

possibilities and keep the lines of communication open with TLMFPD. See DWFPD article on page 1.

On July 25, the TLMFPD board voted unanimously to form a similar committee to examine possibilities with DWFPD and bring information back to the

full board. Treasurer John Hildebrandt and Secretary Mike Smaldino will represent TLMFPD with Director Terri Hayes as the alternate. See [www.ocn.me/v18n7.htm#tlmfpd](http://www.ocn.me/v18n7.htm#tlmfpd).

Chief Chris Truty and DWFPD Chief Vinny Burns will be working together to create a comprehensive report intended to identify differences and similarities in the organizations.

Smaldino said the creation of a committee doesn't commit TLMFPD to joining up with Wescott at all. Truty agreed and said there are discussions happening and that this board should continue to be involved.

#### Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department update

Truty said the Palmer Lake Town Council (PLTC) is hiring a consultant to research the effects of the PLVFD remaining as is, with its one fire station in need of major renovations, or asking for some form of assistance coverage from TLMFPD. PLTC has also discussed having a community vote related to the possible changes, he said. See *PLTC article on page 10*, and [www.ocn.me/v18n7.htm#pltc](http://www.ocn.me/v18n7.htm#pltc).

**Background:** In 2015, PLVFD signed a mutual response agreement with TLMFPD for fire calls. PLVFD staff manually call TLMFPD for aid on medical calls if needed for advanced life support, but otherwise Palmer Lake receives ambulance service through the AMR ambulance stationed at DWFPD's Station 1 on Gleneagle Drive. See [www.ocn.me/v15n2.htm#pltc0122](http://www.ocn.me/v15n2.htm#pltc0122).

There haven't been any operational changes since July, although both entities may create an in-

tergovernmental agreement (IGA) to deal with short-term arrangements before any more permanent arrangements, Truty said.

Both TLMFPD and the Town of Palmer Lake are represented by the same law firm—Widner, Juran LLP. Truty asked the board to vote to execute a conflict of interest waiver for Widner Juran LLP that would make use of Maureen Juran's experience with both entities and allow the firm to write the first draft of an IGA based on both districts' needs. This document would then be negotiated and finalized by two separate lawyers to relieve any conflict of interest.

Director Jason Buckingham asked if the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District is interested in discussing some kind of consolidation with TLMFPD as well. Truty said they have expressed interest in the past, but they are not included in talks currently.

#### Chief's report

Truty's report included a description of how TLMFPD crews participated in the initial response to the July 20 Rampart Fire northeast of Woodland Park, helping to stabilize it in the early stages.

He also said El Paso County has moved to a Stage 1 burn ban after recent rains.

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Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Highway 105. For information, contact Jennifer Martin at (719) 484-9011. For upcoming agendas, see <http://tlmfire.org/board>.

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#### TRIVIEW (Cont. from page 1)

that Raftelis had conducted a recent study for Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District as well as other Front Range special districts and municipalities. See [www.raftelis.com](http://www.raftelis.com).

**Background:** Triview and Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) are discussing how CSU might pipe Triview's renewable surface water to the district so it can transition away from using groundwater from non-replenishing aquifers. Also, in the last few months, CSU announced its WW plants have excess treatment capacity and would consider treating wastewater from smaller districts outside its service area, which would help these smaller districts and municipalities deal with new regulations. District Manager Jim McGrady said he hopes to capitalize on these new opportunities to secure future resources to benefit Triview's residents, but whichever of the future contingencies

occur, all will require spending money, so the district needs to begin building capital reserves. See [www.ocn.me/v18n1.htm#tvmd](http://www.ocn.me/v18n1.htm#tvmd), [www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#tvmd](http://www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#tvmd), [www.ocn.me/v18n5.htm#tvmd](http://www.ocn.me/v18n5.htm#tvmd).

The consultants noted future challenges and capital needs for Triview:

- Sixty percent of Triview is not yet developed.
- Triview currently owes about \$56.3 million in debt on infrastructure construction, interest payments, and renewable water purchases.
- Stricter WW effluent restrictions in Colorado's Basic Standards and Methodologies for Surface Water Regulation 31 are coming, so Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (UMCRWWTF) must be upgraded—\$10.75 million for Triview's share of new treatment technologies construction costs will be required (assuming no Triview sharing of CSU's JD Phillips WWTF).
- Triview's shares of UMCRWWTF flow and organic treatment capacity need to be expanded to meet future Triview growth—\$12.7 million for construction of expanded plant treatment capacity (assuming no Triview wastewater being diverted to the CSU JD Phillips WWTF).
- Water rights acquisitions and pipelines from water rights to water treatment facilities are needed for a renewable water supply.

Some of the wastewater financial plan projection assumptions in the Raftelis study were:

- Borrow \$1 million from the water fund in 2018 to minimize 2018 WW rate revenue increase, repaying this inter-fund loan from 2019 through 2022 with 2 percent interest to the water fund.
- Triview's existing NorthStar Bank loan of about



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