

former Mayor Konarski to start doing something about water. She also stated that the board has been considering this issue for the past seven years and that the current Acquisition, Storage, and Delivery (ASD) fund balance was about \$700,000 for purchasing sustainable water.

Green noted that she had met again with Konarski and Barber "the other day." They agreed that other local governments are moving ahead with water rights purchases from farms, with limited success. She recommended, instead, the reuse and recycling of the town's water by retrieving it after it is treated by Monument Sanitation District. This treated effluent would be piped up to the Palmer Lake area and returned to Monument Creek, so the town could withdraw it from the creek for reuse as treated drinking water, rather than letting aquifer water just run down to Colorado Springs with no ability to recycle groundwater.

Green stated that she wanted to bring a contract to the next board meeting on Jan. 22 for a vote. The town contract with Barber would be for \$30,000 per year, using money from the ASD fund. Green said Barber would work to partner with other nearby water and sanitation districts and Colorado Springs Utilities to develop a reuse/recycling plan for the town's water. Barber would also develop a finance plan to best leverage the limited amount of money in the town's ASD fund through very creative ways of financing, since the town will not have the millions of dollars needed "no matter what we do."

Green stated that Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District had purchased millions of dollars of water rights, then changed its mind and purchased a farm with a reservoir to do something different now. Donala Water and Sanitation District has an agreement with CSU to purchase potable water but had to raise its rates quite a bit and may not be able to serve all its district customers with this purchased CSU water. "I'm not sorry that we've waited because we could have made an expensive mistake, but I think it's time" to go in this reuse direction, which has a basic cost of about \$5 million, she said.

Konarski said she had provided board members with

a basin study report summary and that Gov. John Hickenlooper had stated it's time for us to look really seriously at water reuse. She also said that the town has tried in several instances to work with Woodmoor and Donala and now that Donala District Manager Dana Duthie is retiring, there may be an opportunity to forge new relationships with his replacement, Kip Peterson, former district manager for Cherokee Metropolitan District.

Konarski stated that Barber has the statewide re-

spect needed to help create such partnerships, even with CSU. She noted that Woodmoor and Donala have had to de-annex parts of their districts so that Arkansas River

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