

Forest View Acres, April 28 and May 26

# District may piggyback on town’s newest water tank for emergency access

*By Allison Robenstein*  
Forest View Acres residents might gain access to the town of Monument’s water supply. The Forest View Acres Water District (FVAWD) board met with town officials during the May 26 meeting to review the possibilities of emergency access to the newest water tank.

## Possible interconnect to town water

The board invited Monument Town Manager Mike Foreman and Assistant Public Works Director Stephen Sheffield to the May meeting after learning the town’s new 2-million-gallon water tank was being installed in Forest View Estates. The town intends to run five miles of 12-inch pipe from the tank into the town, so the district hopes to access a section of the pipe for emergency water access.

Foreman told the board he could bring an intergovernmental agreement to the Monument board sometime in July. President Brad Hogan said the one-way interconnect would benefit the district more than the town, so Forest View Acres will likely be burdened with the most cost.

**Operations**  
During the April meeting, Gabby Begeman of ORC Water.com told the board the inlet thawed where the district’s renewable water is processed at its surface

*Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, May 10*

# Board plans to refinance bonds, replace old meters

*By James Howald*  
On May 10, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSN) board began the process of refinancing some of the district’s existing bonds. The board also discussed the impact of the district’s aging residential water meters on its management of water use and began discussing how to update the meters. Finally, the board heard operational reports.

**Bond refinancing expected to bring savings**  
District Manager Jessie Shaffer began the meeting by introducing Jim Manire, director of Hilltop Securities, who serves as the district’s financial advisor. Shaffer told the board that in November of 2021 bonds issued in 2011 would become eligible for refinancing on a tax-exempt basis. Shaffer said he estimated refunding the bonds could save the district \$5 million and asked the board to designate a board member to participate in the process. Board Treasurer Jim

treatment plant. Begeman mentioned the challenges the plant had in April, but during the May meeting she elaborated. The board will hold a special meeting in the future to discuss a possible treatment plant replacement.

In April, Badger Meter told the board the existing meters would need to be replaced to access current and future cellular technologies. New meters are compatible with LTE and future 5G networks. The 110 current CDMA-compatible endpoints must be replaced by the district at a cost of \$60 each. Although the new meters carry a 20-year warranty, Director Eckehart Zimmermann commented that this covers the product but not the cellular network, suggesting the warranty is worthless if services upgrade again in a few

years. In May, the board approved the purchase.

The board will continue to offer remote access for the public, but Hogan encouraged all board members to attend in person to reduce the multiple conversations that have been happening among in-person and remote members.

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Forest View Acres Water District holds meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Monument Sanitation District boardroom, 130 Second St., at 6 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23. See the website for more information at Home | Forest View Acres Water District (colorado.gov).

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