

iew's tap fees with those of other districts since they are not also responsible for roads, park, drainage, and sewer services. Water attorney Chris Cummins of Monson, Cummins & Shohet LLC said Triview's tap fees are too low.

- Triview was one of five water districts sponsoring the movie The Great Divide on June 23 at Palmer Ridge High School. (See related Snapshot about The Great Divide on page 26.)

Remington said the regional water study preliminary infrastructure design from Forsgren Associates evaluated methods of bringing in surface water from other locations

such as the Arkansas River as an alternative to pumping ground water from the Denver Basin aquifer. The consensus was to discuss it more at the next meeting to allow the new board members time to read it.

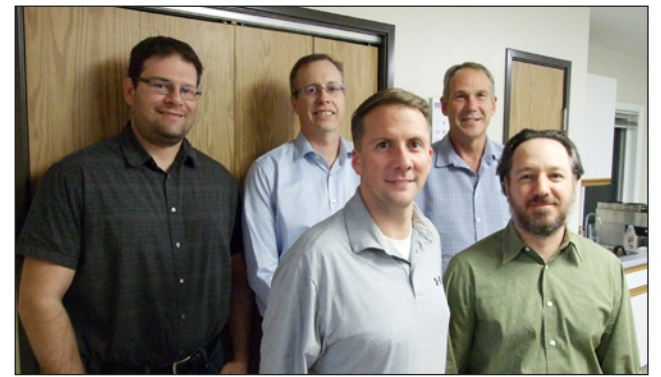
The board voted to go into executive session at 9:33 p.m. to confer with their attorneys on specific legal questions and personnel matters. Cummins and Remington told OCN that no announcements were made after the executive session. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Emergency watering restrictions imposed in Triview

On June 17, Triview residents were notified via reverse 911 calls and fliers distributed door-to-door that the district was experiencing "an abnormal, and unusually high, water demand that appears to be caused by residents' outdoor irrigation." Residents were told not to do any outside watering until further notice so that the district could continue to provide critical household water needs and potential firefighting requirements.

The FAQs portion of www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro included:

- Restrictions are on all external watering of landscaping with the exception of drip systems and existing district-approved new sod permits.
- Recent water demand within Triview has far exceeded anything that the district has experienced in the past. The district, as a whole, needs to reduce usage overall.
- The district's eight wells can maintain a pumping capacity of 1.8 million gallons per day.
- The demand for the past two weeks has approached 2 million gallons per day.
- We anticipate that these emergency measures are temporary.
- (When under normal summer watering restrictions,



Above: As of June 14, the new Triview Metropolitan District board is composed of, from left, Director James Barnhart, President Reid Bolander, Director James Otis, Vice President Mark Melville, and Secretary/Treasurer Marco Fiorito. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Triview residents, under a Town of Monument ordinance, may do landscape watering for odd-numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Even-numbered addresses can water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.)

Note: The next Triview meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on July 12 at the Fairfield Inn, 15275 Struthers Road, Colorado Springs (at the southwest corner of West Baptist Road and Jackson Creek Parkway) in order to have room for all the Triview residents who would like to attend. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868 or see www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro.

Note: To sign up your land line or cell phone for the reverse 911 emergency notification system, see www.elpasoteller911.org/.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, June 9

Improvements to billing system on the way

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met on June 9 to receive an update on implementing the Xpress bill pay service, to hear comments from customer Ken Ford, and to listen to operational reports from staff.

Contract with Xpress Bill Pay service approved

District Manager Jessie Shaffer notified the board that some of the outstanding issues with the Xpress Bill Pay service have been resolved. When implemented, Xpress Bill Pay will allow customers to pay their bill online using a credit card, to see their history of payments, and also to view their water consumption over time.

A point of contention was the state of Colorado's re-

quirement that Xpress Bill Pay verify that they do not employ workers not legally in the United States. Xpress Bill Pay was reluctant to provide the ongoing documentation the state requires on this point initially, but finally agreed to do so, Shaffer said, adding that WWSD had agreed to reimburse Xpress Bill Pay for the cost of providing the documentation.

The board voted unanimously to approve the district's contract with Xpress Bill Pay, subject to an agreement between President Jim Taylor and District Attorney Erin Smith.

Customer questions proposal to provide water to Douglas County subdivisions

Longtime district customer Ken Ford addressed the board to express his reservations about WWSD adding the Ponderosa camp and Bald Mountain Estates subdivision to the areas the district serves, as had been discussed in a previous board meeting, especially when water restrictions are in place. Ford mentioned the costs the district had incurred to purchase the JV Ranch and its water rights.

Ford pointed out that both subdivisions are in Douglas County, that water is a precious resource, and said he would prefer the district's water be reserved for the customers the district already serves.

Shaffer told Ford the district was not spending any money to investigate the possibility of adding the subdivisions to the WWSD service area. Some staff time was necessary to develop an estimate of the costs to service those areas, but no decisions had been made, Shaffer said. He expects the investigation to be completed by the end of the month.

Ford asked the board to include the community in the decision-making process, and Smith pointed out that public hearings on the question are required by law if the project goes beyond preliminary investigation.

Financial and operational reports raise no issues

Noting that afternoon rains were reducing water usage in the district, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

The Chilcott Ditch report mentioned that deferred maintenance tasks are being completed on schedule.

During the Manager's Report, Shaffer mentioned that the district was not yet using water from Monument Lake.

In the Development Report, Shaffer mentioned that 72 new taps have been added in the first six months of the year. The district had budgeted for only 75 taps for the

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