

on total phosphates in Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility effluent contained in the new state Control Regulation 85.

Facility engineering consultant Tetra Tech will conduct a \$55,000 10-year master plan study in early 2013 to determine the most efficient and effective way to meet the new regulatory requirements in Regulation 85 as well as the tighter requirements in the new state Regulation 31.17. After the master plan study is completed, a new storage building, part of the new capital construction needed to meet these new regulatory requirements, will be built in the fall, with a capital cost of \$85,296. Monument's one-third share of each of the costs for these two new 2013 projects will be \$19,306 and \$28,099 respectively.

However, the EPA has still not approved the new language in either of these new state regulations. The EPA has proposed even tighter and costlier restrictions on nutrients, metals, and other naturally occurring elements like selenium. Furthermore, Wicklund stated in this meeting that the monthly use fee will need to be increased again to at least \$35 to meet the nutrient requirements of Regulation 31.17 within a few years.

In late 2011, Monument had to ask the other two Tri-Lakes facility co-owners, Palmer Lake Sanitation District and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, to delay the storage building construction from the 2012 budget to the 2013 budget because Monument could not afford its share of the cost in 2012 due to insufficient revenues. The facility is owned in equal shares by each of these three districts and each district pays a third of all capital costs. Tri-Lakes Facility Manager Bill Burks had already obtained design specifications and building plans from a contractor in mid-2011 before the Monument board asked Wicklund to ask the Tri-Lakes Facility's Joint Use Committee (JUC) for this construction delay.

During 2013 budget reviews by the JUC, Woodmoor asked the other two owner districts to approve the Tetra Tech master plan study to ensure that construction of the facility is necessary in 2013 and that the current storage building specifications will still meet the long-term requirements for storing the new chemicals required to remove phosphorus, spare blowers for the aeration basins, and other new capital equipment.

The JUC and the three district boards have now unanimously approved funding for this Tetra Tech study. The master plan will be completed by this summer, allowing time for the Tri-Lakes storage building to be built in the fall of 2013. (See the related Joint Use Committee article on page 12 for more information.)

Wicklund noted to the Monument board that during the Nov. 13 JUC meeting, Woodmoor Assistant District Manager Randy

Gillette had asked the JUC to have the cost of the Tetra Tech \$55,000 master plan study in the 2013 budget split by thirds rather than have the cost shares determined by the formula used for other kinds of operating expenses, which is based on each district's monthly influent flow and BOD concentrations (wastewater strength.)

The JUC unanimously approved this request on Nov. 13 after it was supported by the other district managers as a fairer way to divide this operational cost for a study on future capital costs. Wicklund also noted that a long-range planning document cannot be depreciated.

#### Treasurer's report

Two tap fees were received since the last board meeting for a total of \$10,800. The total tap fee revenue for the year was up to \$59,900. The district's 2012 budget conservatively forecast only \$10,000 in tap fee revenue due to the current building recession.

The Monument board unanimously approved the 2013 Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility budget, which had been previously approved by the JUC on Nov. 13.

#### Other matters

Wicklund noted that he had negotiated an exchange price of \$776 each to have Keen Pump Co. provide centrifugal pumps



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