Woodmoor wants Monument and Palmer Lake to pay. Monument's 19.79 percent of the \$1 million state design and construction grant (\$197,900) would reduce its total net cost to \$261,228 rather than the \$440,000 Woodmoor



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wants Monument to pay.

At the Dec. 9 meeting, Ken Smith said the Palmer Lake board had approved a 2015 district budget that covered paying a third of the net construction cost (\$440,000) even though Palmer Lake would own only 15.93 percent of the new 264 ppd of TP treatment capacity, or 42.06 ppd rather than the 88.0 ppd it was paying for. If Palmer Lake only paid 15.93 percent of the \$2.32 million cost, it would only pay \$369,576, which would be reduced by 15.93 percent of the \$1 million grant, (\$159,300) for a net total cost of \$210,276 rather than a one-third net cost of \$440,000.

If each district paid for the total phosphorus expansion by ownership shares of the TP treatment capacity it will own after construction in accordance with section 3 of the Joint use of Facilities Agreement, the net cost for each of Woodmoor's 3,470 customers for the project would be \$244 rather than \$127, while the net cost for each of Monument's 1,210 customers would be \$216 rather than \$364, and the net cost for each of Palmer Lake's 1,100 customers would be \$191 rather than \$400.

The state's new Control Regulation 85 mandates that facilities rated over 2 million gallons per day (MGD) for in uent wastewater ow be required to meet a treated ef uent discharge limit of 1 milligram per liter (mg/l) for total phosphorus after 2017. Tri-Lakes' rated ow capacity is 4.2 MGD, so Control Regulation 85 applies. Tri-Lakes must expand its treatment plant for this new constituent treatment regulatory requirement for total

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Note: The new state Control Regulation 85 discharge limit for total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) is 15 mg/l, which the Tri-Lakes plant already meets because it was originally designed in 1988 to remove ammonia, a constituent of total inorganic nitrogen, as noted in the Tetra Tech RTW proposal to the state Health Department. However, a far more costly plant expansion will be required to meet the Regulation 31.17 total nitrogen discharge limit of 2.01 mg/l that goes into effect in 2022.

The entire \$80,000 state nutrient treatment planning grant has already been issued to the Tri-Lakes facility and reimbursed by thirds to Monument, Palmer Lake, and Woodmoor. Under the existing Joint Use of Facilities Agreement, planning costs are shared by thirds.

2015 Tri-Lakes final budget amended

Don Smith specifically asked the JUC to amend the 2015 budget to eliminate:

- Note 11 that specified that each owner district would pay a third of all expenses for treating this newly regulated constituent.
- Construction of a long-planned new storage build-
- Creation of a new fourth employee position in April
- Purchase of a new additional third staff pickup

Note: Only one of the three hourly wage Tri-Lakes facility operator positions is filled at this time.

Wicklund stated that MSD has no ability to pay the further additional costs added by a subsequent Tetra Tech RTW cost revisions announced in 2014 due to loss of the district's enterprise status to be able to receive its portion of the \$1 million state grant as required by state TABOR amendment restrictions. Any additional Monument Sanitation District borrowing to pay the higher costs added by Tetra Tech RTW since the 2013 loan would have to be approved through a Monument district election, which can't be held until 2016, the next even-numbered year, under Colorado state law.

Wicklund also noted that at various times Tetra Tech RTW has stated that chemical costs for the total phosphorus clarifier in 2015 would be \$150,000 in 2015 and \$200,000 in 2016, but Tetra Tech RTW had just backed away from these estimates, saying it has no chemical cost estimate to offer at this time. No chemical costs were listed in the final 2015 Tri-Lakes facility budget nor appropriated. Wicklund said he expected Monument's annual operational chemical cost would be about \$60,000.

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