

systems would not work to notify operators at home of any facility problems during the night. Burks stayed overnight at the facility so that no alarms would be missed.

Burks said the Town of Monument was repairing a line in the vicinity of Dirty Woman Park and had requested a Tier I "locate" which would include phone, gas, and electric lines, but the phone line was in a different place than had been indicated. Wicklund said the backhoe also hit a major sewage wastewater line, and if the line had broken, "It would have been on television." Wicklund, Orcutt and Shaffer confirmed none of them had received "locate" calls, although all three entities have infrastructure in that vicinity. Burks explained to OCN that this was because wastewater is a Tier II, instead of Tier I, utility for "locate" calls.

Burks also said the phone

company did not make repairing the line a priority, because there were "just two" accounts on that line. "But one of them is TLW-WTF! They need to understand how vital this facility is!" Burks said.

Plant manager and construction report

Burks gave the February discharge monitoring report and reported that while there were a few small issues, all results were well within the required parameters.

Burks reported that construction was ahead of schedule on the TP chemical removal clarifier expansion project. He estimated that phosphorus removal could begin as soon as May 15, which would be about a month ahead of schedule.

This month, Aslan Construction crews installed the secondary effluent intake piping including

additional valves to new tertiary building, and this required completely stopping the effluent flow from the basins from 4 to 10 a.m. one morning, but it all worked according to plan, he said.

They also installed interior conduit for electricity and the pumps that will supply alum, polymer, or sodium hydroxide as needed, to the effluent. He said the facility might have to spend about \$200,000 a year on these chemicals, but the operators will monitor daily, as always, to see how the plant performs. Because the type of phosphorus removal technology being installed in the facility has only been tested in a laboratory to date, there is already some interest from others who want to see the new plant operating in real-time and on a grand scale, Burks said. "It's going to be awesome."

PLSD asks for consideration, another vote on resolution

Ken Smith had formally requested that the resolution that had been approved Feb. 9 by a 2-1 vote of the JUC, which indefinitely postponed Phases 2 and 3 of the Tetra Tech nutrient engineering report, be included in the April 12 meeting agenda with this agenda item: "Consider and vote again on the resolution regarding the Phase 2 and Phase 3 projects that was originally presented to the JUC on February 9, 2016." For more information, see www.ocn.me/v16n3.htm#tlfjuc0209.

Strom moved to strike the resolution altogether. He reiterated WWSA's opinion that Woodmoor disagreed with the resolution and would continue to use that nutrient engineering report (NER) that Tetra Tech had prepared in 2014, for long-term planning and budgeting purposes.

Shaffer said the resolution had everything to do with the current litigation between the districts. He said Woodmoor was

still planning to use the NER for anticipating compliance with future regulations and future long-range financial planning, including possible rate adjustments or borrowing.

Wicklund said that the resolution meant that the JUC would get second opinions on the NER, since future regulations are unknown, "and we may be in a position that we don't use Tetra Tech any more as the engineer for this facility, period." Strom's motion died due to lack of a second.

Don Smith made a motion to vote on the resolution again. Ken Smith seconded. The result, again, was 2-1 with WWSA voting no. Don Smith said, "Obviously we have a disagreement. It will be worked out in the courts."

Regional water quality issues

Burks and MSD Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick reported on the April meeting of Arkansas and Fountain Coalition for Urban River Evaluation (AF CURE). Kendrick also summarized topics covered at the March Colorado Wastewater Utility Council meeting and the entire stakeholder planning surrounding the triennial review of the Nutrients Management Control Regulation 85 and section 31.17 of the Basic Standards and Methodologies for Surface Water, Regulation 31, which will be held in June.

Financial report

Burks said that the facility had paid its annual dues to the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA). The PPRWA develops regional solutions to water supply issues. AF CURE is one of the projects sponsored by PPRWA. The annual dues cost increased from about \$3,700 last year to \$16,304 this year, because costs are now determined by plant design flow.

The total phosphorus restrictions in the state's Control Regulation 85 only apply to the 45 largest publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities in Colo-

rado, those rated at over 2 million gallons per day (MGD) of treatment capacity. TLWWTF is rated at 4.2 MGD, though the average flow rarely exceeds 1.2 MGD. Regulation 85 does not apply to the other two smaller treatment facilities in the OCN coverage area, Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility and Academy Water and Sanitation District's wastewater treatment lagoons, which are both rated at less than 2 MGD. There are 391 wastewater treatment facilities in Colorado.

The meeting went into executive session for discussion of the facility's total phosphorus clarifier's access easement issue at 11:30 a.m. Kendrick told OCN that no announcements were made after the session.

TLWWTF has paid \$1,250 for surveying and \$2,553 for easement consulting. Burks did not report what costs had been incurred so far for services of TLWWTF attorney Mike Cucullu on this issue.

At the Dec. 8 meeting, the JUC had voted unanimously to have Wicklund present the facility's two standard access easement options to the private property owner immediately adjacent to the TLWWTF TP expansion, but neither offer was accepted. Burks said that now, Cucullu is the only TLWWTF representative who can speak with the neighboring property owner, and Cucullu will convey any communication to Burks. See www.ocn.me/v15n12.htm#tljuc-1110, www.ocn.me/v16n1.htm#tljuc1208, and www.ocn.me/v16n2.htm#tlfjuc0112.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on May 10 at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings throughout 2016 will normally be held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. For information, call Bill Burks at (719) 481-4053.

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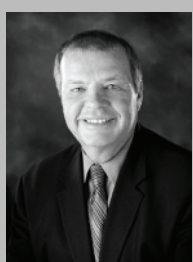
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