

the final intention of signing an agreement to join the NMCI later in 2019. The board approved the resolution, 4-0.

Director Mike Hitchcock said having “no downstream liability in the future would be huge!”

Resident Lee Arnett voiced concern about losing local control of rates. However, Nichols and Stimple explained again that they did not see a downside.

For information on other northern entities interested in this project, see <https://ocn.me/v18n12.htm#msd>, <https://ocn.me/v19n1.htm#tvmd>, and <https://ocn.me/v19n1.htm#mbot-1217>.

New surface water treatment plant reduces demand on aquifers

Tom Blunk of CP Real Estate Capital reported the following:

- Distribution of treated Bristlecone Lake water commenced on March 7.
- The water tasted great!
- Full completion will happen within 45 days after a few minor details have been straightened out.

Stimple and Nichols congratulated Blunk for “shepherding the project,” which will allow the district to use renewable lake water instead of aquifer well water.

The new Arapahoe well is drilled and expected to be connected to the water system in late summer; any water used from that well would need to be blended with lake water, Stimple said. Water to residents has been previously sourced from the non-renewable Dillon well and will still be available if needed during a drought.

A drought policy is included in homeowner packets, and water restrictions will be monitored by John McGinn from JDS Hydro. McGinn is FLMD’s water consultant tasked to figure out how to handle drought conditions if it becomes

necessary. See <https://ocn.me/v18n5.htm#flmd>.

Public comments

Resident Lee Arnett asked the board many questions during public comments. Stimple’s answers included:

- The primary water source for FLMD is now Bristlecone Lake, which is the district’s only renewable water source.
- The new Arapahoe Well would be the secondary source, which would be used based on drought conditions.
- Currently, 188 homes are being billed with an estimated use of .35 acre-feet.

Nichols also answered:

- It is more expensive to treat the lake water because it is a more involved operation.
- The surface water treatment plant has just come on line and assessment of rates over the next 5-6 months will likely reveal water rates are too low.
- FLMD currently has the lowest water rates in Northern El Paso County.
- The physical reality of Bristlecone Lake dictates that the level of water must reach the spillway in order to deposit any water into Pinon Lake.
- We expect that both lakes will be full with the spring runoff this year if it keeps snowing on the Rampart Range.

Resident Michael Davidson described the presence of noxious weeds in the landscaping around the lakes, and that they were spreading into well-maintained private property. Nichols said usually they hear about weeds in a letter from El Paso County, but FLMD is responsible for the eradication of weeds in the landscaping and they would take care of the problem.

Home construction update
Nichols said she had previously budgeted for 50 additional homes in 2019 for a total of 240 homes. FLMD Secretary James Boulton, vice president/project manager

of Classic Homes, confirmed about 30 lots are available in the current filing. Stimple updated the board, stating:

- The long-term development process for the west portion of the develop-

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What Lewis-Palmer Middle School students say about the large number of students in the building

I wish half of my friends weren't going to the other high school next year.

I wish we didn't have to have 2 dances in order for everyone to be able to attend.

I only had 8 minutes to eat after waiting in the lunch line.

If we had 2 middle schools, I might have been able to make the basketball team.

I couldn't even get to the water fountain.

I saw students running in between cars and busses trying to make it into the school before the bell rang.

I hope I can use the restroom and not be late for my class.

After school, it's difficult to get in and out of my locker and to my bus on time because it's so crowded.

My counselor had 3 people waiting outside of her door when I went by to see her.

LPSD April Events

April 5: No Classes 7-8th Grade, Middle School Conferences
April 6: LPHS Prom, 7:00 p.m.
March 8: No Classes pK-6th Grade
April 13: PRHS Prom, 7:00 p.m.
April 19: Make-up Snow Day, Classes for All Grades
April 15: Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Administration Building

