

be completed no later than Dec. 31, 2013.

Once the property is sold, the new owner will have until Dec. 31, 2016, to actually tap into the district's water system. A time frame for using a tap was important to include because it could affect the district's augmentation plan as well as the need to plan for reserving a certain amount of water for use by that new property owner.

The district is providing three water taps to a future buyer, as the property can be subdivided into three parcels. The property can't be developed for commercial or multifamily use. Wastewater connection is a separate issue.

The board also voted to au-

thorize a payment not to exceed \$1,000 for title insurance in the amount of \$80,000 to ensure the district gets clear title.

2013 budget

The board approved the budget, which details \$441,841 for current operating expenses, \$17,000 capital outlay, and \$159,850 for debt service, for a total of \$618,691.

The mill levies—which were voted on in 1994 and pay for the water treatment plant and distribution system—were set for the next year. The levy for general operating purposes will be 2.937 mills, which pays for \$21,518 of general operating expenses. And a levy of 21.818 mills will cover the bond and interest costs of \$159,851. The total

is 24.755 mills.

Website development

Director Ron Curry had hoped to get the district's first website under way by fall, but the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA), which helps the state's local governments set up and maintain websites at no cost, needed to find a better content management system. Since the spring, the district has been on a waiting list for website development and training. SIPA has now selected a new system, but Curry was not given a date when training would begin.

The Academy Water and Sanitation District board meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Wescott fire

station, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. The next meeting is Jan. 16.

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Monument Sanitation District, Dec. 20

2013 district budget approved

By Jim Kendrick

On Dec. 20, the Monument Sanitation District board held a hearing to formally approve the 2013 budget and appropriation. The board also formally approved a mill levy certification for zero mills, because Monument has no debt and no property tax. All board members attended the meeting.

The final district budget was the same as the one preliminarily approved on Nov. 15. The major figures presented to the board by District Manager Mike Wicklund for comparison of the estimated actual budget amounts for 2012 to budgeted amounts in the final 2013 budget were:

- Use fee revenues will increase from \$468,904 in 2012 to \$537,368, following the \$5 monthly increase that begins in April.
- Other income will drop from \$25,800 to \$8,000
- Rent income will drop from \$25,450 to \$25,200
- Total operating revenue will rise from \$519,554 to \$570,568.
- Total capital improvement income will drop from

- \$64,400 to \$50,000.
- Total interest income will drop from \$1,088 to \$500.
- Total operating expenses will rise from \$507,840 to \$535,263.
- Total capital improvement expenses will rise from \$11,364 to \$28,099.
- Total capital contingency expenses remain at \$50,000.
- Sludge removal expenses will increase from \$16,087 to \$33,969.
- The ending balance for the district will drop from \$297,120 for 2012 to \$279,857 for 2013.

For more information on the budget issues discussed at the Nov. 15 meeting, see: www.ocn.me/v12n12.htm#msd.

There was no public comment during the open portion of the 2013 budget hearing.

A resolution to adopt the final 2013 budget was unanimously approved. A separate resolution to appropriate the amounts noted above, a total of \$647,331, was also unanimously

approved.

The board also unanimously approved a certification for a lien of \$558 against a single district property for past due fees.

In other financial matters, Wicklund reported that:

- A total of 10 new taps had produced a total of \$64,400 to date in 2012.
- The largest expense was \$18,852 for the November billing for the district's share of November Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility expenses, which included the facility's annual property and liability insurance bill.
- The district's current snow removal subcontractor is retiring.

The board unanimously approved the person Wicklund recommended as the new snow removal subcontractor.

Wicklund stated that the district's 2013 special district transparency information, which is required by state law to be published by Jan. 15, would be



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