

Riverside Development Co., the developer seeking to develop Misty Acres Filing 2A, also requested a supplemental water service agreement. The board unanimously approved the agreement.

**Country club water rate issue**

On March 18, Board President Barrie Town, District Manager Shaffer, and board Secretary Beth Courrau of the Woodmoor district met with the local press to discuss the water rate issue concerning the Monument Hill Country Club. The club has cited high water rates as the reason for not offering golf this season.

Until 2008, tributary water was being used to irrigate the course. But in 2008, the Colorado Water Commission said state law mandates the country club must use a legal source for water and it could no longer use water from various ponds on the course to irrigate. The commission also told the club it must provide records of water use and recorded meter reading to the district.

So in 2008, the club began using non-potable water supplied by the district. This had a substantial impact on the club because it now has to pay for large quantities of water as mandated by the state.

Shaffer said that to resolve the high cost of irrigating the course, district staff and individual board members have met, upon request, with representatives of the country club several times over the past few years to discuss the water issue and to suggest ideas for more efficient water use that could lower the cost for the country club. Several options have been discussed with the club to resolve its water issue, including leasing King's Deer water and the golf course to pay for the pipeline to distribute the water, but Shaffer stated that this option was deemed economically unfeasible by the country club.

In late summer 2012, the district met with a representative of the club to discuss a leak and water loss of about 8 million gallons during the irrigation season. The water was leaking from the retention pond used for irrigating the golf course. The district also agreed to charge the club a lower water rate. The club also requested a deferral in payment until after the irrigation season and the district agreed to this proposal based on the condition that the club would repair the leak in the pond by December 2012 and conserve future water use.

Shaffer stated that to date, the district had not been

notified that the leak has been fixed. He also said that to his knowledge the district has never received a request from the country club to meet about closing the golf course.

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The next regular board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. April 11 at the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Office, 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. For information: 488-2525 or www.woodmoorwater.com.

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*Tri-Lakes Facility Joint Use Committee, March 12*

**Long-range planning study approved**

*By Jim Kendrick*

On March 12, Facility Manager Bill Burks received unanimous approval from the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee (JUC) to have engineering consultant firm Tetra Tech conduct a long-range capital improvement planning study for \$55,000. This study must be completed before planning to meet expected tighter total phosphorus limits can be completed and an appropriate pilot plant study can be performed.

Tetra Tech would provide a facility plan that includes:

- Facility data collection.
- A regulatory outlook for the 10-year planning period regarding nutrients, endocrine disruptors, ammonia, and heavy metals.
- Flow and growth projections for the next 20 years.
- Possible improvements for treating liquids and conducting land application of wastewater biosolids.

- Analyses of the options such as drying bed and mechanical dewatering of biosolids.
- Potential projects that may be required to meet future capacity and effluent treatment requirements, with probable costs for the various options.

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