One vacant seat on the board would remain, Smith said, as there was no third candidate.

Neighbors ask about future of ranch

Robert and Sylvia Bryson, who live near the district's Woodmoor Ranch, asked the board about its plans for the ranch. District Manager Jessie Shaffer explained that the district purchased the

ranch 10 years ago, primarily to acquire rights to the ranch's water, and that the district is currently revegetating the portion of the ranch that was historically irrigated with native grasses, to prevent soil erosion. Shaffer said the revegetation effort and irrigation of the ranch should be completed by 2024.

In response to a question from the Brysons about the impact of the district's plans on their well, Shaffer advised them to seek professional advice.

Shaffer said the district is considering leasing 500 acres of the ranch to a solar power company, which would use the land to install a large-scale solar array.

Augmentation station threatened by erosion

In his report to the board on the Chilcott Ditch, Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette said the district's augmentation station on the ditch was being undermined by erosion, and that he had met with Matrix Design to develop plans to keep the station operational. Gillette said if the augmentation station were lost to erosion, the district would be in danger of losing the Chilcott Ditch as well.

Matrix Design developed two remediation plans, Gillette said, the first adequate for a 10-year storm and costing \$150,000, and the second ad-

equated for a 100-year storm and costing \$600,000. Gillette said both plans would be presented to the Chilcott Ditch board in a week.

Shaffer and Gillette said it was possible that Colorado Springs and other regional governmental agencies might assist with the funding, since the erosion is partially a Fountain Creek issue. Shaffer said a special assessment for the Chilcott Ditch's shareholders might be required to fund the work. WWSD is the largest shareholder, according to Shaffer.

The board authorized Shaffer and Gillette to focus on the more expensive and durable of the two approaches.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. See www.woodmoor-water.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility
Joint Use Committee, March 13

Facility joins nutrient reduction incentive program; sampling measures revised

By Lisa Hatfield

The Joint Use Committee (JUC) of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) volunteered to participate in the state nutrient incentive program. It also decided to step up its biological oxygen demand sampling measures, as a protective measure, on March 13.

TLWWTF operates as a separate joint venture public utility and is owned in equal one-third shares by Monument Sanitation District (MSD), Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD), and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD).

The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: WWSD board Director at Large Rich Strom, president; MSD board Chairman Ed DeLaney, vice president; and PLSD board Director Pat Smith, treasurer/secretary. Other board and staff members of the three owner districts also attended, including MSD District Manager Mike Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSD Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette.

Facility manager will research BOD limit for facility

Facility Manager Bill Burks summarized the discharge monitoring report (DMR) for January by saying, "This plant is performing top notch right now.... We have a lot of organisms out there doing all the work."

Burks sent the following four letters to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CD-PHE) in March:

- *Voluntary Nutrient Reduction Incentive Program Letter of Intent:* This letter immediately initiates

TLWWTF's attempt to earn running time credit toward an extended compliance schedule for plant expansion to comply with future tighter state nitrogen and phosphorus discharge limits that have not yet been defined. TLWWTF's incentive program plan is to meet a rolling annual median total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) discharge limit of 7 mg/l and a rolling annual median total phosphorus (TP) discharge limit of 0.7 mg/l, both less than the current existing rolling annual median discharge permit limits of 15 mg/l and 1 mg/l, respectively.

- *Letter reporting that TLWWTF's October 2017 30-day average of daily influent BOD flows exceeded 80 percent of its daily rated treatment capacity of 5,600 per day for influent solid wastes:* The facility reported average daily influent BOD flow of 5,057 pounds per day in its October 2017 Discharge Monitoring Report. These DMRs are submitted to both CDPHE and the EPA. This particular average flow was the first time the plant's BOD influent exceeded 80 percent of the plant's influent solid waste rated design capacity of 5,600 pounds biological oxygen demand (BOD) per day—which is 4,480 pounds per day of net organic solid waste loading.
- *Letter describing TLWWTF's Revised Discharge Monitoring Report influent BOD measurement calculation method:* This letter was requested by CDPHE Senior Field Engineer Paul Hanson due to a 2015 change in the state's BOD reporting regulations. The origi-

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