

involved or affected by both issues. See www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#water, www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#mbot0801, www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#tlwwjuf, www.ocn.me/v17n4.htm#tlwfjuc.

On March 20, MSD board President Delaney sent a letter to Town of Monument trustees, Tharnish, and Town Manager Chris Lowe stating in part, "The board requests that (Tharnish and Lowe) give a briefing to discuss the town's ideas, plans, financing, and timelines regarding these two issues at our next meeting at April 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m."

Delaney's letter said, "We believe it is our duty to tackle these two problems in cooperation with the town. It would be irresponsible to not help the town resolve these critical water quality and quantity issues." He added, "Designs of water and wastewater distribution, collection, and treatment facilities are very costly. These designs must include consideration of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) treatment regulations regarding wastewater discharge limits, discharge locations, biosolids disposal, and nutrient monitoring for lakes, streams, and reservoirs. The designs must also include approval from the district. Monument Sanitation District is the right agency to help the town in solving these water issues. We look forward to meeting with Tom and Chris."

On April 4, Lowe replied with a letter saying, "I am in receipt of a missive from you and your board demanding my and Tom Tharnish's appearance at a meeting on April 19 at 9 a.m. I understand that you would like a 'briefing' because of 'problems with the Town of Monument's water quality.'"

Lowe went on to say that he disagreed with MSD's mistaken premise and that the town "has an excellent record with respect to meeting safe drinking water standards.... I can assure you we are working closely and cooperatively with the State of Colorado to fulfill all of our responsibilities in this matter." Lowe concluded, "neither I, nor anyone else representing the town, plan to honor the demand to attend your April 19 meeting."

However, Lowe did propose that if MSD had "a professional staff that you would like to have meet with myself, Tom, or our other experts, I would certainly agree and ... be happy to host that meeting to begin dialogue with respect to the issues you outlined in your letter." He continued, "You are welcome to call and schedule a meeting time" to discuss any concerns "with respect to our shared duties to the public." He added, "... we always welcome collegial and respectful dialogue."

Lowe's letter stated that CDPHE had issued an approval letter for the piping redesign to facilitate the dilution plan designed by its engineers to deal with the radium issue.

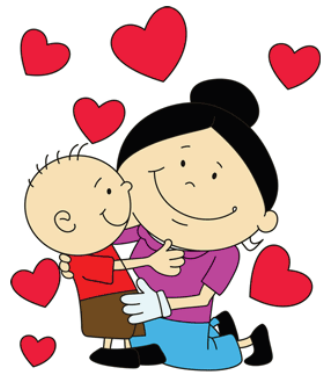
Note: Since the end of August, many options to deal with the radium have been mentioned at Monument Board of Trustees meetings, including dilution/blending, hydrous manganese oxide (HMO) filtration, and an adsorptive resin process, but it has never been officially announced at a Monument



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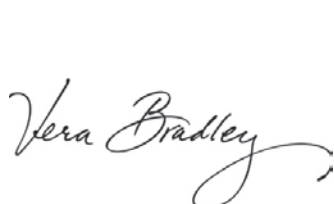
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