

ture, which will include the new Pilot/Flying J Travel Center under construction in PPM 3 on the southwest corner of I-25 and Baptist Road. She said the increase would likely be the first of a series of increases to actually cover operational costs.

Nichols said fats, oils, and grease from residences are clogging the lift stations and requiring extra chemical treatment in the new wastewater system.

Note: The Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (UMCRWWTF) is owned jointly by Donala Water and Sanitation District, Triview Metropolitan District, and FLMD. FLMD has contracted with Donala to operate the water and sewer systems. Donala operators and staff personnel will also provide meter reading and billing services, respectively, to Forest Lakes customers. See www.ocn.me/v17n1.htm#flmd.

The board unanimously approved posting a public notice about this hearing. The increase would take effect July 1 if the board approves it in May.

Citizens Advisory Council will be the homeowners' association

Dykstra reported that Raimere Fitzpatrick, planner

Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee, April 10

Clean 2017 audit report presented to JUC

By Lisa Hatfield

On April 10, the Joint Use Committee (JUC) of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) received a clean 2017 audit, an update on the resolution of a biennial state inspection minor discrepancy, and more information about state and federal regulatory changes on the horizon.

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.

This was Strom's last meeting. The new WWSD representative will be introduced to the JUC in May.

2017 audit complete

John Cutler of John Cutler and Associates presented the 2017 audit required by the state. He gave the facility a clean, unmodified opinion, and had no control issues to mention. Cutler and JUC accountant Jackie Spegele of Numeric Strategies LLC answered questions from the JUC members, including asking about the Public Employee Retirement Administration (PERA) liability now listed on the annual TLWWTF budget reports. The JUC would be required to budget, appropriate, and pay all PERA pension obligations to retired TLWWTF employees if PERA defaults on its statewide unfunded retirement obligations. "Let's hope you are never asked to pay it," Spegele said.

Facility manager's report

Facility Manager Bill Burks presented the discharge monitoring report (DMR) for February, and he said all test sample results were well within required state TLWWTF discharge permit limits.

Burks said he had doubled the TLWWTF plant's total influent biological oxygen demand (BOD), or waste solids loading sampling, to four times per month starting in March, as the JUC had directed last month. TLWWTF was operating at 21 percent of its hydraulic capacity and 61 percent of its organic/BOD capacity in March. See www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#tlwtjuc.

Next came a technical discussion about the potential need to add another blower in the future, how that would affect the facility's organic capacity and regulatory categorization, and how the cost might be split among the three member districts. Wicklund emphasized that MSD has hundreds of new homes coming into its service district in the foreseeable future, adding to MSD's total influent BOD loading into TLWWTF. The consensus of the JUC was that for now, it was important for TLWWTF to continue sampling total plant influent BOD at the higher rate of four

with the county Planning and Community Development Department, said FLMD would comply with the 2002 service plan requirement to have a citizens advisory council (CAC) by naming the homeowners' association (HOA), called the Forest Lakes Residential Owners Association, as the CAC. See www.forestlakescolorado.com.

Loidolt clarified that the HOA would function as an advisory council but not have a seat on the board. Boulton said that there are residents in the HOA who are Classic employees, and one resident who is not affiliated with Classic.

May 8 election has four nominees for two positions

The PPM 1 election will be completed May 8. Four people are running for two open positions on the

board. See www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#ppmd.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The next joint meeting of FLMD and PPM 1, 2, and 3 is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 7 in the Classic Homes office at 6385 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Colorado Springs. Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month. Official meeting notices are posted on the district website <http://forestlakesmetrodistrict.com>, at 3625 Mesa Top Drive, Monument (an open space tract owned by all four districts), and at the Forest Lakes mailbox kiosk. For general questions, contact Ann Nichols at 719-327-5810 or at anicholsduffy@aol.com.

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