

tal phosphorus and 2.01 mg/l for total nitrogen TN. These interim values were to become effective in the first Tri-Lakes facility discharge permit issued after May 31, 2022. www.ocn.me/v14n9.htm#tljuc-0812
Note: As the facility's stakeholder representative, Kendrick attended the Oct. 10 commission Reg 85/31.17 rulemaking hearing and will update the JUC on the outcome at its November meeting.

Kendrick, who is a vice chairman of the Arkansas River/Fountain Creek Coalition for Urban/Rural River Evaluation (AF CURE), will join the other AF CURE officers and environmental engineering consultants from Brown & Caldwell Engineering to meet with the Colorado Water Quality Control Division to discuss stream segmentation on Oct. 12, 2017. The stakeholders

would like to divide Monument Creek into two segments, upper/rural (north of Academy Boulevard) and lower/urban (to the south), because this would make more sense geographically and would affect how specific nutrient limits like total inorganic nitrogen are applied now and for total nitrogen after 2027.

Meanwhile, AF CURE member wastewater treatment facilities are collecting data to demonstrate the actual negligible effects of current levels of nutrients, which meet or exceed current regulations, on many stream segments in the Fountain/Monument Creek watershed, and also to show how much nutrient input in the stream comes from other non-point sources such as agricultural E. coli and nutrient-rich fertilizer runoff into upper Monument Creek.

Financial reports

Burks' two monthly reports included:

- No final invoice has been sent yet by Aslan Construction for the new TP chemical tertiary clarifier expansion.
- He is negotiating with Tetra Tech, TLWTF's engineers, about some final details related to the added requirement for a fire sprinkler panel for the chemical TP removal tertiary clarifier expansion.

Field trip to Fort Carson

Burks described his recent tour of the Fort Carson wastewater treatment facility, and he expressed his disappointment at its operation and how it was "not even in the ballpark" of meeting Reg. 85 nitrogen or phosphorus discharge limits. He also said "the federal government" was dumping potable Colo-

rado Springs Utilities water on the ground so drinking water would not age in the pipes.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 14 at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave.

Meetings are normally 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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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Oct. 12

Revegetation project at Woodmoor Ranch making progress

By James Howald

At its Oct. 12 meeting, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSA) board heard a presentation from a representative of Resource Based International about the district's efforts to revegetate portions of Woodmoor Ranch that were previously used as farmland, discussed the proposed development of a trail around Lake Woodmoor, answered questions from the public, and scheduled a budget work session.

Revegetation project at Woodmoor Ranch advances

Paul Flack, of Resource Based International, the contractor managing the revegetation work at Woodmoor Ranch, updated the board on progress made in 2017, and presented plans and goals for 2018.

District Manager Jessie Shaffer said in his introduction of Flack that in 2016 the focus of the project was on collecting data, but in 2017 the focus switched to active remediation of the historically-irrigated land on the ranch that the district is required by law to revegetate with native grasses to prevent erosion. The project, which has been underway for two years, is estimated to take between five to seven years to complete, according to Shaffer. The goal is to return the land to a pre-agricultural condition.

In 2017, the project irrigated 375 acres, seeded 200 acres with drought-resistant grasses, and did weed control work on 1,350 acres, Flack said. Weed control has been a challenge for the project, and some of the land was being flood-irrigated to address high salinity. The requirements to revegetate put in place by the water decree have been met for 350

acres, according to Flack.

Flack said some areas needed to be dried up to eliminate non-native grasses before being re-seeded with native grasses. Grasshoppers were a challenge, according to Flack, and personnel changes on the ranch were also a factor.

In 2018, the project will irrigate 230 acres, will seed 230 acres, and will do weed control work on 1,350 acres, Flack said, adding that he expected to bring another 275 acres into compliance with the water decree in 2018.

Flack said he estimated the total cost of the project would be \$3.5 million to \$4 million, and that "weather is everything" in determining the final cost and timing for the project.

WWSA and the Lewis-Palmer School District propose trail around Lake Woodmoor

Shaffer said the Lewis-Palmer D38 School District was submitting a grant request to the Safe Routes to Schools program, which is a federal program administered by the state, to fund the construction

of trails for students walking to district schools. Lewis-Palmer D38 has been working on the plan for two years, Shaffer said, and was ready to present its request by Nov. 1.


Part of the proposed trail will be adjacent to Lake Woodmoor, Shaffer said, creating an issue for how to handle the spillway at the south end of the lake. One solution would be to build a bridge over the spillway, at an estimated cost of \$80,000. Both WWSA and the engineer who designs the spillway will have input into the final design, Shaffer said.

Shaffer told the board that the school district had asked for a letter of support from WWSA to include in the grant request. WWSA Treasurer Jim Wyss asked that safety issues raised by increased foot traffic on the trail be addressed in the planning for the trail.

The board voted unanimously to write the letter requested by the school district.

Low water level in Lake Woodmoor addressed

In response to a question from the public, Shaffer explained the reasons for the low level



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