

Scientific Advisory Board has not approved this concept, a requirement for the EPA to publish the rule that would declare all water bodies “waters of the U.S.”

Wicklund noted the state of Colorado has taken the position that these “seasonal mud holes” are now “waters of the state” that the Water Quality Control Commission can regulate.

Financial reports

During the financial report, Burks noted two checks to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environ-

ment for \$1,935 for a site location application invoice and \$2,100 for a design review invoice. He noted that Integrity Bank will no longer monitor large facility checks for two signatures. The facility policy of requiring two signatures for checks larger than \$2,000 will remain in place and continue to be controlled internally and verified by the facility’s CPA and auditor as recommended by Integrity Bank. Burks also distributed final copies of the 2013 facility audit to each of the three owner districts. The JUC unanimously accepted the financial reports as

presented. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 9 at the Tri-Lakes facility’s conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information for these meetings is available at 481-4053.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Aug. 18

Residents speak up about bulk water station and noxious weeds

By Lisa Hatfield

The board room was packed again for the Aug. 18 Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. During public comments, residents asked questions about the bulk water station adjacent to Trails End subdivision and about diffuse knapweed and tumbleweeds proliferating in the fields near Monument Villas.

Discussion and voting on historic Monument’s proposed 20-year water plan was tabled to allow trustees more time to evaluate the report. The trustees approved three special event licenses for September. Development Services Director Tom Kassawara explained that in order to agree with the rest of El Paso County, Old Denver Highway should be referred to as Old Denver Road.

Trustees Stan Gingrich and Jeff Bornstein were absent.

Public comments on bulk fill water station

Numerous Trails End residents attended this meeting to ask the trustees for an update on the status of the bulk fill water station adjacent to Trails End subdivision off Old Denver Road (see www.ocn.me/v14n8.htm#mbot0721 for background). Their stated primary issue, as it was at the July 21 board meeting, was that there never should have been industrial zoning, much less a planned bulk fill station, immediately adjacent to a residential neighborhood. They contend it harms home values and endangers children, and the town never consulted or notified individual homeowners or the Trails End homeowners association board before the bulk fill station construction had already begun, a situation that no trustee would like or ac-

cept next to their home.

Town Manager Pamela Smith read a letter she had prepared and planned to mail to Trails End residents, their homeowners association, and the Board of Trustees that outlined the steps that the town has taken to alleviate some of the issues raised this summer:

- Restricting the size of commercial and town trucks that may access the water station—“No more 18-wheelers,” Mayor Rafael Dominguez said.
- Restricting the hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. to ensure that town residents can obtain water in the evening after work.
- Encouraging commercial traffic to wait until school starts in the morning to access the station.
- Installing “Caution, Children at Play” and “No Parking” signs in the driveway.
- Landscaping around the station; the planned 12-foot trees can’t be installed until October to remain viable.
- Gating of the driveway can be installed if after-hours use continues to be a problem.

Smith said that the site had been designated as a bulk fill water station site since before the Trails End houses were constructed and apologized for not looking at the site herself. Smith said the town does not currently own any other parcels of land large enough to contain the station. She said the town’s first choice for the bulk fill water station was between the Conoco station and Arby’s on Highway 105. However the Colorado Department

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