

Lance also thanked TLM-FPD on behalf of the Timbers HOA with a contribution of \$200 to the firefighters welfare/morale fund.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is

scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Highway 105. For information, contact Office Administrator/HR Jennifer Martin at 719-484-9011. For upcoming agendas, see www.tlmfire.org/board.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Sept. 9

Radium concerns being addressed

By James Howald

On Sept. 9, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board heard comments by District Manager Jessie Shaffer on measures being taken to address concerns about radium. The board also heard operational reports.

Radium testing underway

In response to a question from board Secretary Brian Bush, Shaffer told the board that radium testing was underway at all wells that supply water to the central treatment facility. Shaffer said the treatment of water for iron and manganese in use currently would also remove some radionuclides and send them into the wastewater stream.

Shaffer said that blending water might not be sufficient

to address the concerns about radium. Well 21, the district's newest well, which is not yet in production, might have to be shut down if other wells go offline to avoid problems with an excess of radium, Shaffer said. The goal is to have Well 21 ready for peak water season next year as a resource when water demand is especially high.

Wastewater testing will also be needed, according to Shaffer, and that will be timed to follow the testing of water headed into the central treatment facility.

Shaffer said water from Well 21 might be moved to Lake Woodmoor to create a blend of water that contains less radium. Shaffer also mentioned the possibility that the central treatment facility

might need to be upgraded to treat surface water in addition to well water.

Highlights from operational reports

- Woodmoor Ranch is irrigating as part of its revegetation efforts.
- WWSD is meeting the requirements of all Chilcott Ditch shareholders.
- 94 percent of the district's water is accounted for, indicating the system has few leaks.
- Progress has been made in the pump house for Well 21—the foundation has been poured, the walls are complete, Mountain View Electric Association is working on the transformer enclosure, and completion of the well house is expected by mid-October.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. See www.woodmoorwater.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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