

operational at the plant by August, he said. He added that the schedule for completion of work at the CWTP had been delayed by four to six weeks due to uncertain delivery dates for some materials, and that this impacted the schedule for draining and refilling Lake Woodmoor. Work on the Lake Pump Station was also delayed one month, according to Shaffer.

Shaffer said new residen-

tial developments continue to be proposed in the WWSD service area, but he believed the district had sufficient water resources to completely build out the community.

The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Meetings have returned to the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive; please see

www.woodmoorwater.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times and locations.

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Forest Lakes Metropolitan District and Pinon Pines Metro Districts 1, 2, and 3, July 13 and 19

Water restrictions change; Pinon Lake access denied; 2020 audits approved

By Natalie Barszcz

On July 13, the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) board met via teleconference to approve the 2020 audits for FLMD and Pinon Pines Metropolitan District (PPMD) 2, and to discuss a change in the current outdoor watering restrictions and residential lake use. On July 19, the resident-only board of PPMD 1 met via teleconference to approve the audit and discuss lake security

and neighborhood crime.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Douglas Stimple was excused.

District counsel for both meetings was provided by Spencer Fane LLP.

Change in water restrictions

District Manager Ann Nichols requested the board ratify a change in outdoor watering restrictions that would move the district from Stage II B (two

days per week watering) to a less restrictive Stage II A (three days a week watering) and said the following:

- The Bristlecone Lake level never actually reached the spillway this year but did reach 40.4 feet.
- The Beaver Creek in-flow is now just under 1 cubic foot per second, and the lake level is expected to come down.
- To meet demand, the residents have been mostly receiving Bristlecone Lake surface water since the beginning of June.
- Monsoon moisture is expected and that should keep the lake in a healthy state.

The board approved the change in water restrictions, 3-0.

2020 audit—FLMD and PPMD 2

Nichols requested the board accept the 2020 audits, and said the following:

- PPMD 2 was exempt an audit until 2020 and does not have much activity except the bond issue.
- The audit was necessary when the bond issue was established in 2020 and the net proceeds transferred to FLMD for the outstanding development from 2003.
- Management and internal controls are standard, and a “clean opinion” was

received by Hoelting & Sons on both audits.

The board accepted the audits as presented, 3-0.

Note: PPMD 3 has an audit exemption for 2020.

Pinon Lake recreational use request

Pinon Pines 1 residents Lee and Mary Arnett said they contacted Land Resource Manager Jessica Davis, of Colorado Springs Utilities, to determine who held the authority for deciding future recreational use rules for Pinon Lake, and her response confirmed that FLMD is the managing authority of the lake and that a board decision would be required to change the rules.

Nichols said the board could change the rules if they so desired, but the website clearly states how Pinon Lake is to be used, and it has been a non-recreational lake since 2016.

Mary Arnett asked if FLMD and the board could provide an explanation of why the residents are not allowed to use the lake and said it would allow easy access out of their back door for paddle boarding.

Nichols said although it is clearly a board decision, the following considerations should be taken into account:

- Bristlecone Lake is set up to be used for recreation with the dock and easy access points.
- The board never felt Pinon Lake would be appropriate for recreation use due to the number of surrounding homes and lack of access.
- The Pinon Lake level fluctuates dramatically, and last year it was down to a depth of 10 feet.
- Pinon Lake was intended for aesthetic purposes, and it is not maintained.
- Complaints are received weekly from residents about non-residents using Bristlecone Lake and the security firm and the homeowners association (HOA) are now managing access with an identifiable lanyard system, and the shared cost to monitor the lake is significant.
- The district would incur extra costs should Pinon Lake be open to recreational use.
- The process to change the use would be involved, and there would be liability.

Secretary James Boulton concurred with Nichols’ statements and said he was opposed to opening up the lake,

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