

situations prior to finalizing its decision to impose the fee equally to all Woodmoor residents, he said.

Operations and construction projects

Assistant Manager Randy Gillette gave the operations report, saying the performance requirements for the pump and motor on well 12 have been reassessed. A smaller pump will be installed, based on the past

history of the well. Gillette also stated that the district diverted 51 acre-feet of water from Monument Creek to Lake Woodmoor through the exchange process.

Gillette stated the Kum-N-Go gas station on the southwest corner of Knollwood Drive and Highway 105 is moving forward.

Proposed SDA cover story

District Manager Jessie Shaffer stated

the Special District Association (SDA) is interested in doing a two-part cover story about WWSD in April and May 2012. The SDA wants to highlight the district's renewable water plan. The monthly articles will be available on the district website: www.woodmoorwater.com.

The WWSD website has recently been updated with some significant changes, including picture galleries, conservation

information, and planting tips.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. April 12 at the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Office, 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. For information: 488-2525 or www.woodmoorwater.com.

Candice Hitt can be reached at candicehitt@ocn.me.

Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Board Candidate Statements

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) is holding a mail-in election for board members, with ballots due back by May 8. Each of the five candidates was asked to respond to the following two questions:

1. What in your background would help you as a WWSD board member?
2. What do you think are the two greatest issues facing the district and what would you propose the district should do to deal with them?

The following are the answers we received from the candidates, printed with very little editing. The candidates are listed alphabetically by last name.

Beth Courrau

(incumbent; four-year term)

I'm a 24-year resident of Woodmoor and a longtime community advocate and volunteer. My community service has included three years on the Woodmoor

Improvement Association (WIA) Board, four years on the NEPCO Board—an advocacy group representing homeowners in northern El Paso County on issues involving land development and corresponding infrastructure needs. Through NEPCO, I have both provided and received community education on issues regarding zoning, water, roads, and other regional interests. I have served on District 38 Accountability, Tri-Lakes Cares, and numerous other boards. I have been a member of the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation Board for two years. I first became knowledgeable of the district's long-range planning over 10 years ago (while serving as WIA president) when they purchased Lake Woodmoor as a strategic asset from a private entity. I have spent 30 years in the software industry, been a business owner, and have a BS in Organizational Leadership. I believe leadership goes beyond dealing with today's pressing issues to

thoughtfully planning for future generations.

I believe continued long-term planning and addressing future gaps in supply versus demand are critical. Being able to supply a reliable future water source which is renewable, versus counting on the water that is being mined from the aquifers, is essential. We should also be encouraging conservation. Colorado water issues are complex, and I'm committed to protecting Woodmoor's place at the table, as water continues to escalate as a significant statewide and regional economic challenge.

With that said, pursuing partnerships along the way with other regional entities will help reduce our costs—such as what we do now with our regional waste treatment plant. Working with regional suppliers, while protecting the interests of our residents, is a delicate line every board member must understand. Readers can contact me at bethcourrau@comcast.net.

Bruce R. Pieper (two-year term)

We have a systematic disregard of elected individuals on what the purpose of their responsibilities is. I am running for one of the board positions to bring back what the purpose of an elected board is supposed to be. It was clear from the meetings I attended that the vast majority of the customers were not in favor of buying the ranch for the price paid, and no plan for delivery. It was irresponsible to move forward with buying the complete ranch. Issues such as math of current vs. build-out acre-feet was totally exaggerated, well pumping costs vs. pumping uphill for 30 or 40 miles, quality of the water, lack of inquiry with Colorado Springs Utilities as a partner in the Southern Delivery System, lack of cooperation with other nearby water districts, calling the increase a "fee" instead of what it is, a tax, etc. The board

needs to be responsive to the customers, and proper decisions need to be made, not wishful bloated projects which burden the customers with excessive fees.

Expanding on this point, we need a new board that will review what has been done and what direction we should take in the future. I believe we should mitigate what we can with the purchase already made, and decide what the next step is. And I do not believe in going further into debt by spending tens of millions more to bring the water up here. We already will pay \$45 a month till most of us die. We do not need more "fees" which could easily exceed \$100 a month on top of what we have now. I believe the operation of the water district is and has been handled very favorably since I have lived here. I do not, however, believe the current board represented us.

Tommy R. Schwab (two-year term)

I have lived in Woodmoor over 26 years with my wife, Mimi Schwab. I am a licensed Colorado dentist, and have practiced dentistry in Colorado for over 28 years. I received a doctorate in medical dentistry from the University of Pittsburgh, and a master's in biology from Texas A&M University. My wife is a registered nurse who works with terminally ill patients at Pikes Peak Hospice. My science background makes me uniquely qualified to work with the water board, particularly with governmental regulations.

The two most compelling issues facing our water board are: (1) ensuring a continuing supply of potable water; and (2) how to deal with intrusive governmental rules and regulations for our sanitation system and water district. If elected as a water board member, I will continue to look at any and all reasonable ways to augment our current water supply

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