

from each of the three owner districts, also attend JUC meetings to ensure continuity of facility operations and in-depth knowledge on the district boards. Woodmoor director James Taylor filled in for Whitelaw, who was absent. Smith chaired the meeting.

2013 budget approved

During a public hearing that was advertised and posted as required, the 2013 budget and the corresponding 2013 appropriation were unanimously approved. The main new expenses for 2013 were:

- \$55,000 for a 10-year master plan study by engineering consultant Tetra Tech to determine the best capital investment and engineering design options for meeting new tighter nutrient, heavy metals, and arsenic restrictions by 2022 when new state Regulation 31 restrictions become effective.
- A \$4,000 increase in insurance costs to cover the total replacement cost (\$9 million) of all facility buildings, vehicles, and equipment, as verified in an October insurance inspection, in the event of a disaster such as the Waldo Canyon Fire.
- \$85,296 for construction of a new storage building to house chemicals for total phosphorus removal and potential spare blowers and other heavy equipment that may be needed for facility expansion.
- An additional \$18,000 to cover new environmental legal expenses regarding temporary modifications and discharger-specific variances for the facility's discharge permit.
- An additional \$11,500 to cover new engineering consultant requirements for these same items.
- An additional \$15,000 for chemical monitoring of Monument Creek starting in March to comply with new Regulation 85 nutrient sampling requirements.

Total facility expenditures to meet new state and EPA requirements have risen from \$635,844 in 2011 to \$791,158

(estimated) in 2012 and \$948,785 (budgeted) in 2013. In addition to the capital investment for the new storage building, the three owner districts will have to pay for a pilot treatment plant to determine the optimal design for the capital construction of phosphorus removal equipment soon after 2013.

The annual cost of chemicals for this phosphorus removal is an additional \$200,000 per year. The capital costs for the new phosphorus removal equipment, piping, and possible sludge lagoon expansion will be determined during the master plan study next year.

The cost of the master plan study will be divided in thirds as an operational ownership cost. The cost of the new storage facility will be divided in thirds as a capital ownership cost. The total projected costs for the three owner districts in the 2013 budget were:

- Monument—\$223,317
- Palmer Lake—\$187,361
- Woodmoor—\$538,107

There was no public comment during either the hearing on the 2013 budget or the 2013 appropriation, and both were unanimously approved and forwarded to the state.

Financial reports

Facility Manager Bill Burks gave a brief overview of the October financial reports. They were accepted without comment as presented.

Plant manager's report

In the plant manager's report, Burks noted that there had been another slightly elevated E. coli measurement due to a dead magpie in the effluent pipe. All other aspects of plant operation were normal.

Burks said he had received official notification from the state Health Department of the Regulation 85 requirement to begin nutrient monitoring above and below the facility's effluent discharge to Monument Creek.

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