

Stakeholders updates

Burks summarized the July meeting of Arkansas River/ Fountain Creek Coalition for Urban/Rural River Evaluation (AF CURE). The group continues to work with environmental engineers Brown & Caldwell on sampling and analysis plans, the Colorado Data Sharing Network on water quality, periphyton sampling plan, and the nutrient sampling project. Burks mentioned that it was unclear if the USGS gauge measuring stream flow in Monument Creek near Palmer Lake was still in service or not.

AF CURE members discussed how CDPHE is trying to change the way a facility's capacity is calculated, "updating" definitions of vital keywords and wavering on the final rules on dealing with TENORM (technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material). See www.ocn.me/v18n11.htm#tlwtfjuc.

MSD Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick talked about

the June 12 Colorado Wastewater Utility Council meeting, saying extensive changes to construction stormwater drainage rules were in the works, generating many questions from stakeholders. The group also received information on corrosion control in drinking water facilities.

Kendrick said Environmental Attorney Gabe Racz would be attending upcoming state Regulation 22 meetings on behalf of permitted wastewater plant stakeholders. The consensus of JUC was that having Racz representing facilities was well worth the cost, which is divided among up to 60 groups who need his representation at state hearings.

Noxious weed control discussed
Wicklund had received a complaint from an irate resident who is a beekeeper concerned about the effects of herbicides on his hives, and so Wicklund asked the other managers to share with him about how they do county-required noxious weed removal from

around their facilities and equipment.

The consensus was that mowing and herbicides were the best options for the districts to control noxious weeds and that the declining bee population is a worldwide problem, not just caused by three sanitation districts doing weed control.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Aug. 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 from all three owner-districts. For information, call Bill Burks at 719-481-4053.

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