

the North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) project coordinated by Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), which plans to pipe untreated influent from participating sanitation districts in northern El Paso County to the JD Phillips Water Resource Recovery facility in Colorado Springs. Having updated engineering and cost data would help TLWWTF determine if the NMCI participation benefits outweighed the potential costs.

If all three JUC members decided to participate in NMCI, then eventually TLWWTF would be shut down, but in the meantime the facility is operating smoothly. Currently, TLWWTF's treated effluent is discharged into Monument Creek just below the facility, but if CSU treats the influent and discharges effluent much farther downstream, dealing with wastewater return flows and water rights become part of the decision equation for combined water

and sanitation districts.

CSU will likely soon require the sanitation districts of northern El Paso County to commit to CSU if they plan to participate so that future NMCI cost-sharing can be determined.

Burks said Tetra Tech engineering consultants estimated the update would cost \$51,500, and the consensus of the members was to proceed with that plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 9 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 on virtual meeting access, call Bill Burks at 719-481-4053.

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Monument Sanitation District, Oct. 20

Board reviews finances and developments

By Jackie Burhans and James Howald
The Monument Sanitation District (MSD) board met twice in October, a budget workshop on Oct. 7 and a board meeting on Oct. 20. With financial matters in the foreground, the board meeting opened with a debate on how to structure the district's chart of accounts and worked on a draft of the 2022 budget, without reaching consensus. The board began planning for a board election to be held in May 2022. District Manager Mark Parker gave the board an update on two upcoming housing developments in the MSD service area.

Chart of accounts fine-tuned

The board discussed how to organize expenses into categories in the district's chart of accounts to help them track high-priority items while maintaining some continuity with past practices. The board debated where to put software costs, contract costs, and IT costs in the chart of accounts. Director Marylee Reisig asked if Haynie & Co.,

the district's accountant, could help; Director John Howe said their answer had been that the board could organize expenses however they wished.

2022 draft budget debated

At the board meeting, Parker verbally presented some changes to the draft budget for 2022 and Director Laura Kronick said she felt it was premature to approve a draft budget, adding she wanted to see the updated amounts Parker was proposing in writing. Parker said that could require a special meeting of the board to meet the deadline of having the budget available for 30 days prior to voting on it. Parker suggested adding in the suggested changes and emailing a new draft to the board members.

Parker said the proposed draft had not substantially changed since its presentation at the budget workshop. He pointed out that the \$168,000 that had been budgeted in 2021 for the North Monument Creek Interceptor project

had not been spent and was not likely to be spent in 2022, bringing the budget for contingencies up to \$368,000. Kronick said she felt her concerns had been resolved.

The board decided to have Parker send out an updated budget to approve via email.

Designated election official sought

District Manager Mark Parker told the board a designated election official needed to be found to facilitate a board election scheduled for May 2022. Parker suggested Mary Kirk of Fritsche Law. Kronick suggested Laura Hogan, the town clerk of Monument. Board President Don Hamilton directed the staff to inquire if Hogan was available.

Developments take shape

Parker told the board that the developers of Willow Springs Ranch, which is planned to include 399 houses on 214 acres west of I-25 and north of Baptist Road, have started putting foundations in place. Parker said MSD would not issue any taps until a new lift station is

built, tested, and in production.

Parker also mentioned developments, in very early stages, planned for land south of County Line Road and east of Beacon Lite Road and for land south of County Line Road and east of I-25. These would require a new lift station, Parker said, adding he had engaged GMS, Inc., an engineering firm to help with the lift station planning.

The Town of Monument is considering annexing both properties, Parker said.

Monument Sanitation District meetings are normally held at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the district conference room at 130 Second St., Monument. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. See <https://colorado.gov/msd>. For a district service map, see <https://colorado.gov/pacific/msd/district-map-0>. Information: 719-481-4886.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Oct. 21

District might expand service boundary

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors met on Oct. 21 to consider a request to include a commercial business on the west side of I-25 into its service area.

Triview staff, all board directors, and legal representatives attended the meeting either online or in person.

The October board meeting packet, including the agenda, may be accessed via <https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Triview-Board-Packet-for-10.21.2021.pdf>.

Triview is a Title 32 special district in Monument that provides road, park, and open space maintenance, as well as water, stormwater, and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas.

Board reviews locals' requests

District Manager Jim McGrady discussed a request from Monument Ice Rinks to be included into the district's water service boundaries. Having met with Monument Ice Rinks Facility Manager Jeremy Hunter and others, McGrady stated that the business was looking to expand the facility and had concerns about potential water service limitations from its current provider, the Town of Monument.

McGrady and water attorney Chris Cummins underscored that a letter from Monument Ice Rinks was the very first step in the inclusion process and served as an inquiry into the board's interest. If inclusion occurred, Triview would receive the business' associ-

ated property taxes and the district's share of sales tax. Directors accepted the inclusion petition and directed the appropriate entities to begin consultations for an inclusion agreement.

Cummins also summarized a resolution listed under the agenda's action items. Resolution 2021-11 would temporarily allow the 100-acre Woods parcel within the Home Place Ranch development to use individual well service—via Triview-owned Dawson aquifer water resources—and septic service as opposed to using the district's water and wastewater municipal infrastructure. The resolution places all permitting, regulation, administration, and other obligations on the shoulders of the landowner as well as an annual water use fee of \$1,000 with a 4% escalator. Cummins emphasized the temporary nature of the agreement and discussed the parameters under which municipal infrastructure would eventually need to be connected—essentially, if or when any development occurred on the property. Directors unanimously approved the resolution.

Departmental updates showcase improvements

Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton and Parks and Open Space Superintendent Matt Rayno reported on their respective monthly activities. Along with maintenance work on the district's wells and completion of some electrical conduits and minor plumbing work in new wells in Sanctuary Pointe, Sexton stated that he was waiting for state



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