



Above: Trustee Rich Kuehster presents a plaque to outgoing Mayor Nikki McDonald. *Photo by James Howald.*

Cathy Green-Sinnard, because the codes as currently written use obsolete terminology and are not in a form that can be easily searched on the town's website. The update will not change the content of the codes, Green-Sinnard said, and will make the codes easier to maintain over time. The project will cost \$13,000 and take two years to complete, according to Green-Sinnard.

The board voted unanimously to approve the project.

Town Administrator position formalized

Following an executive session on April 28, the board passed a resolution approving an at will employment agreement with Green-Sinnard to work as town administrator. The town has received funding from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to partially finance the position for three years.

Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee, April 12

Phone line damaged by town repair work; TP clarifier construction ahead of schedule

By Lisa Hatfield

On April 12, the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility (TLW-WTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) heard about a facility communications disruption due to lack of a Tier II "utility locate" call by the Town of Monument before the town dug to repair a pipeline. The meeting also included a shining report on the current total phosphorus (TP) treatment expansion construction, and another JUC vote on the resolution concerning the use of the nutrient engineering report (NER).

JUC President Don Smith said this was his last meeting, and Monument Sanitation District (MSD) Board President Ed Delaney would be the new Monument JUC representative starting in May. All three districts' board and staff representatives in attendance thanked Smith for service.

TLWWTF operates as a separate joint venture public utility and is owned in equal one-third shares by 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 board Treasurer Smith, Palmer Lake Sanitation District Secretary/Treasurer Ken Smith, and WWSD Board Director at Large Rich Strom. Other board and



Above: Town Clerk Tara Berreth swears in Palmer Lake's new Mayor John Cressman. *Photo by James Howald.*

Noxious weed team works on myrtle spurge purge

During the public comments portion of the meeting on April 28, noxious weed team lead Phyllis Head gave the board a report on efforts to eradicate myrtle spurge in the town. Myrtle spurge was commonly used as an ornamental plant, Head said, but is in fact dangerous since its sap will raise blisters when it comes in contact with the skin. In conjunction with the town's Firewise Day program on May 7, the team is offering an incentive to homeowners who remove the plant from their lots, Head said. In addition to a book on gardening, the team will give a \$5 gift card to McCord's Garden Center for each 15 pounds of the plant homeowners bring to the team in plastic bags. Anyone dealing with the weed must wear gloves, long sleeves and eye protection, according to Head.

For details on how to eradicate myrtle spurge or the incentives offered to do so, call (719) 481-2953, or email

staff members of the three owner districts also attended, including MSD District Manager Mike Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSD District Manager Jessie Shaffer.

Phone line damaged

Burks said the facility was without phone and internet service for 24 hours one day in March, and so the usual alarm

plnoxiousweedteam@gmail.com.
The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

The two meetings for May will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 12 and May 26, at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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