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July:

- \$11,504 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for the new five-year Tri-Lakes facility discharge permit fee.
- \$18,371, \$21,182, and \$22,324 to Liquid Waste Management for removing, dewatering, and hauling away treated solid waste from the facility sludge lagoon.

Burks noted that Liquid Waste Management had been providing weekly invoices, which he had paid promptly. There was consensus that if Liquid Waste Management finished sludge removal before the Sept. 11 meeting, Burks will get checks from each of the three districts for their share of the remaining cost to pay the invoice before that meeting.

Wirenut, an electrical consultant, had to be hired to replace a solenoid valve on the facility's dredge that was digging the sludge out of the sludge lagoon for Liquid Waste Management. The cost was \$1,122. Fortunately, the repair only took three hours.

Ten wastewater entities are participating in the start-up of a Fountain/Monument Creek watershed monitoring group. Each municipality or special district is contributing \$1,500 toward the legal and administrative work being performed by engineering firm Brown and Caldwell to create this monitoring group, which is currently being organized by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments.

Brown and Caldwell will also develop a monitoring plan for sample collection, initiate administration of the program, and conduct quality assurance and quality control for all the test results for the stream samples collected and measured by the member municipalities and special

districts.

Brown and Caldwell's start-up work will cost the monitoring group members a total of \$15,000.

To help the monitoring group get started, Monument wrote a check for the full \$1,500 Tri-Lakes share a few months ago. Burks stated that Woodmoor and Palmer Lake had agreed to pay back Monument \$500.

The cash flow to Brown and Caldwell for the start-up process is being handled by the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority.

Big increases in 2013 budget

Some of the line items Burks discussed regarding the proposed 2013 facility budget were:

- The total budget increases from \$801,114 in 2012 to \$932,561, a 16.4 percent increase.
- The postponed construction of the new storage garage will cost \$85,296.
- There will be no cost increase for the 2012 audit.
- There will be no increase in the Liquid Waste Management rate for sludge hauling.
- Building a containment structure for the chemicals needed for new nutrient treatments can be delayed until 2014.
- Equipment costs for the total phosphorus pilot plant will be \$10,000.
- Lining the south Woodmoor metering vault with plastic to prevent further corrosion will cost \$3,875.
- Legal fees jump from \$9,000 in 2012 to \$27,000 due to new water quality standards regulatory issues for nutrients, arsenic, copper concentrations, and the biotic ligand model for evaluating aquatic life in Monument Creek.
- The one-time engineering consultant cost for the total

phosphorus pilot plant will be \$24,000.

- The one-time chemical supply cost for the total phosphorus pilot plant will be \$25,000.
- Laboratory supplies for all the new in-stream monitoring requirements increases the cost from \$6,800 to \$11,000.
- Special/chemical monitoring costs increase from \$54,000 to \$69,000.
- Consultant costs for in-stream aquatic life testing will increase by \$15,000.
- A new separate note will be added to the budget to list all the total pilot plant study costs throughout the budget in various line items.
- All total phosphorus pilot plant study costs will be capital costs and divided by thirds.
- The cost for participating in the Monument/Fountain Creek monitoring group will be \$9,000.
- Monument's cost: \$232,563
- Palmer Lake's cost: \$192,669
- Woodmoor's cost: \$507,039.

Tad Foster, Tri-Lakes' environmental attorney, has advised the JUC that the total capital cost for upgrading all of Colorado's 391 wastewater facilities for unfunded state-mandated nutrient treatment equipment to comply with only the short-term requirements in Control Regulation 85 and interim values in Regulation 31 will far exceed their total borrowing capacity and quite clearly bankrupt the state's wastewater treatment industry.

Burks added that engineering consultant Tetra Tech had advised him that a land use study has to be performed for future expansion needed to house the new nutrient treatment equipment for removing total phosphorus and total nitrogen. The Tetra Tech study will cost \$25,000. Burks said he told the firm the study would have to be deferred until 2014.

The financial reports and the accounts payable lists for each of the three owner districts were unanimously accepted as presented.

District managers' reports
 Monument District Manager

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