

nual collection line rehabilitation project, noting that the project would be finished very soon. Palmer Lake District Manager Becky Orcutt and Woodmoor District Manager Jessie Shaffer stated that they had no issues to report.

Shaffer led a lengthy technical discussion regarding the regional reuse study by Tetra Tech for Woodmoor, Donala Water and Sanitation District, and the Town of Monument that would provide capital and operational cost estimates for building a regional reclamation facility with a capacity up to 7 million gallons per day. Their high-quality effluent would be piped directly to the reclamation facility so that it could become drinking water using treatment processes like membrane ultrafiltration. The study will also evaluate future well drilling costs that could be avoided by implementing reuse. There was an enthusiastic consensus of all in attendance that this project was "good

news" for the Tri-Lakes region.

Note: The Triview Metropolitan District formally declined to participate in the regional study at its Sept. 10 board meeting.

Facility manager's report

Burks noted that the plant's infrastructure improvements that reinforced the Monument Creek stream bank had easily handled the stormwater surge from 3.5 inches of rain. The plant continues to operate very effectively with all discharge monitoring report results being well below permit limits. The various July effluent and in-stream nutrient readings above and below the discharge pipe were equivalent with those reported to the state under Control Regulation 85 over the past several months. Sludge removal from the sludge lagoon for use as agricultural fertilizer has been slowed down by the heavy rain, making fields too muddy for spreading.

Burks noted that environmental attorney Tad Foster had recommended that Tri-Lakes move forward soon on providing undated copper, other metals, and nutrient information to the state by the end of 2013 to effect further changes in the facility's permit limits that could reduce testing costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Oct. 10 at the Tri-Lakes facility's conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information for these meetings is available at 481-4053.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Sept. 12

Water loss investigation continues

By Candice Hitt

Assistant Manager Randy Gillette told the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District board Sept. 12 that the district was still researching water loss. The district has been experiencing an unaccounted water loss of about 60 to 70 gallons per minute.

Employees have walked the district looking for surface water and other indicators that could provide clues to the leak. Gillette stated a few defective valves have been repaired, but the water loss continues. District Manager Jessie Shaffer said the district plans to budget for a meter system in 2014 to further refine the search and improve the process of water recovery.

Shaffer also stated the district is revising the new construction Standard Details and Specifications for Quality Control policy due to the increase in development and the fact that it was last revised of 1997. The policy specifies material types and construction processes allowed.

Response on grants awaited

Shaffer gave a report from the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) stating the district was waiting for a response from the state on the allocation of grant money and funds to be awarded to the district. The PPRWA is a consortium of water providers serving the communities in northern El Paso County. The district expected a response by the end of September.

The board unanimously agreed to execute an agreement with financial consultant Raftelis for rate modeling to provide an analysis for current and future water rate structures proposed by the district. The cost for the agreement is \$19,500, which will be included in the 2014 budget.

Proposed recreational use of Lake Woodmoor

Shaffer met with Matt Beseau of the

Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) to further discuss proposed ideas for developing a community use trail system around Lake Woodmoor. Beseau stated the WIA is still in an investigative phase, but there is an interest in developing the area in stages. Beseau indicated WIA would need to rely on community support for funding, labor, and supplies.

Shaffer stated the district is not in the business of recreation and will not be funding provision, liability, or maintenance of the trail system. The board will continue to discuss the project as ideas are presented.

Public relations

Board President Barrie Town stated he would like the board to bring up ideas to raise community awareness of the district over the next few months. The goal is to develop increased public involvement, reopen relations with local schools, and educate the community on conservation.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Office, 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. For information: 488-2525 or www.woodmoorwater.com.

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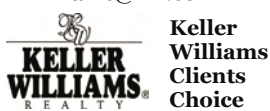
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The Board of Education invites you to a public forum on the proposed mill levy override for Lewis-Palmer School District, to be held during the regular monthly board meeting.

Thursday, October 17th, 6:00 p.m.

The Learning Center,
 in the Administration Building
 146 Jefferson Street, Monument

Board members have included this item on the agenda to ensure that citizens are informed regarding the facts about the local school funding proposal and to answer public questions.

The District is requesting funding to:

- ◆ Restore the number of classroom teachers
- ◆ Hire and retain quality instructors
- ◆ Restore support for struggling students, gifted programs, and technology
- ◆ Enhance safety for students and staff

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