

relatively wet weather, Shaffer said.

In the area of expenditures, the Equipment Purchase line item was reduced from \$399,500 to \$85,000 due to eliminating the need for some equipment. The Construction of Facilities line item was increased from \$2.094 million to \$2.306 million due to unanticipated pump failures, including pumps for the Monument Creek Exchange that transfers water from Monument Creek to Lake Woodmoor for storage.

Other adjustments to the budget were:

- Cross Connection and Meter Expenditures was

reduced by \$2,100 in 2019, with the expectation meter replacements will be done in 2020.

- Professional fees were increased from \$389,500 to \$548,500 due to legal costs in water rights cases.
- The Salary line item declined from \$1.104 million to \$1.029 million due to fewer summer hires in Woodmoor and at Woodmoor Ranch.

In summary, Shaffer said, expenditures dropped from \$8.735 million to \$8.677 million, and Enterprise Reserve Funds stood at \$25.080 mil-

lion.

#### Meeting notices to be posted online

Attorney Erin Smith told the board that a new state law gave the district the ability to use its website as an official place to post information about meetings.

The board voted unanimously to post all notices of meetings on the district's web page (<http://www.woodmoorwater.com>) 24 hours in advance of the meeting, and also to post meeting notices on the door of the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive, Monument.

#### Highlights of operational reports

- Shaffer pointed out the district's utility costs were up due to increased pumping from wells to Woodmoor Lake.
- District Assistant Manager Randy Gillette said the processed water amount had increased from the previous month due to the need to back flush filters for surface water transferred from Monument Creek to Lake Woodmoor.
- A previously unknown manhole had been dis-

covered on Monument Hill Road and would need to be raised to accommodate the construction on that road.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. See [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com) or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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### Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee, Aug. 13

## Directors agree on baseline testing of radium in wastewater

By Lisa Hatfield

The Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) met on Aug. 13 to discuss regular facility operations, which are going very well. They also agreed on a plan to do baseline sampling in anticipation of future discharge regulations regarding radium. The members also discussed recent stakeholder meetings and approved Facility Manager Bill Burks' request to ask engineers to do a literature review on new treatment alternatives.

TLWWTF 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: MSD board Chairman Ed DeLaney, JUC president; PLSD Vice Chairman Patricia Smith, JUC vice president, and WWSD board Director Lee Hanson, JUC secretary/treasurer. Other board and staff members of the three owner districts also attended, including MSD District Man-

ager Mike Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSD Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette.

#### Baseline sampling for radium recommended

Gillette said the radium levels in all Arapaho wells, including those of WWSD, Donala Water and Sanitation District, the Town of Monument, and Triview Metropolitan District, are increasing gradually due to naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM). In WWSD's new Well 21, initial water quality analysis samples indicated 6 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of radium, when

the maximum contaminant level allowed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is 5 pCi/L. WWSD plans to use blending with water from other wells to create finished water that can be distributed to customers, although since those other wells are already in the 4+ pCi/L range, he said he might have to use other treatment methods in the future. See related WWSD article on page 11.

Like other water providers, WWSD regularly does water filter backwashing operations, which could send a

"slug" of wastewater containing a spike of radium to TLWWTF via the wastewater collection system, Gillette said, and the JUC discussed how the timing of this would affect the facility. Wicklund mentioned that since the Town of Monument water system is also dealing with radium, and its backwash is collected in MSD's system which flows to TLWWTF, the town might also need to coordinate its backwashing with Burks. See [www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#mbot](http://www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#mbot).

A lengthy technical discussion followed. NORM would change to TENORM



## Ryan Graham announces his candidacy for District 38 School Board Director

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### About Ryan

- Father to 2 great kids and husband to Nicole
- Has lived in the Colorado Springs and Monument areas for over 20 years
- Owner, Ryan Graham Homes at The Platinum Group Realtors
- First Responder - Served 11 years as Monument firefighter, EMT and retired as lieutenant
- Past Executive Board Member of the Monument Professional Firefighters
- Entrepreneurial spirit as past owner of small businesses

I hope to earn your vote in our school board election this November.

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