



Above: Tara Marshall presented her qualifications for town manager position at the March 16 Monument Board of Trustees meeting. Marshall answered questions from the trustees and the audience and explained that she understands how municipal government works and also has many years of private sector experience in marketing and networking. At the April 6 public board meeting, the board will vote to either hire Marshall or look for additional candidates. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

corner of Old Denver Road and Wagon Gap Trail. For 10 months, these residents have been asking the town to relocate the water station to a less residential location or even to temporarily shut it down and go back to the honor-system hydrant water station while a new location is found. See www.ocn.me/v14n8.htm#mbot0721 and www.ocn.me/v14n12.htm#mbot1117.

Mayor Rafael Dominguez reiterated that the town is seeking an alternative location, and in the meantime has reduced hours of operation and the size of trucks allowed at the station, but that a specific timeline for any changes cannot be provided since there is not enough information to do so.

Another side of this story was presented by several

county residential bulk water customers who live “up on the mesa,” in Mount Herman Estates, which is located in the Front Range foothills west of Mitchell Avenue. The wells are completely dry for their individual county homes, and these homeowners must purchase water at the bulk fill station and transport it to their homes by truck several times a week. Their comments included:

- We want the town to expand the hours of operation for the station for residential users who do not have any other source of water for their homes.
- I have to look at a cistern in my garage to see if I have enough water to do laundry or take a bath.
- My work schedule (or my work location) makes it very difficult for me to get water with the shortened hours for the station.
- Our access to life-sustaining water is limited.
- We use only 2,500 gallons a month; we don't do “gluttonous waste” of tens of thousands of gallons per month on lawns and washing cars.
- They should have exercised due diligence when buying their houses (in Trails End). The plans said that there would be a bulk fill station there.

Trails End resident Cheri Hysell said, “I don't want to make it a neighborhood vs. neighborhood issue; it is just put in the wrong place. Our developers told us it was

going to be a park. I can't find a plat map that shows the bulk water station.”

Dominguez said, “We are continuing to look at it. We don't want this to become tit-for-tat and we want to come up with a fiscally responsible solution for a long-term solution of the town.”

Town manager candidate Marshall

Tara Marshall presented her qualifications for filling the town manager position. Kevin Flanagan, the other finalist for the position, withdrew from contention after the March 14 “meet and greet.” The board will vote at the April 6

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