

earlier. A few weeks after this September meeting, the location was also changed. So starting in October, board meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Wescott fire station at 15415 Gleneagle Drive.

The board wanted the district's residents to know that anyone wanting a tour of the treatment plant can call the district at 481-0711 and schedule one.

Aug. 1 meeting

Several things are worth noting from the August meeting, which was not written up in the September issue of OCN. One item relates to the preliminary engineering report that details how the district will address new, more stringent state regulations regarding ammonia discharge from the wastewater treatment plant.

Engineer Roger Sams of GMS previously presented three options, and at this meeting he broke down the monthly household costs of each option (the numbers are for wastewater service only):

1. Build a new treatment plant: \$487,681 would be required annually, which breaks down to \$89.32 per month per household. Total estimated project cost: \$3.5 million
2. Build a connection line to the Colora-

do Springs Utilities (CSU) collection system at Northgate Road for treatment at CSU's Las Vegas wastewater treatment plant: \$734,186 annually or \$157.34 per month per household. Total estimated cost: \$4.6 million (plus the continued operation of an internal collection system)

3. Connect to the Donala Water and Sanitation District collection system for treatment at the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility: \$552,359 annually or \$107.15 per month per household. Total estimated project cost: \$3.5 million (plus the continued operation of an internal collections system)

To pay for construction of the required infrastructure, the district could be facing a mill levy increase of 60 to 65 mills, Sams said.

At the moment, meeting ammonia standards is the district's immediate problem. But the state recently approved a new nutrient amendment to Regulation 31, which sets strict standards for the amount of total phosphorus and total nitrogen in the effluent for 2022, so the district will have to address those new standards as well over the next decade. Academy's

lagoon treatment system is small enough to be exempt from having to comply with the interim nutrient treatment limits for total phosphorus and total nitrogen in the new Control Regulation 85, which apply only to the 44 largest capacity wastewater treatment plants in Colorado.

Exclusion petition matter completed:

In May, the board approved a petition by Carole and Ray O'Mara to be excluded from the district. The O'Maras' property had a state-approved well, but because of agreements in place before they moved to the area, their property has been considered part of the district and therefore subject to the mill levy charged on their property taxes. The mill levy, which is scheduled to expire in 2014, pays for the cost of building the district's water treatment plant.

At the August board meeting, the couple requested that the board sign quit claim deeds that granted the district and the O'Maras certain water rights. Those deeds were approved, and the board instructed Murphy to file the petition with the District Court.

Amending the budget requires special meeting: Treasurer

Walt Reiss said the budgets for 2011 and 2012 had to be amended and resubmitted to the state. The amendments were needed because spending in the repairs and maintenance line items exceeded the amounts originally appropriated. A special meeting was held Aug. 21 to discuss and then approve the amended budgets, which have been forwarded to the state.

The Academy Water and Sanitation District board now meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Wescott fire station at 15415 Gleneagle Drive. The next meeting is Oct. 17.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Sept. 11

Outsourcing of financial reporting proposed

By Jim Kendrick

On Sept. 11, the Triview Metropolitan District board considered a proposal to outsource financial reporting to reduce the workload on the district's limited number of administrative personnel.

In the past, Triview had four staff members working in the district office building on Washington Street. Then Monument town staff took over administration of the district on a contract basis for a few years, but that agreement ended

earlier this year. There was only one administrative staff member for seven months until District Manager Valerie Remington was hired.

Director Bob Eskridge did not attend the meeting.

Outsourcing of financials

Remington met with the consultant firm Community Resource Services of Colorado LLC of Greenwood Village to provide financial and accounting services. The price for the basic service contract

is \$1,900 per month or \$22,800 annually for audit preparation and coordination with the auditor, budget preparation and adoption process, and a five-year financial


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