

Pocock.

Fire marshal training in the community has been completed for the year. The staff will re-evaluate how to best use volunteers to staff both Stations 1 and 2 now that there is a sufficient amount of data on

calls and wildfires to analyze. Burns noted that the small pumper was deployed for two weeks to wildfires in California.

Wescott will conduct its annual "Fill the Boot" fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association "Jerry's Kids"

campaign on Labor Day Weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Meetings are normally held

on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Information: 488-8680.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Aug. 9

Woodmoor residents urged to mitigate fire danger

By Candice Hitt

On Aug. 9, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District board discussed details of an Emergency Preparedness Plan in the event of a wildfire in the area. Mike Dooley, battalion chief of the adjacent Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Station 3, said a specific plan for Woodmoor isn't necessary and a plan for the entire district would be overwhelming. Dooley promoted protecting the water supply to fight fires. As a result, the district will focus efforts on working with the Fire Department to identify key sites that could supply water in the event of a wildfire and protecting those sites.

Board members also discussed the need to mitigate district properties to improve wildfire prevention. Board President Barrie Town stated the district supports mitigation on all district properties because prevention takes a community effort.

Operations and construction update
District Manager Jessie Shaffer gave the operations update, saying Well 12 is back in the ground and working. Well 17 is not starting and the pumping equipment failed on Well 6. Shaffer proposed add-

ing the cost of repairing both wells to the budget during the mid-year review.

The new roof on the district building and the HVAC projects are complete. The district is still running surface water, and customers have complained of a funny taste and odor. The district is working with the engineering firm Tetra Tech to collect some data on the lake and fix the problem. The district's Long Range Planning draft will be submitted to the board for review in September.

Manager's report

Shaffer said the JV Ranch engineering report has been filed with the water court. Objectors have until the end of September to submit concerns and negotiate agreements.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Office, 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. For information: 488-2525 or www.woodmoorwater.com.

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Tri-Lakes Joint Use Committee, Aug. 14

New officers elected

By Jim Kendrick

On Aug. 14, the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee (JUC) got the specifics of the higher costs it had been expecting for this summer to complete the sludge removal that was interrupted by freezing weather last fall.

Other, more distressing news concerned much higher operating costs next year that have now been formally documented in the proposed 2013 budget. Neither set of numbers was a complete surprise, though the 16.4 percent increase in the annual budget did elicit a few "That's a really big increase" comments during this meeting.

All members of the JUC were present at the meeting.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate public utility and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by the Monument Sanitation District, the Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of

one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: President Jim Whitelaw, Woodmoor; Vice President Dale Smith, Palmer Lake; and Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Robinove, Monument.

Typically, several other district board members, including the JUC alternate representatives and district managers 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.

Financial reports

Burks noted some of the large bills he had paid in



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