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Based on consumption projections and increasing costs of pumping water from the Denver Basin, Koger said: "By 2050 it is not economical to use the supply. It can still be there for drought, or emergency, but it is not economical to use that water as your primary source of supply."

Looking at the Arkansas River Basin for renewable water resources

Koger suggested looking at the Arkansas River Basin as a renewable, alternative source of water, and specifically suggested areas to consider where a pipeline, reservoir storage, and pumping stations may be located. The suggestions include a pipeline connecting area water districts eventually to the Arkansas River Basin, and to consider a possible reservoir near Fountain. The area for the infrastructure for the water delivery pipeline system presented by Koger did not consider connections with the Southern Delivery System, but was separated into three physical locations as a three-part implementation plan. Estimated cost of \$256 million excludes cost of water Koger said, "There is a good reason to work together as a region. So that everyone has a smaller piece of the costs." Looking at engineering, property acquisition, and permit costs, Forsgren & Associates estimated \$33 million, storage development \$ 82 million, conveyance pipelines and appurtenances \$67 million, and water treatment facility \$74 million, for a total of \$256 million, excluding the acquisition costs of water. Koger says ideally, these costs would be shared by several water districts who utilize the system.

Board votes to approve policy for non-potable water irrigation

Prompted to complete a policy for the Brookmoor homeowners association, the board voted unanimously to approve a policy to allow non-potable water for irrigation. Looking for a way to reduce water costs, Russ Broshous, Brookmoor's representative, approached WWSD earlier this year for permission to tap in to WWSD's non-potable water supply. Shaffer was to meet with Broshous subsequently to discuss specific terms. The formalized policy may allow Brookmoor the opportunity to be able to use the non-potable water this summer. Not eligible are individual homeowners. Jim Taylor wanted to make sure that firefighting use, drawing from the lake for emergency use, was available and codified into the policy.

Aquatic herbicide florodone will target several plant species in Lake Woodmoor

Attempting to prevent clogged intake pipes on Lake Woodmoor, the board voted 3-1 to accept a contract with SePRO, which will be intruding orodone into Lake Woodmoor.

Shaffer said the orodone would be dropped by boat into the water in three treatments. Florodone is believed to affect elodea, the common coon tail plant, duckweed, and other plant species that root into the soil, but not algae. Shaffer said that as the plants take in the herbicide, it upsets the photosynthesis process.

Concerned over long-term unknown future effects of this herbicide, Tommy Schwab voted against the motion. Taylor asked about the effect on Kentucky bluegrass.

Shaffer said he believes the concentration level that affects lawn grass is around 10 ppb.

Woodmoor Lake water is sent to the non-potable water and potable water systems, and both systems are used for lawn irrigation. Shaffer addressed the need to stipulate in the contract between SePRO and WWSD terms whereby the district is not responsible for possible adverse effects of orodone, although it was thought that there were none. As part of the service to WWSD, SePRO will provide water quality data.

Contract to re-vegetate J.V. Ranch approved

The board unanimously approved a contract to re-vegetate J.V. Ranch. Under the existing contract terms with the purchase of J.V. Ranch, WWSD is required to provide weed control and irrigation improvements. Director Taylor also showed photographs of the Chilcott Ditch area, recommending shoreline improvements and pointing out areas where the ditch probably needs to be dredged and cleared of debris.

Board moves forward to provide easement for Monument Hill Self Storage

John Erinson, representing Monument Hill Self Storage, requested WWSD sell a small 20 by 30 by 50 parcel of land in order to place a drain channel into Deer Creek. Shaffer said he expected the impact to the stream from the drain water to be minimal, and commented that Deer Creek is an intermittent creek, dry most of the time, but a tributary to Monument Creek. The board unanimously voted to move forward on the non-exclusive easement purchase agreement.

Woodmoor agrees with Palmer Lake on costs of phase one of nutrient removal system

Attorney Erin Smith recommended the board vote to approve an agreement between WWSD and Palmer Lake Sanitation District concerning the phase one costs for the prosperous nutrient removal project. Smith announced the Palmer Lake Sanitation District board already approved the arrangement Feb. 11. According to Smith, the agreement caps the contribution with Palmer Lake, paying one-third of the costs, yet also allows for both to seek reimbursement from either partner. Woodmoor's costs are around 64.1 percent. The board unanimously voted to approve the agreement terms. The agreement allows the project to move forward.

Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District jointly owns the wastewater treatment plant with Palmer Lake Sanitation District and Monument Sanitation District. Representatives from these three entities meet regularly as the Joint Use Committee (JUC). Director Strom is Woodmoor's representative.

Board meetings are held at the district office on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 12. The district office is located at 1845 Woodmoor Dr. Visit woodmoorwater.com or call 488-2525.

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