

Monument Sanitation District, July 17

District receives \$20,940 state grant reimbursement

By Jim Kendrick

On July 17, Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund advised the district board that the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility had received two grant reimbursements totaling \$62,821 in June from a state three-year nutrient planning grant of \$80,000 that was awarded to the facility in 2013. This \$62,821 reimbursement was \$17,952 more than the facility's total operating expenses for June.

The \$62,821 reimbursement was divided in thirds and a credit of \$20,940 was applied to the individual facility operational invoices of each of the three special districts that own the facility. 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.

Monument's \$20,940 share

of the June grant reimbursement was more than the district's June Tri-Lakes facility treatment invoice. As a result, Monument Sanitation District did not have to write a check in July to the Tri-Lakes facility for its share of the facility's June operating expenses. The district had a remaining credit of \$10,807 of its \$20,940 share listed on the district's June facility invoice. This remaining \$10,807 credit will be rolled over and applied to Monument's July facility invoice.

NOTE: Another planning grant reimbursement of \$3,185 to the Tri-Lakes in May was also split three ways (\$1,062 each) as a credit to each of the three special districts. Future reimbursements from a separate \$1 million state nutrient design and construction grant to the facility will also be divided in thirds and distributed to the districts.

A payment of \$10,850 was made to J&K excavating for

sewer line repairs. However, the district will receive a reimbursement of \$6,500 of this expense.

No tap fees had been received since the June 19 board meeting. The district's total cash assets on July 16 were \$838,966.

Cleaning and relining of collection lines underway

Wicklund noted that DRC Construction of Sedalia would be completing sewer line cleaning and video inspections of 20 percent of the lines, part of the district's five-year rotating inspection cycle. DRC will also perform video inspections after cleaning the district's vitreous clay collection lines that will be relined by Insituform in August. Some older collection lines are cleaned every year as a preventive measure because they have a shallower gradient than current installation standards require and have shown that they may become blocked with tree roots in less than five years.

The Monument board approved a contract with Insituform on June 19 to reline deteriorating vitreous clay collection pipes in the alley west of Washington Street. The total cost for equipment mobilization and doing cured-in place pipe relining for 517 feet of 6-inch clay

pipes and 843 feet of 8-inch clay pipe is \$42,305.

Insituform is a felt tube soaked in resins that is pulled through the collection line from manhole to manhole, then inflated and cured in place with steam. The cured resins transform the felt tube into a form-fitting solid pipe that lines the inside of the original pipe. The cured liner has a life-span of over 100 years. This method is far more cost-effective and less disruptive than digging up old vitreous clay pipes and installing new PVC lines.

Final 2013 audit submitted to state

Wicklund reported that the required copies of the final 2013 audit report approved at the June 19 district board meeting had been mailed to the state by district auditor Derek Watada of audit firm Bauerle & Co. and that the district had also received written final copies from Watada for its records.

JUC update

Wicklund reviewed the discussions at the Tri-Lakes facility's Joint Use Committee meeting on July 10. See the JUC article on page 9 for more information.

There was a preliminary discussion of the Tetra Tech draft engineering report on planning,

design, and construction of new equipment at the Tri-Lakes facility for removal of phosphates. The total proposed cost for nutrient treatment equipment to remove total phosphorus and total nitrogen to comply with Control Regulation 85 and Regulation 31.17 as well as other long-range planning options was estimated to be about \$23 million.

After a lengthy orientation discussion about a variety of technical aspects proposed in the draft Tetra Tech engineering report, there was consensus that all the Monument board members should read the 178-page draft report and attend the Aug. 12 Joint Use Committee meeting at the Tri-Lakes facility to participate in the question and answer period with Tetra Tech consultant engineer Steve Tamburini. There was also consensus for the district board to take a tour of the Tri-Lakes facility after the next regular board meeting on Aug. 21.

The board went into executive session at 10:46 a.m. to discuss strategies for negotiations regarding rental of district office spaces. The board came out of executive session at 11:14 a.m. Board President Ed DeLaney stated that no votes were taken during the executive session and Wicklund was given direction regarding future negotiation positions.

Wicklund advised the board that the six southernmost single-family home residential lots in the Village at Monument development on Old Denver Highway would have to be connected to the district's sewage lift station on at the southwest corner of the Trails End development. These six lots will have driveways on Wagon Gap Trail. The lift station has the capacity to handle six additional houses.

Originally, the remainder of the vacant land at the south end of Village at Monument had been zoned commercial. The commercial buildings that were to be built on this vacant land were to be connected to district sewage gravity collection lines in the south end of the development. About 20 other new single-family homes will be built on this formerly zoned commercial land and will be connected to the district gravity system.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next regular Monument Sanitation District meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 21 in the district conference room at 130 Second St. District meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 481-4886.

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