

been nixed for now. The two districts can still provide emergency backup drinking water services, however.

Collaboration with CSU may eventually factor into Triview's drinking water accessibility. Although currently focused on wastewater, CSU regionalization has the potential to include drinking water and consequently provide a delivery system for Triview to utilize its ever-growing renewable, but currently inaccessible, Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co. (FMIC) drinking water shares.

McGrady confirmed that after the executive session, the directors authorized another purchase of five FMIC shares and will likely authorize the purchase of 10 additional FMIC shares in December. Adding the two

transactions to the district's current supply, Triview will own 562 FMIC shares or 393 acre-feet of renewable drinking water.

District rated well by Moody's
McGrady explained that Triview had received an A3 revenue bond rating from Moody's on bond Resolution 2018-03. The bond refinances current debt from two loans, adds a recent renewable water-shares purchase, and eliminates a balloon payment in 2031 (see www.ocn.me/v18n11.htm#tvmd for additional information). The A3 designation is considered an upper-medium grade. The district purchased bond insurance, which is expected to lower the interest rate by about two-tenths of a percent. McGrady anticipated that pricing on the bond would occur on Nov. 19 or 20.

Director James Otis indicated that the rating document represented the district honestly and suggested that it be posted on the district's website upon confirmation from Moody's.

Interceptor construction, parkway design progress

Construction of the western interceptor—wastewater infrastructure that is funded by developers, administered by Triview, and intended to serve residential and commercial development within Triview's territory west of I-25—began mid-November.

Associated with the western interceptor, the directors approved Resolution 2018-04 that amends a 2014 resolution and provides the district a mechanism for recovering infrastructure costs via an impact fee from developers who are unwilling

or unable to pay.

McGrady confirmed that the design and ballpark cost estimates for improvements on Jackson Creek Parkway from Baptist Road to Higby Road continue to progress—he stated that he expects 60 percent of the design to be completed by year's end

New 2019 meeting times and location

The directors approved a change in meeting times and location. Beginning January 2019, Triview board meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Changes in Triview's office make it more feasible for the board and visitors to meet in the district's space. The new location also omits the need for staff to transport meeting materials offsite. The move to the third Tuesday of the month was motivated by accounting needs. The additional time allows the previous month's financial transactions to close thus the directors re-

ceive the most up-to-date financial statements.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. after which the board met for an executive session for §24-6-402(4)(b) (e) legal advice, negotiations.

The next Triview meeting is a public hearing pertaining to the district's proposed 2019 budget and water and wastewater rate increases. The hearing will be at 5 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Fairfield Inn, Mt. Herman Conference Room, 15275 Struthers Road, Colorado Springs. Beginning January 2019, Triview board meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Information: 488-6868 or visit www.triviewmetro.com. See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or [Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro](https://twitter.com/TriviewMetro).

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Palmer Lake Sanitation District, Nov. 14

Sewer taps suspended; sewer collection system capacity evaluated

By Lisa Hatfield

On Nov. 14, the Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD) board continued a discussion that began in September and eventually resulted in a temporary suspension of sanitary sewer tap permits in its service area until a system-wide engineering study is complete. District Manager Becky Orcutt said she hoped GMS Engineering would complete its evaluation of the capacity of the entire system of collection lines and the main outfall sanitary sewer line from the town to the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) by April 2019.

The sanitation district's territory includes some parts of the Town of Palmer Lake and some neighborhoods along Highway 105 as far south as the Lake of the Rockies development in Monument.

Note: Our Community News was not present and did not report on the September and October meetings or the sewer tap permit suspension. We were first made aware of the situation by comments made at the October Palmer Lake Town Council meeting about

the town's need to stop issuing water taps since PLSD could not issue any new sewer taps. (See www.ocn.me/v18n11.htm#pltc.) Below is a summary of the situation taken from meeting minutes provided by Orcutt.

Background: On Sept. 12, Mark Morton from GMS Engineering explained some preliminary capacity calculations he had done based on the district's flow records. He said preliminary calculations suggested multiple segments of the PLSD sanitary sewer outfall lines are over capacity and areas may be running as much as 94 percent full. Orcutt expressed her concerns about adding additional taps until a complete study could be conducted.

On Oct. 10, the board held a public hearing to consider a temporary suspension of sewer tap permits. Three residents expressed concern about how a moratorium would have a negative effect on the ability to develop some properties they own, especially with the uncertainty of the timeframe. Orcutt advised that everything will depend on the results



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