

Big R store and shipped to its store in Colorado Springs and would not be restocked at Struthers Road. Wicklund thanked Cousins for the cooperation and concern for the constituents of these two wastewater treatment facilities.

Wicklund will continue to monitor stores like Big R and Home Depot for copper sulfate products for all the wastewater entities in the OCN coverage area.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on March 21 in the Donala conference room, 15850 Holbein Dr. Information: 488-3603.

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Monument Sanitation District, Feb. 21

Madison appointed to board vacancy

By Jim Kendrick

On Feb. 21, the Monument Sanitation District board unanimously:

- Appointed Terry Madison to fill its vacant seat.
- Approved a letter of engagement for 2013 with engineering consultant firm GMS Inc.
- Renewed an annual lease with Second Street Hair Studio, a tenant in the district's building.

District Manager Mike Wicklund briefed the board at length on progress in coordinating stream monitoring for nutrients by all wastewater treatment facilities that discharge into Monument and Fountain Creek, including the City of Pueblo and Pueblo West. The name of the new monitoring group for the Monument and Fountain Creek basins is the Arkansas River/Fountain Creek Coalition for Urban/Rural River Evaluation (AF CURE.) The purpose of AF CURE is to expedite efficient compliance with all the new nutrient monitoring requirements in the state Water Quality Control Commission's new Control Regulation 85 at the lowest cost.

The current AF CURE plan is to initially organize as a project participant under the umbrella of the Pikes Peak Rural Water Authority for finance, tax ID, and auditing purposes. AF CURE will later determine whether to become a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. AF CURE is being organized to parallel the 13-year-old South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation (SP CURE, www.spcure.org), which is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit orga-



Above: On Feb. 21, Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund swore in Terry Madison to fill the board's vacant seat. Madison's appointment will run through May, 2014. Looking on (clockwise from left) are Board Secretary Kristi Schutz, Director Chuck Robinove, and Board Treasurer Don Smith. Photo by Jim Kendrick.

nization. AF CURE is using Brown & Caldwell as its engineering consultant; this firm is also the engineering consultant for SP CURE.

SP CURE has recently formed the Colorado Monitoring Framework to coordinate statewide nutrient monitoring by all Colorado wastewater treatment facilities. Jim Kendrick, Operations, Monument Sanitation District, has been a participant in organizing all the AF CURE and Framework workgroups and subgroups. Currently AF CURE plans to join the Colorado Monitoring Framework as a watershed member rather than having the 14 AF CURE members join individually. A watershed membership costs less than one individual

facility membership, but would yield only one vote, rather than 14 votes.

Wicklund also briefed the board on the district's five-year plan for camera inspections and cleaning of all district collection lines and his options for 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on March 21 at the district conference room, 130 Second St. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 481-4886.

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Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District special meeting, Feb. 14

\$200,000 note approved to bridge budget gap

By Bernard L. Minetti

At a special meeting Feb. 14, the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District board unanimously approved a \$200,000 promissory note for a credit line with Vectra Bank Colorado.

The promissory note was deemed necessary by Interim Fire Chief Bryan Jack. The amount was designed to bridge the budget gap in the first quarter of 2013, until property tax revenues are received. Jack said there was a very slim possibility that with careful monitoring of expenses, the money might not be required.

Jack reported that the fire chief hiring process was proceeding and the district had narrowed the potential selectees to five. They are Kevin Hammons of Franktown, Ronald Thompson of Jefferson City, Mo., Glen Levy of Colorado Springs, Wade Stevens of Orange Beach, Ala., and Christopher Truty of Wheaton, Ill. Jack added that 43 people had applied for the position.

The board scheduled a Citizens' Forum for 6 p.m. March 12 at the District Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., to allow Tri-Lakes citizens to meet the five finalists. The board then voted for adjournment.

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Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, Feb. 19

New paramedic sworn in

By Lisa Hatfield

The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District celebrated Valerie Marshall's swearing-in as a new district paramedic on Feb. 19. The board also unanimously passed a resolution to purchase a new station alert system for Stations 1 and 2. Chief Vinny Burns explained the ramifications of possible changes coming to the ambulance service in El Paso County in 2014.

New paramedic sworn in

Marshall was sworn in as a newly certified para-

medic by board Chairman Scott Campbell, and her dad Tom Marshall pinned on her new badge. She thanked the board for budgeting to send her to paramedic school, the chiefs for allowing her to go to school and giving her "the time to study for cardiology tests," her crew that helped her study, and her friends and family for their help. "I can't thank everyone enough just for the support," she said.

Chief's report

Chief Burns notified the board about possible impending changes in the way ambulance service is