

portion of the Northgate supply. The board voted unanimously to do so.

Crime level spike

Remington said Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk wanted to inform the public of a "crime level spike" in early December. He said 12 vehicles were broken into and one was stolen when the owner left it running to warm it up. She said Shirk made recommendations to citizens, includ-

- ing:
- Do not leave cars running unattended.
 - Leave nothing of value in sight in your vehicle.
 - Always close your garage door.
 - Lock the interior door to your garage.
 - Lock car doors.
 - Call 9-1-1 if you see suspicious behavior.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Jan. 12 at 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868.

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Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee, Dec. 8

Construction continues on schedule

By Lisa Hatfield

The Dec. 8 meeting of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) included discussion of the total phosphorus removal tertiary treatment chemical clarifier expansion project.

TLWWTF operates as a separate joint venture public utility and is owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District (MSD), Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD), and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD). The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards

MSD was represented by its treasurer, Don Smith, who is also the JUC president, and District Manager Mike Wicklund. PLSD was represented by its Secretary/Treasurer Ken Smith and District Manager Becky Orcutt. Director at Large Rich Strom and Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette represented WWSD. Other board and staff representatives of the three districts also attended.

Report on construction

Tri-Lakes Facility Manager Bill Burks reported that construction was progressing smoothly on the total phosphorus removal tertiary treatment chemical clarifier expansion project.

This project is being completed so that TLWWTF will comply with the state Control Regulation 85 total phosphorus discharged effluent limit starting Nov. 1, 2019. Compliance testing will start in mid-2016. The restrictions in Reg. 85 only apply to the 45 largest publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities in Colorado, those rated at over 2 million gallons per day (MGD) of treatment capacity. The Tri-Lakes facility is rated at 4.2 MGD, though the average flow normally does not exceed 1.2 MGD.

Burks said the total of \$1.08 million in state grant money from House Bill 13-1191 has now been paid to TLWWTF to assist in the design and construction of the total phosphorus expansion to meet the otherwise unfunded state mandates for Control Regulation 85 improvements. The total budget for the project is \$3.642 million.

Burks said Aslan Construction's construction invoice total for the phosphorus removal expansion through the end of 2015 was \$1.17 million. All \$27,777 of Tetra Tech's engineering invoices through the end of 2015 had also been received, he said.

Burks said that TLWWTF is handling

the requirement for phosphorus removal slightly differently than other wastewater treatment facilities by keeping the nitrification process as a separate step.

The treated effluent discharged from TLWWTF is already of higher quality than Monument Creek. Adding this new chemical phosphorus removal process will further improve the effluent to "almost drinking water quality," Burks said.

Easement discussion continues

The members discussed the pending situation between the TLWWTF and a neighboring property owner with regards to an easement needed from the homeowner for access for the construction project which is already under way. They voted for Wicklund to try to come to a resolution with the owner, who is a resident of Monument Sanitation District.

District manager's reports

Wicklund said that an engineer working with the town of Monument, Will Koger of Forsgren and Associates, spoke with him recently about the town's possible water reuse plan. Wicklund said his advice was to treat the town's effluent directly near TLWWTF's effluent discharge point instead of building a new pipeline to the north to pump the town's treated effluent into Monument Creek north of Monument Lake. Wicklund said his alternative would save the town money and avoid the complications of gaining state approval for an extra discharge permit. In either case, Monument would still have to build a new drinking water treatment facility to process the effluent for drinking water quality reuse.

Orcutt and Gillette did not present reports.

Plant manager's report

Burks said the plant effluent flow averaged 1.12 million gallons a day (MGD) in October, with a daily maximum of 1.30 MGD. Influent flow was 27 percent of flow capacity, and influent waste was 42 percent of organic capacity for October.

He summarized the facility's monthly discharge monitoring report for October, required by the state, and said all sampled parameters were easily within permit limits. The plant is also testing for total phosphorus nutrients but is not yet required to report those results to the state in this report. Total phosphorus is reported separately to the state each month to comply with Reg 85.

Colorado Wastewater Utility Council report

MSD environmental compliance coordinator Jim Kendrick reported on the Dec. 1 meeting of Arkansas and Fountain Coalition for Urban River Evaluation (AF CURE). AF CURE was formed by the 11 wastewater treatment entities in the Monument and Fountain Creek watershed as a project of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority in 2012, and it receives management assistance from the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. The members of AF CURE in both El Paso and Pueblo counties have developed a collaborative

water-quality monitoring plan. The group collects, analyzes, and shares data from water samples throughout the watershed, and has developed a white paper outlining

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