

tion of sand in its wastewater one day. Wicklund said the amount of sand was higher than any residential customer could produce. He checked with the car washes to determine if there was an oil-sand separator problem. He also checked with the Town of Monument staff to determine if a backwash cycle at any of their water treatment plants sand filters had resulted in an excess discharge. The cause of the slug of sand could not be determined and had not occurred again since this incident. Monument's sludge production and direct sludge removal costs for the month were higher than average as a result. Sand cannot be treated by any wastewater treatment process, only removed.

Gillette discussed methods of inspecting sand filters in drinking water treatment plants and radium issues that Monument should be aware of as a result of the town's well 6 excess radium readings, which was reported at the Monument Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 3. The town has shut down well 6, which can only produce 20 gallons per minute. This water was well diluted by blending with water from other wells in the town's distribution system.

**Monitoring report**

There was a lengthy technical discussion of regional

and local area plans to comply with new state Monument Creek monitoring requirements that begin March 1 and preparations for tighter limits on total phosphates in Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility effluent contained in the new state Control Regulation 85. Burks has 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.

Burks said he will coordinate with Mike Poeckes, facility manager for the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, to conduct stream sampling at the same time each month to minimize expense and ensure consistent readings. The Tri-Lakes downstream monitoring point is the same as the Upper Monument upstream monitoring point: where Monument Creek crosses Baptist Road. There was consensus on how to use existing Monument Creek monitoring station data to minimize costs while accounting for tributary contributions from Crystal Creek, Dirty Woman Creek, No Name Creek, and other non-point sources of stream flow.

If the data collected over the next five years show very low concentrations of nutrients, metals, arsenic, and selenium during dry and wet seasons, the monitoring requirement and resulting expenses may be eliminated. Numerous statewide and local work groups are meeting on a monthly basis to develop procedures that will meet the general requirements being imposed by the state Health Department and EPA.

Burks noted that the Tri-Lakes and Upper Monument staffs would be sharing the data collected by engineering and biological consultants, as well as the related consultant costs, for the Biotic Ligand Model Study of the

effects of in-stream copper concentrations on Monument Creek aquatic life.

Burks also provided copies of the Oct. 18 cover letter and formal Notice of Intent document that he had sent to EPA Region VIII in Denver to renew the Tri-Lakes facility's five-year biosolids permit for removing sludge and hauling it away for direct land application to area farms.

Burks stated that Tri-Lakes would join with several other local governments to form a larger group of employees to reduce the cost of employee health insurance. He noted that the Tri-Lakes facility attorney, Mike Cuculla, had reviewed and approved the health insurance intergovernmental agreement documentation. The participants in the health insurance intergovernmental agreement with new provider Kaiser Permanente are:

- Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Town of Monument
- Triview Metropolitan District
- Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District
- Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District
- Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District
- Town of Palmer Lake

Gillette stated that there would be a 4 percent savings for Woodmoor from the rates charged to this group by the former provider, Aetna.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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The next JUC meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 8 at the Tri-Lakes facility's conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 481-4053.

Jim Kendrick can be reached at jimkendrick@ocn.me.



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*Triview Metropolitan District, Dec. 11*

## 2013 budget approved

*By Jim Kendrick*

On Dec. 11, the Triview Metropolitan District Board unanimously approved the final budget, appropriation, and mill levy certification for 2013. The revenue from the 35.0 mill levy for general obligation debt retirement expenses is expected to be \$1.97 million. The total budgeted revenue is \$4.08 million. The total budgeted expense is \$3.93 million, plus \$281,590 for transfers to other funds. The budgeted 2013 beginning fund balance is \$10.3 million, and the ending balance is expected to be \$10.2 million.

The single resolution for the budget and appropri-

tions states that the appropriated amounts equal the budgeted amounts for each of the 2013 budget's funds.

Secretary/Treasurer Bob Eskridge chaired the meeting in the absence of President Robert Fisher. Director Tom Harder was also absent. Directors Steve Cox and Steve Hurd were present.

The board unanimously approved the consent agenda at the start of the meeting. The items not discussed by the board before blanket approval were:

- Nov. 13 Triview board meeting minutes
- Approval of a letter designating new consultant Triview treasurer Cathy Fromm, of Community Resources Services of Colorado LLC, as Triview's administrator for the VALIC retirement plan
- The operations report on completed items
- The manager's report on completed items

There were no public comments.

**Financial report**

Fromm reviewed the October financial report as her first quarterly financial report, as this was the last meeting of the fourth quarter and the year. Revenues were slightly more than budgeted and expenses slightly less. All the 2013 debt service had been paid.

The board unanimously approved five disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$5,642 to Lytle Water Solutions LLC for a LIRF (lawn irrigation return flows) analysis
- \$46,379 to Seal Coat Specialties Inc. for milling, patching, and other asphalt repairs
- \$7,184 to PSF Company LLC for the final payment for gutter and sidewalk concrete replacement and repairs
- \$9,125 to Merrick & Co. for booster pump design engineering
- \$6,390 to Felt, Monson & Culichia LLC for legal fees

**Proposal for Sanctuary Pointe water service**

Shannon Saramaa, a professional engineer of JDS-Hydro Consultants Inc., formally presented a scope of services proposal document to the board for engineering design for a new 1 million gallon water tank, associated transmission lines to and from the tank, and a second booster pump system to maintain adequate pressure in the new water distribution system for Sanctuary Pointe developments.

Saramaa listed the historical documents JDS-Hydro must review for both developments, a description of facilities they will design, and the components of the preliminary and final designs. She reviewed the historical documents she was able to recover from Triview's former engineering consultant, Nolte Associates. Saramaa noted



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