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Tri-Lakes facility to be eligible to receive a grant from the Nutrient Grant Fund that is proposed to be created by Colorado House Bill 13-1191. See the March 21 Monument Sanitation District article on page 11 for more information on this \$15 million financing program that is likely to be approved by the Legislature.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate public utility and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: President Jim Whitelaw, Woodmoor; Vice President Dale Smith, Palmer Lake; and Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Robinove, Monument.

Several other district board members and district managers from each of the three owner districts also attended the meeting.

Financial report approved

Burks noted that the Tri-Lakes facility attorney, Mike Cuculla, appeared to have resolved a concern raised by Integrity Bank regarding the facility's various bank ac-

counts. The issue was whether the facility's accounts are "public funds" and may require a change in the bank's operating procedures. The cost of Cuculla's review was \$1,200.

Note: According to the state website, "The purpose of the Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) is to ensure that public funds held on deposit in banks are protected in the event that the bank holding the public deposits becomes insolvent. Not all public funds held by banks are protected under the PDPA. The PDPA protects only public funds place in bank deposit accounts, which include checking, savings, bank money-market, and certificate of deposit (CD) accounts." (www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DORA-DB/CBON/DORA/1251626368870)

The state's PDPA fact sheet states that the maximum total amount of public funds belonging to a public unit or public entity that can be deposited with an individual bank and be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) is \$250,000. The fact sheet defines a Colorado special district as a public unit. The \$250,000 limit is per bank, not per each branch of the same bank.

The PDPA requires each bank to deliver readily marketable assets (typically securities) to a third party (escrow) institution to be held in safekeeping, pledged to the Colorado Division of Banking, to secure all uninsured public deposits held by the bank. In the event that the bank holding the public deposits becomes insolvent, the commissioner of banking, or a designee (typically the FDIC), will sell the pledged assets of the insolvent bank (if necessary) and distribute the proceeds to the Colorado public entities requiring reimbursement beyond the amount provided by federal deposit insurance. This procedure does not apply to private deposits.

For more information see the state PDPA fact sheet at: www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobheadername2=Content-Type&blobheadervalue1=inline%3B+filename%3D%22PDPA+Fact+Sheet.pdf%22&blobheadervalue2=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251818362716&ssbinary=true

For more information on FDIC deposit insurance coverage for public funds, see section 330.15 at: www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/rules/2000-5400.html#2000part330.15

The financial report was unanimously accepted as presented.

District managers' reports

Each of the three owner districts reported that their annual collection line cleaning and inspection projects will begin in April.

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