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Separately, Attardo advised highway drivers to:

- "Know before you go" by signing up to receive text alerts or emails before you drive.
- See <http://cotrip.org> for interactive maps and highway travel alerts.
- Pull over when emergency vehicles need to pass you.
- "Move Over" (change lanes) to give safe clearance to law enforcement officers on roadsides.
- Prepare emergency kits and get information for winter driving.

Overview of long-term water options needed

In the middle of the meeting, Trustee Jeff Bornstein made a motion that ended up generating an hour-long discussion. He wanted the board to order a completely independent study report, doing a cost analysis of using Colorado Springs Utilities' (CSU) Southern Delivery System either as an emergency water interconnection with the town's water utility west of I-25 or as a way to purchase water supplies from CSU for that portion of the town's residents. He wanted to know how much the town currently spends on water, how rates compare for residential and commercial customers, and how current costs compare with a proposed indirect potable water reuse system, which could cost \$12 million to \$18 million plus yearly operating costs. "We do not have enough information," Bornstein said.



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Trustee Greg Coopman clarified that what Bornstein was asking for was a study to see if reuse is viable or not, and what the costs would be compared to what the town is doing now.

Note: Drinking water for about 1,000 customers is supplied by the town's municipal Water Department. Monument residents and businesses also can obtain their potable water from other entities such as Triview Metropolitan District, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, privately-owned individual wells, or bulk potable water tank trucks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson's comments included:

- All the information the trustees need has already been presented at past meetings, including multiple price comparisons on the options and (Donala Water and Sanitation District's) actual experiences dealing with CSU.
- I think (Town Manager Chris Lowe and Public Works Director Tom Tharnish) and their staff are experts. This board keeps asking for the same information again. The information we have gotten from our staff is very good.

Coopman said he did not want to hear about reuse anymore but instead about other options for long-term plans, such as the possibility of buying water from CSU or turning over the town's whole water system to CSU. He said he had spent over 500 hours personally researching reuse and controversies surrounding it, that an independent study was an outstanding idea, and that he had been asking about other options for over a year.

Trustee Dennis Murphy said he was surprised to see "a very detailed" discussion of reuse proposals discussed in the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee (TLWWTF JUC) article in OCN again [<http://www.ocn.me/v17n8.htm#tlwtjuc>] when the trustees have not yet seen a design or a plan or cost estimates for reuse. But he did support the idea of an "independent third party to validate what we have been told for a year." Murphy said he had asked last year about contacting CSU directly, "and I have yet to see a report on that."

Tharnish's comments included:

- Engineers and consultants have already presented information to the trustees.... Requesting another independent study shows total lack of trust in the staff here; that is the bottom line for me.
- The town's Water Master Plan includes a lot of discussion on renewable water and ways to get there 10-20 years down the road. What the trustees are discussing would take the town off path from the Water Master Plan that has already been approved.
- We have not asked the town to commit any money yet; we are still trying to figure out what to ask for.

Background: The Monument Board of Trustees unanimously approved the town's updated 20-year



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