

video recorded the proceedings on her phone. She also requested that the board consider matching cement colors when replacing sidewalk sections. She cautioned that significant variations in color create a patchwork appearance and expressed concern that it might negatively affect property values.

President Mark Melville thanked Howe for her comment and informed her that meeting attendees can't video tape but can audio tape. The Triview board had voted to approve this measure resolution at its June 18 meeting. See www.ocn.me/v19n7.htm#tvmd.

Howe asked for legal justification of the decision and stated that the district's rule seemed to violate Colorado's Sunshine Laws which allow videotaping unless it is interfering with the proceedings of a public meeting.

District General Counsel Gary Shupp responded, "It's a matter of control of the meetings. It's not unusual to have different rules for the context of the meeting, such as time limit for public comment. This would fall under that same category." He did not agree that the Sunshine Law said what she thought it did. Fiorito added, "Our justification is, we have no control over people who videotape us, and how they modify it, if they modify it, where they post it, and what they do with it; especially in today's capabilities."

Howe stated that she didn't find the justification satisfactory and continued to record the meeting. The board did not interfere with her recording.

Board discusses water conservation inducements

Despite heavy rainfall throughout the summer, Triview customers' water use did not reflect an expected decrease in lawn irrigation, reported Water Super-

intendent Shawn Sexton in his public works update. Sexton's report opened board discussion about encouraging water conservation.

Directors considered lifting current water restrictions in favor of encouraging the use of and educating residents on waterwise practices. McGrady praised Castle Rock's website crconserve.com, which promotes a program called "Water Wiser," as the best example for the district to model. Discussion focused on the benefits of rain sensors that automatically engage or disengage sprinkler systems according to current weather conditions and prevent overwatering. In response to discussion of potentially requiring rain sensors, McGrady suggested including a rebate or other incentive as part of the obligation.

Additional decisions and activities

A third vote made during the meeting approved:

- A \$21,085 Terracon bid, the lowest of the three bids received, for the installation of seven, four-inch-diameter lawn water irrigation return flows (LIRF) monitoring wells to support the district's lawn water irrigation decree and provide a means to monitor water quality in the future.

Staff briefed the board on operational activities that included:

- Parks and Open Space Superintendent Jay Bateman confirmed the work of his crews to offset erosion damage to trails, repair lawn irrigation components, coordinate irrigation and drainage with Kiewit, and prepare snow equipment for winter weather.
- McGrady, Sexton, and Bateman

proposed equipment purchases that would support in-house maintenance and repair and, consequently, decrease the district's reliance on the diminishing availability of contractors.

McGrady reported:

- Revegetation of the surrounding area was all that remained of the drinking water pipeline project west of I-25 and east of Beacon Lite Road.
- The district collaborated with Classic Homes in locating a new site for building the new "A-9" well. The district must first secure a permit, then construction should begin by year's end.
- Residents living close to the district's C-plant received a new lay-over of asphalt and grading on the road leading to the plant. The grade of the road and erosion had caused issues for area residents.
- An inclusion agreement between

Triview and Goodwin-Knight pertaining to Home Place Ranch was nearing completion. The agreement was expected to be presented in a hearing at the Sept. 16 Monument Board of Trustees meeting.

At 7 p.m., the board entered executive session §24-6-402(4)(b)(e) legal advice, negotiations. OCN confirmed that no actions were taken after the executive session.

The next Triview board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Board meetings are generally scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Information: 488-6868 or visit www.triviewmetro.com. See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro.

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Monument Sanitation District, Aug. 21

So-called "flushable" wipes clogging lift stations

By Lisa Hatfield

District Manager Mike Wicklund told the Monument Sanitation District (MSD) board Aug. 21 about the continued problems in MSD and nationwide caused by disposable personal wipes that ought to be put in the trash can, not down the toilet. The board also unanimously approved a resolution pursuing its participation in the North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) project.

MSD maintains a sewer system to collect wastewater from residents and businesses of the Town of Monument west of Interstate 25 as well as some areas outside the town limits. Its collection lines run to the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF), which MSD co-owns with Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD) and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSO). MSD has been in existence since 1963 and is a separate Title 32 government entity from the Town of Monument.

Please don't flush those wipes!

Wicklund said "flushable" wipes have become a problem in wastewater systems across the United States. MSD has to pay from \$1,200 to \$7,000 to repair equipment each time the wipes jam up pumps and lift stations, said MSD Accounts Administrator Erin Krueger.

Put the wipes in the garbage so they go straight to the landfill. Do not flush them, since they do not break down like toilet paper does. Instead, they snarl into long ropes that can clog sewer pipes and machinery, Wicklund said.

Homes with septic systems also need to dispose of wipes in the trash, because if they are flushed, they end up in "clumps the size of a load of laundry" in a septic tank, or clumps that completely plug up leach field pipes. Either can cause sewer backups. Replacing a septic system can cost \$30,000 to \$40,000.

NMCI support continues

In November the MSD board voted unanimously "in support" of participating in the North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI), a plan to consolidate wastewater treatment within the OCN coverage area by sending all individual district sanitary sewer flows to the J.D. Phillips regional treatment facility of Colorado Springs Utilities

instead of continuing to maintain several smaller separate local wastewater treatment facilities. Wicklund said the project is moving along but has slowed due to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental permitting process. See www.ocn.me/v18n12.htm#msd, www.ocn.me/v18n12.htm#tvmd.

On Aug. 23, the board unanimously voted that Chairman Ed DeLaney sign the Common Interest and Limited Joint Defense Agreement as soon as the document is reviewed and approved by all the participating districts' attorneys, including MSD attorney Joan Fritsche of Shearer & Fritsche PC. The joint document is being drafted by the lawyers representing all the local wastewater districts planning to participate in NMCI. The agreement's purpose is to ensure that the members of the group share all information with each other and also present a united public message about the project.

It also indicates that MSD is "all ready to go" with the NMCI. Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick said the other potential partners in NMCI "are still doing information-only meetings. If you don't sign something like this, you can't move forward to start to make serious plans or budgeting."

JUC report

Wicklund said TLWWTF Facility Manager Bill Burks reported on continued smooth operations at TLWWTF and will add composite sampling for baseline levels of radium in the influent coming from MSD, PLSD, and WWSO as naturally occurring levels of radioactive material (NORM) in many Tri-Lakes region groundwater wells are gradually increasing. See related JUC article on page 12, WWSO article on page 11, and www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#mbot.

Keeping an eye on other issues

The board discussed many other topics, including:

- Financial report through July 31.
- Monthly payment to TLWWTF for MSD's share of operation costs.
- Wagons West sewer lines and lift stations under construction, tap fees calculated and confirmed.
- Downtown beautification work within the district's pedestrian area in front of the MSD building on Second Street.
- The first draft of the 2020 budget

D38: GET THE FACTS

D38: "Little or no tax increase."

FACT: Paying for a new bond costing \$45M, of course, requires new taxes to service \$45M in new debt. A 6th grader knows this. And so does D38 leadership again trying to deceive voters with untrue statements. D38 asking to keep more tax dollars from taxpayers = another tax increase.

D38: "Most conservative bond proposal."

FACT: After 10 years of paying mainly interest, the bond payment goes up by over a whopping 350% in year 11. D38 has back-loaded the true cost of new debt trying to fool taxpayers. Shame on D38 for deceptive financial engineering and trying to push the actual true tax costs into the future!

D38: "More Middle School seats needed."

FACT: Templeton's report presented at D38's April meeting shows only 20 seats needed the next 5 years for grades 6-8. D38 wants to build 500 seats for 20 more students. More unnecessary and wasteful spending.

D38: Agrees renovating Grace Best, the most cost-effective solution.

FACT: For around \$5-6M, Grace Best can be renovated and provide 500+ seats — at a fraction of the cost of D38's proposed bond costing \$45M!

FACT: Monument Academy (MA) is adding 800 new seats with no new property taxes. With no new taxes, there will be 300 new ES seats at the existing MA school and 500 more MS/HS seats at the new MA campus.

D38 DOESN'T NEED MORE DEBT & NEW TAXES