

uted, which are substantial,” noting the costs will be several million dollars.

Classic Homes CEO Doug Stimple, assistant secretary and treasurer of the board, explained a bit about the project. CSU has suggested a long-term, regional provider of sewer and potentially water. That would entail CSU participating with others to access sewer in the area.

Stimple said, “We get out of the sewer treatment game,” as would others in the area. “It could be both a financial savings to our residents but also long term get all of us out of the obligation to potentially have to do up-

grades based on ever-changing policies of the EPA,” he said.

The draft agreement was unanimously approved.

**Engagement letters for PPMD 2 bond issue**

Nichols said PPMD 2 will hook into the same water and sewer system that PPMD 1 uses.

Stimple explained that PPMD 2 is a new development to the west of the existing PPMD 1 and is just being developed now. He said PPMD 3 is commercial property that includes Pilot Flying J.

Lenz said the bond amount would

be \$7.190 million, and Nichols explained that the purpose of the bond is to reimburse Classic Homes for a portion of the advanced funds they used to build the existing infrastructure. To get into the bond market, Nichols said there will be three consultants assisting the process. D.A. Davidson Investment Banking is the investment banker, Sherman and Howard LLC will serve as bond counsel, and Simon and Wheeler will do the financial modeling to demonstrate to the bond purchasers that this is a viable bond that can be paid back using the mill levy assessed on the property owners. The letters were

unanimously approved by the board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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PPMD 1 meetings, followed by joint meetings of FLMD and PPMD 2 and 3, are typically scheduled once a quarter at 4 p.m. Official meeting notices are posted on the district website at [www.forestlakesmetrodistrict.com](http://www.forestlakesmetrodistrict.com). For general questions, contact Ann Nichols at (719) 327-5810 or at [anicholsduffy@aol.com](mailto:anicholsduffy@aol.com).

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*Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee, Feb. 11*

# Unexpected benefits apparent in new clarifier system

By Lisa Hatfield

Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) Facility Manager Bill Burks said Feb. 11 that the new chemical total phosphorus removal tertiary clarifier system appeared to be providing more benefits than expected.

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 member

John Howe stood in for MSD board Chairman Ed DeLaney, JUC president; PLSD board member Reid Wiecks, new 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 Manager Mike Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSD Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette.

**Discharge Monitoring Report yields good surprise**

Facility Manager Bill Burks said the facility was running well in December, and he reviewed all the Discharge Monitoring Report’s testing results as required by the TLWWTF Joint Use Agreement.

He shared serendipitous news that the new chemical total phosphorus removal tertiary clarifier system was removing phosphorus as intended. But it also appeared to be removing arsenic and total recoverable iron from the facility’s effluent. He was hopeful that, after July when he performs the discharge permit-required annual TLWWTF metals testing, he might be able to document even more unanticipated benefits.

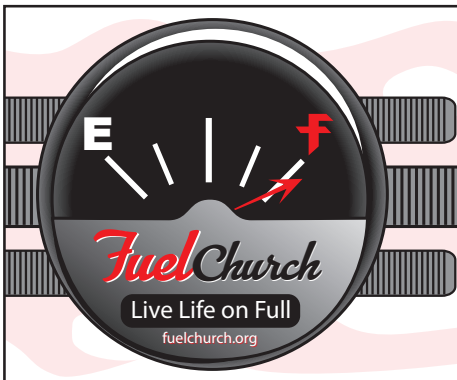
**Stakeholder meeting updates**

Burks reported that the Arkansas River/Fountain Creek Coalition for Urban/Rural River Evaluation (AF CURE)

continues to be involved in discussions that cover wastewater treatment regionalization, stakeholder comments submitted regarding Regulation 22 (Site Location and Design Approval Regulations for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Works), and the state’s voluntary nutrient treatment expansion incentive program.

MSD Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick reported that the Colorado Wastewater Utility Council is still concerned with how the recently initiated collection and reporting of measured in-stream concentrations results for so many new and different state in-stream “constituents of concern” are being analyzed and how these comparisons are being reported.

Kendrick pointed out that there are no detailed historical data sets for these suddenly emerging “constituents of concern” like PFOS/PFOA, making it impossible to perform simple comparisons or trend analysis to determine the efficiency or cost-effectiveness of new treatments. These new tests unexpectedly required by the state Water Quality Control Commission are being added to the growing load of required testing for arsenic, lead, and other heavy metals. Several state executives have expressed concerns that these burgeoning expensive, unfunded, and unsubsidized testing demands could rap-



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