

second-quarter Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Test, because results of the second test were mixed. He was about to conduct a third test in October.

**Stakeholder update includes TENORM concerns**

Wicklund reported on meetings of stakeholder groups, in the absence of MSD Regulatory and Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick.

Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM) was the big topic of concern at the Colorado Wastewater Utility Council (CWWUC) in September, now that Colorado SB 18-245 has been approved. It still includes wastewater treatment plants in legislation that was originally intended to control waste produced by the gas, oil, and mining industries, he said. See <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb18-245>.

Since naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM), such as small amounts of radium in well water that is treated and removed from Town of

Monument and WWSW drinking water treatment ends up in the sludge at TLWWTF, those biosolids might be labeled as containing "technically enhanced" TENORM. Then these biosolids might be required to be disposed of in a hazardous waste landfill instead of being used as safe agricultural fertilizer as they are now. See [www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#tlwtfjuc](http://www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#tlwtfjuc).

Currently, there are no federal standards set for amounts of TENORM that can be discharged into a wastewater collection system by water purveyors, what levels are acceptable in the biosolids, or even what unit of measure is appropriate, Wicklund said.

In September, he said four or five CDPHE stakeholder workgroup meetings to discuss proposed approaches would be "crammed in" by Dec. 31. Stakeholders were very concerned that this was not enough time to collect data and expert consultant advice to inform the scientifically-sound development of a new regulatory framework

for TENORM, Wicklund said. However, in October, he reported that CWWUC was successful in getting the deadline for setting limits delayed so that there would be time for the report to come out before decisions were made by the state.

Burks' and Wicklund's comments also included:

- The Arkansas River/Fountain Creek Coalition for Urban/Rural River Evaluation (AF CURE) continues to do comprehensive sampling and analyze actual stream conditions regarding temperatures, metals, nutrients, flora, fauna, and oxygen.
- The reason we have AF CURE is to know more about that stream from here to the Arkansas River than the CDPHE or the EPA knows, because they are basing big decisions on just one sample.
- TLWWTF will pay \$18,012 for its share of AF CURE membership in 2019.

District managers' reports include mention of regionalization idea

Wicklund explained that MSD is one of a group of wastewater entities in northern El Paso County interested in pursuing the idea that Colorado Springs Utilities might sell some of its

20 million gallons of excess wastewater capacity to smaller stakeholders. Other possible interested entities include the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility that serves Triview, Donala, and Forest Lakes.

Wastewater regionalization would cost a lot of money upfront for new long pipelines but would help smaller entities deal with long-term implications of state and federal regulations more efficiently and would follow Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1972, Wicklund said.

Gillette said this was just a high-level discussion at the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority at this time and that it would be difficult to deal with the complications of water rights and water reuse. Orcutt was not invited to the first meeting but planned to attend the next one Oct. 26.

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The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 13 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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*Triview Metropolitan District, Oct. 9*

**Bond resolution, water shares purchase approved**

*By Jennifer Kaylor*

The Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors approved a bond resolution that will refinance two bank loans and fund the purchase of 32 water shares approved at the same Oct. 9 meeting. The directors evaluated a master landscape plan presented by Visual Environments Inc. President Mark Button.

Director James Barnhart was absent.

Triview is a Title 32 special district inside Monument that provides road, landscaping, and open space maintenance, and water and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas. The Town of Monument provides land use planning, police, and general governance for Triview's property owners. Triview Metropolitan District is not to be



**Above:** Visual Environments Inc. President Mark Button presented graphics and recommendations for beautifying the Triview Metropolitan District landscape at the Oct. 9 Board of Directors meeting. The board chose not to act on any of Button's recommendations currently but to continue researching options that better fit within the district's budget and water conservation concerns. *Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*

confused with Triview II, Triview III, or Triview IV, which were created solely to pay for road bonds in Promontory Pointe, Home Place Ranch, and Sanctuary Pointe, respectively. The Oct. 9 board packet and agenda are available at <https://triviewmetro.com/board-documents>.

**Mid-November refinance conclusion expected**

Triview has been working with investment specialist D.A. Davidson and Co. to create bond Resolution 2018-03. The new bond will refinance two loans—an October 2014 \$5.9 million Northstar Bank of Colorado loan and a December 2016 \$6.5 million Key Equipment Finance Inc. loan—and a new renewable water shares purchase of \$416,000 that was approved following the resolution discussion. The 15-year loans financed wastewater treatment plant improvements and a December 2015 renewable water shares purchase but also



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