

Colorado voters, it would impose a half-cent 20-year sales tax on Colorado to improve the state’s transportation system. However, he said, the City of Colorado Springs opposes this sales tax because voters have already adopted local sales tax increases to help pay for roads and bridges, adding that the funds are already there in the state but not being prioritized correctly. Wilson said

Douglas County also opposes the bill. **Note:** On April 18, the El Paso Board of County Commissioners also passed a resolution in opposition to this proposed increase in state sales tax for transportation for the same reasons. At 7:11 p.m., the trustees voted to go into executive session to discuss specific legal questions. Hogan said no announcement

or votes took place afterward. ***** The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information about live video stream-

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Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee, April 11

Communication with town remains an issue

By Lisa Hatfield
On April 11, the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) amended the wording of March’s invoicing method modification and received an update on Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund’s attempts at gaining input from the Town of Monument regarding its specific plans for radium treatment and water reuse and discussion of how those plans might inadvertently affect TLWWTF. TLWWTF operates as a separate joint venture public utility and is owned in equal one-third shares by Monument Sanitation District (MSD), Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD), and Woodmoor Water and

Sanitation District (WWSO). The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts’ boards: WWSO board Director at Large Rich Strom, president; MSD board Chairman Ed Delaney, vice president; and PLSD board and JUC Secretary/Treasurer Ken Smith. Other board and staff members of the three owner districts also attended, including Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSO Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette. This meeting marked Ken Smith’s last day to serve on the committee. On behalf of the JUC members and TLWWTF, Strom thanked Smith for his service to PLSD and

to the JUC. Smith then presented Facility Manager Bill Burks, a fellow Buckeye, with an Ohio State banner. **Invoicing method wording amended**
In March, the JUC approved a modified invoicing method that will bill the owner districts twice a month to help ensure that payroll and other occasional large payment requirements can be met at the start of each month. See www.ocn.me/v17n4.htm#tlwfjuc. At the April meeting, recording secretary Susanne Wielgopalan voiced a concern about how the wording of the March motion mentioned that those invoices would be divided. It referred only to dividing the costs by flow/BOD. But in fact, some expenditures are divided by equal one-third shares and others are divided by the flow/BOD percentages for each district. After a discussion, the JUC approved an amendment to the motion to remove the specific reference to flow/BOD and just say that TLWWTF would invoice each of the three districts based on estimated monthly amounts by the third day of each month,

and then a second invoice would be sent to each district based on actual amounts after approved by the JUC each month. **Still no briefing from town on radium or water reuse plans**
Wicklund said that as the JUC had advised him, to do on March 14, he had called Monument Public Works Director Tom Tharnish to invite him to brief the Monument Sanitation District board about the town’s plans to deal with radionuclides in certain drinking water wells within the Monument Public Works drinking water service area and to talk about its potential water reuse plant. The water used by town residents and businesses enters MSD’s collection system as influent and is treated at TLWWTF and discharged into Monument Creek as treated effluent or else ends up in the TLWWTF sludge lagoon. Wicklund said Tharnish seemed open to the idea of doing a briefing but did not finalize a plan with him. **Note:** The radium and water reuse questions first surfaced in the town last summer, and Wicklund has been asking since then how the wastewater treatment facility would be



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