

and resolve the issue by email. After further discussion, Fisher said the staff should research this issue and bring their recommendations back to the board at the next board meeting as a review and approval agenda item.

In other matters, Smith presented a preliminary 2013 budget for the board's review and comment, meeting the state requirement to have a budget proposed at a public meeting by Oct. 15.

Remington presented a proposal from Community

Resource Services of Colorado LLC to provide financial and consulting services for district financial management, which was unanimously approved. A proposal from Stockman Kast Ryan & Co LLC to provide accounting services was also unanimously approved.

The board went into executive session at 7:51 p.m. for a "Conference with attorney for advice on specific legal questions."

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The next meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Nov. 13 in Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite

Road. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-

6868.

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**Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Oct. 11**

**Identifying wildfire defensible zones**

*By Candice Hitt*

Director Tommy Schwab provided an update on identifying wildfire defensive zones at the Oct. 11 Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District board meeting. These zones will protect the water supply in the event of a wildfire.

Schwab stated he had met with the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) about identifying sites in Woodmoor. Volunteers for WIA have been assessing sites and properties and offering recommendations to residents on mitigation. The service is strictly voluntary and offered free to Woodmoor residents. WIA can also give permission to residents to cut down trees, eliminating the need for permits.

The draft 2013 budget was issued to the board for review, and a budget workshop was scheduled for Oct. 25.

District Manager Jessie Shaffer proposed the adoption of Resolution 12-06, which will establish policies regarding personal financial information. This resolution gives authorization to the front desk staff at the district office to provide tenants' bills to landlords when tenants move out and leave unpaid balances to the district. The unpaid balances are due from the property owners. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**Operations and construction update**

Assistant Manager Randy Gillette said Well 5 was down, but

still in the ground with no status yet and Well 6 needed cleaning. Request for bids were out to contractors.

Shaffer said the first draft of the district's Long Range Plan (LRP) was received and changes will be submitted. Then a second draft will be submitted for review to the board in mid-October. The goal is to adopt the final LRP at the November board meeting.

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The next regular board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Office, 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. For information: 488-2525 or www.woodmoorwater.com.

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**Donala Water and Sanitation District, Oct. 18**

**Tanja Smith named employee of the quarter**

*By Jim Kendrick*



Above: Oct. 18, Board President Bill George congratulates Tanja Smith, on being named Employee of the Quarter. Photo by Jim Kendrick.

Board President Bill George honored Tanja Smith, accounts receivable, as Employee of the Quarter at the Oct. 18 Donala Water and Sanitation District board meeting. Smith is also Donala's receptionist. District Manager Dana Duthie lauded Smith for "the great job she does with all the wrath and grief she takes over the phone" after OCN publishes its Donala meeting articles, to much applause and laughter from the directors and

the other staff members in attendance.

All the directors were present. Phil Book and Tim Wheeler, Donala residents, and Rick Evelo of the Gleneagle Golf Course also attended.

Director Ken Judd noted that he had attended the annual Special District Association conference in Breckenridge for the district and could not attend the preceding board meeting on Sept. 20. Duthie said the minutes for that meeting would be amended to note his SDA attendance, and they were unanimously approved as amended.

**Willow Creek Ranch update**

Duthie noted that he and federal Bureau of Reclamation officials have not yet decided whether to have a third party contractor help complete the permanent storage contract for Donala's use of Pueblo Reservoir for storage of its Willow Creek Ranch renewable water. An initial payment of \$30,000 has been made to the bureau. The next payment will be \$15,000, but no due date has been set. Donala is using renewable one-year storage contracts with the bureau at this time.

The required National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Protection Agency environmental impact study and permanent storage contract must be completed by 2015 to ensure compliance

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