

utility costs were increased due to increased water production and that he would update the draft budget based on the rate discussion.

Directors for Loop project approved

Shaffer asked the board to approve having all the general managers for the districts participating in the Loop project also serve as directors on the Loop

Water Authority. Alternates would be appointed by the general managers. The board unanimously approved the request. The board also authorized Shaffer to spend up to \$10,000 on the Loop project in 2022.

Highlights of operational reports

- The district's rules and regulations were updated to allow the use of high-density polyethylene

pipe.

- District employees can now accumulate up to 30 hours in their "comp time" bank.
- The Monument Junction West and Cloverleaf developments are putting in water and sewer infrastructure.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec.

21 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive; please see www.woodmoorwater.com or call 719-488-2525 to verify meeting times and locations.

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Monument Sanitation District, Nov.16

Board holds the line on rates

By Jackie Burhans and James Howald
At its November meeting, the Monument Sanitation District (MSD) board voted on a resolution setting rates that will take effect on Jan. 1, 2023. The board also held a public hearing and voted on a resolution to expand the district service area. A hearing on the 2023 budget was held, followed by a vote. The board amended its policy on the Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program and heard details of operational reports.

Usage rates unchanged

The board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 111162002-2, which leaves usage rates and tap fees unchanged for 2023. District Manager Mark Parker pointed out that a minor adjustment was made to the late fee on commercial accounts, which will now be 5% of the unpaid balance plus the current Federal Reserve Interest Rate. Interest paid will be at the discretion of the district manager.

MSD to serve Monument Ridge West

The November meeting included a hearing on a petition by Monument Ridge West LLC to include the Monument Ridge West property in the MSD service area. Monument Ridge West is west of I-25 and south of County Line Road, with the Wakonda Hills neighborhood at its southern boundary.

Parker said the property met the criteria for inclusion, and the petition had been reviewed by GMS Engineering LLC and Allison Ullmer, the district's attorney.

There were no comments from the

public and the hearing was closed. The board voted unanimously to approve the order to include Monument Ridge West in the district's service area.

2023 budget approved

Following a brief public hearing, the board unanimously approved Resolution 11162022-1. The resolution adopts the 2023 budget as presented and appropriates the funds required.

Resolution on FAMLI act amended

At a previous meeting, the MSD board voted against participation in Colorado's recently passed FAMLI program, which provides paid leave for employees experiencing qualifying life events such as the birth of a child. Individual employees can still opt into the program even if their employer chooses not to participate. At its November meeting, the MSD board voted to amend the resolution to allow the district's bookkeeping staff to handle the paperwork required for employees who choose to opt into the program.

Highlights of operational reports

- In 2023, the district will raise rents for the tenants in the headquarters building at 130 Second St.
- Outdoor lighting has been installed at the district's headquarters.
- The district is working on improvements to the courtyard area at the headquarters. The board is asking the community for suggestions to name the courtyard;

details will go out in an attachment to district bills.

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 Dec. 21. 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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