

**Above:** On April 17, Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund, left, presented model outhouses to outgoing Directors Kristi Schutz and Chuck Robinove in recognition of their eight years of service to the district. The outhouses were crafted by former district Director Darwin Dimmick. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.* 

May 15 to replace Chuck Robinove as the district's primary representative to the JUC.

The JUC serves as the board for the Tri-Lakes facility, owned in equal one-third shares by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The other four Monument board members will be appointed as alternate representatives to the JUC. Board President Ed DeLaney stated that directors should attend JUC meetings for a while to learn about the nutrient treatment plant expansion.

Wicklund noted that the EPA Region 8 office has indicated that it will reject the state-approved interim nutrient values for total phosphorus (TP) (0.70 milligrams per liter) and total nitrogen (TN) (2.01 mg/l) that will be put in force in 2022 by state water quality Regulation 31.17.

The EPA has stated that it would prefer that the state immediately approve its warm water nutrient criteria-0.067 ppm for TP and 0.88 ppm for TN-but has not yet made these criteria a federal requirement or a mandate on the state. Neither of these EPA interim nutrient values can be achieved by any existing activated sludge technology like that installed in the Tri-Lakes facility, Wicklund said. Preliminary cost estimates for meeting these limits would require a \$30 million addition to the \$6 million Tri-Lakes treatment plant.

### GIS update

There was board consensus to have Wicklund move forward with upgrading all district collection system data to current state-of-the-art Geologic Information System (GIS) mapping technology. Funding for initial engineering work by the district's consultant firm, GMS Inc., will come from the district's \$50,000 contingency fund.

## Safeway update

Wicklund reviewed the problem created by a bypass valve installed on the Highway 105 Safeway water main without the knowledge of either the Town of Monument, the water purveyor for downtown Monument, or Monument Sanitation District. During an inspection by a Monument Public Works employee, the bypass valve was found to be partially open, causing an unknown amount of water to ow through the associated bypass

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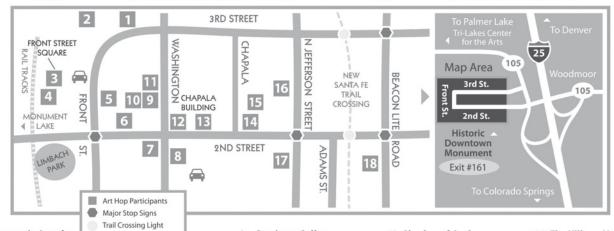
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