

incumbent board members—Tom Roddam, William Clewe, and Daniel Beley—had all decided to run for re-election, in addition to a fourth candidate, Barrie Town. Since there are more candidates than seats to be filled, the district will need to hold an election unless at least one of the candidates withdraws. She estimated the cost of the election, to be held at The Barn, at \$22,000.

Highlights of operational reports

- The Chilcott Ditch was expected to begin providing water to its subscribers around March 24.
- February saw a larger than usual amount of unbilled water due to three main breaks and water used to do testing and other tasks required by the upgrades to the Central Water Treatment Plant (CWTP).
- The software installed as part of the CWTP upgrades is being tested and problems are being resolved.
- The pipeline that will convey water from the upgraded Lake Pump Station at the south end of Woodmoor Lake to the CWTP is being installed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive; please see old www.woodmoorwater.com or call

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Monument Sanitation District, March 16

Board election canceled, rumors refuted

By Jackie Burhans and James Howald At the March 16 meeting of the Monument Sanitation District (MSD), District Manager Mark Parker announced that the MSD election had been canceled because two candidates declared for the two available seats. Chairman Dan Hamilton gave his perspective on rumors circulating about the district. The board discussed the status of residential developments in MSD's service area and voted on an updated administrative resolution first approved and signed in January. The board also heard operational reports.

Howe and Morgan to take seats on board

In her monthly legal report, Joan Fritsche, the board's current attorney, told the board that MSD was authorized to cancel its upcoming election because there were not more candidates than offices to be filled. John H. Howe, an incumbent board member, and William Lowell Morgan will be seated on May 3 and serve three-year terms ending in May 2025, the report said. Morgan will replace Director Katie Sauceda, who did not run for re-election.

Parker said MSD spent \$912.50 for the election, much less than had been budgeted.

Hamilton quashes rumors

During the Directors' Matters portion of the agenda, Director Laura Kronick told the board she had heard two rumors concerning MSD: first, that the district's headquarter building was for sale and, second, that the Monument Board of Trustees, which manages the town's water service, would also take over the sanitation district.

Hamilton responded to her concerns by saying: "For the record, the building is not for sale and there are no discussions I'm aware of about the town taking over the sanitation district."

Residential developments move forward

In his Manager's Report, Parker told the board that the sewage lift station under construction for the Willows Springs Ranch residential development, which is west of I-25 at 2020 W. Baptist Road, was making slow progress. He said he was working with Danny Brown of Polo Brown Co., the developers of Willow Springs Ranch, on an interim solution, expected to be in place by the middle of April, that would pump wastewater from the development until the lift station is completed in July or August. Houses in Willow Springs Ranch can't be sold until the wastewater issue is resolved,

