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2. Four major pipe projects, plus scheduled maintenance and replacement of pipes. Cost \$2.5 million. The total cost of the recommended capital projects would be \$12.8 million spread from 2014 to 2035, including \$8.5 million in expenditures through 2017. Trustee Stan Gingrich said the town doesn't have the money in the water fund to cover the suggested costs for the first three years of the water plan. Bonds might need to be issued to cover costs.

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish said the town is not spending nearly the recommended \$174,000 per year on routine maintenance now. The town is fixing breaks as they happen and replacing old sections of leaky pipes, but upgrades are "random at best, right now," Tharnish said. However, it is recommended that all pipes be replaced every 50 years.

Koger said that in 20 years, Monument would economically produce only about one-third of the Denver Basin water that it can today. "It would be better to use Denver Basin just as a drought supply, and do some things to expand the life of the aquifers" by treating and replenishing surface water and returning it to aquifers in wet years.

The trustees thanked Forsgren Associates for the presentation but did not take any action on the suggested water master plan. For more information, Koger can be reached at wkoger@Forsgren.com, and Broome can be reached at jbroom@Forsgren.com, or call Forsgren Associates at 720-232-6644.

Springs Utilities seeks regional collaboration

CSU representatives Brett Gracely, water supply and resource manager, and Gwen Happ, issues manager, talked about a variety of long-term CSU and statewide water supply issues.

Gracely said that CSU is a mostly surface water-based system, unlike Monument, which is a groundwater-based system. CSU currently has three pipeline systems bringing water to Colorado Springs from west of the Continental Divide, and in 2016, Phase 1 of the Southern Delivery System (SDS) will begin to bring water uphill from the Pueblo Reservoir to CSU.

Future phases of the SDS are just in the planning stages and are still exible in terms of planned horsepower, pumping capacity, capacity of treatment plants, and when one or two of planned reservoirs will be built, Gracely said.

"We are looking for opportunities for regional collaboration," Gracely said. In addition to Monument, CSU has explained how their system interacts with others to entities in Buena Vista, Leadville, Las Animas, Monument, Donala Water and Sanitation District, and different stakeholder subgroups within the Colorado Springs community (for information about the presentation at Donala in July, see <http://www.ocn.me/v14n8.htm#dwsd0717>).

The trustees asked if other local entities such as Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District and Triview

have heard this presentation from CSU, and Gracely said they were not yet scheduled, although their representatives would also hear about these options at Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) meetings.

Gwen Happ can be reached at ghapp@csu.org for more information about CSU.

Financial report

Town Treasurer Monica Harder presented the June financial report, which was approved unanimously by the trustees.

She said that as of June 30, the general fund net revenue was over budget by 9 percent or \$200,000. General fund expenditures were under budget by 14 percent or \$337,000.

Water fund net revenue was under budget by 29 percent or \$210,000. Water fund expenses were under budget by 25 percent or \$172,000, Harder said. The water fund revenue has been consistently lower than budgeted, Gingrich said. The trustees discussed the fact that water revenues go down when residents conserve water as they have been asked to, or when there is more rainfall. This revenue issue will be addressed with a 2014 budget and/or appropriation amendment in September, Harder said.

New Planning Commission member approved

Missy Wood, who has been volunteering as an alternate planning commissioner for two years, will replace Commissioner Brad Hogan, who has moved out of the town limits and must resign. Wood said she wants to make an impact to make Monument a great place to live, and that it has been "an awesome learning experience" the last two years. Her term will run through Dec. 31, when Hogan's term would have ended. The trustees approved her appointment 4-0.

July 4 appreciation

Madeline VanDenHoek, community relations specialist for the town, recognized businesses and organizations for their support during the July 4 activities, including: R.F. Smith with the Monument Hill Kiwanis for organization of the parade and other logistics, Terri Hayes with the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce for organization of the parade, street fair, and beer garden, Wayne Hammerstadt and the Inman Brothers for their coordination and technical support for the bands who performed during the day, Herb Wetzel with Wirewood Station Band, Maggie Williamson with Bella Art and Frame, 1st National Bank, 1492 Chocolates, Historic Monument Merchants Association, Frog on a Limb, and Charlie Searle and the Ashtõnz band.

Town manager's report

In the absence of Town Manager Smith, Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman reported that for the second year in a row, the town has won an award from CIRSA for loss prevention.

Public Works Superintendent Ron Rathburn celebrated his 28-year anniversary with the town. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Lisa Hatfield can be reached at lisahatfield@ocn.me.

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