

Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, March 9

# New method considered for four projects

By James Howald

At its monthly meeting on March 9, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board considered the use of a new project delivery method for four projects. The board discussed partnering with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and heard operational reports. The board's upcoming election was canceled.

## "Construction Manager at Risk" method offers benefits

Josh McGibbon and Richard Hood, both of JVA Consulting Engineers, spoke to the board about how the "Construction Manager at Risk" (CMAR) methodology could assist the district with four projects currently being planned. When using CMAR, the construction manager commits to deliver a project within a defined schedule and at an agreed-upon price, thereby taking on a greater share of the risk entailed by the project. The builder provides preconstruction and construction services, and the designer represents the owner of the project. There is a guaranteed maximum price for the project, and the process is public and competitive, McGibbon and Hood told the board. All foreseeable contingencies are built into the guaranteed maximum price, they said.

McGibbon and Hood emphasized that the method allowed subcontractors to make suggestions about how the project should proceed earlier in the process than some other project management approaches do and reduced the number of changes later in the project timeline.

McGibbon and Hood recommended that CMAR be used by the district for four projects: the South Filter Plant improvements, the Lake Pump Station upgrade, the Central Water Treatment Plant (CWTP) Lake Pump Station project, and the CWTP Surface Water Conversion project.

At the South Filter Plant, the equipment

originally installed in 2004 has reached the end of its life. Existing raw water flow and pressure control valves need replacement, Hood and McGibbon told the board. The existing chlorine storage tank leaks, and the onsite sodium hypochlorite generator has reached the end of its life. McGibbon and Hood estimated the cost of the needed work to be \$562,000.

The board agreed they wanted to consider the use of CMAR, and McGibbon and Hood were asked to return in April with more detailed plans.

## District to partner with CSU on NEPA efforts

District Manager Jessie Shaffer asked the board to authorize President Jim Taylor to sign an agreement with CSU to work together on the requirements imposed by NEPA, a federal environmental law enacted in 1970.

Shaffer told the board that CSU would pay some of the costs associated with NEPA compliance, but WWSD would need to commit staff time and data collection work to the effort. Shaffer said that eventually CSU would ask WWSD to reimburse some of the funds needed for the work.

The board voted unanimously to authorize Taylor sign the required agreements.

## Election canceled

Since the number of candidates exactly matches the number of open seats, the upcoming WWSD election was canceled.

## Highlights of operational reports

- The filter has been installed in Well 21, which the district is bringing online, and the well is producing 300 gallons per minute.
- Work on the pipeline that will deliver water from Well 21 to the Central Water Treatment Plant is continuing.
- The trenchless method used to install the pipeline makes use of horizontal

- drilling, creating a path into which the pipe is pulled.
- The pipeline is installed under an easement and does not run under any residences.

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The meeting scheduled for April 13 has been canceled in compliance with the COVID-19

directive. 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 arrangements.

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Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee, March 10

# Plans reviewed for uninterrupted wastewater facility operations

By Lisa Hatfield

The Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) met on March 10 to discuss facility operations, including contingency plans for potential staff isolation at the facility during the contagious COVID-19 outbreak.

Burks introduced newly hired operator Doug Johnson to the JUC directors and district managers.

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 board member Reid Wiecks, JUC vice president; and WWSD board President Jim Taylor substituted for Lee Hanson, JUC secretary/treasurer. Other board and staff members of the three owner

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