hearing on these two regulations started on March 12 and was continued on March 14 without a commission decision on either regulation. The commission has held monthly continuation hearings on these two regulations since then. Numerous comments and draft amendments of these two regulations along with their companion Statements of Basis and Purpose have been circulated and debated between the Water Quality Control Division and the 391 wastewater treatment entities in Colorado in the weeks between each of these

monthly hearings.

For more information on the most recent negotiations, see:

> www.ocn.me/v12n6.htm#juc, www.ocn.me/v12n6.htm#msd, www.ocn.me/v12n5.htm#juc, www.ocn.me/v12n5.htm#msd, www.ocn.me/v12n4.htm#cwqcc, www.ocn.me/v12n3.htm#nutrients, and www.ocn.me/v12n2.htm#juc.

Some of the changes to the two regulations that occurred in early June before the water commission voted unanimously to ap-

prove the last amendments that Wicklund and Kendrick briefed to the JUC were:

Control Regulation 85 sets new discharge permit limits of 1 part per million (ppm), or 1 milligram per liter, for total phosphorus (TP) and 15 ppm for total inorganic nitrogen (TIN). These limits are set to become effective for all existing facility discharge permits issued after July 1. They will be superseded in El Paso and Pueblo Counties in 2022 by the interim nutrient values for warm water streams specified in the Reg. 31 amendment—0.17 ppm for total phosphorus and 2.01 ppm for total nitrogen (TN.)

The EPA has stated that it would prefer that the state immediately approve its warm water nutrient criteria—0.067 ppm for TP and 0.88 ppm for TN—but has not yet made these criteria a federal requirement and mandate on the state.

Neither the state's nor the EPA's interim nutrient values can be achieved by any existing technology.

There are different limits and start dates for new wastewater treatment facilities in Reg. 85 and Reg. 31. They do not apply to the three wastewater treatment facilities in the OCN coverage area:

- Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Fa-
- Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Academy Water and Sanitation Dis-

trict's two treatment lagoons

The Reg. 85 nitrogen limit is for total inorganic nitrogen, which is only one component of total nitrogen. The Reg. 85 TIN limit will be easier to meet than the total nitrogen limits in the amendment to Reg. 31. The actual amount of TIN that will allowed by the new Reg. 31 TN interim value will be considerably smaller than 2.01 ppm. The interim nutrient values in the Reg. 31 amendment will not generally apply to existing wastewater treatment facilities until 2022, though some exceptions could apply as early as 2017 if changes are made in the next Arkansas River basin hearings on impaired water classifications.

The actual chemistry and biological uptake of total phosphorus and total nitrogen in aquatic ecosystems is quite complicated and not well understood, particularly the relationship between total nitrogen and algal growth.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next JUC meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on June 12 May 8 at the Tri-Lakes facility's conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 481-4053.

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# Residents take advantage of public comment opportunity

By Jim Kendrick

On June 12, there were more public comments at the start of a Triview Metropolitan District Board meeting than there have been in years.

#### Noise from treatment plant concerns neighbors

During public comments, Town Manager Cathy Green introduced Jackson Creek homeowner Peter Speiser. She noted that she and Triview Operations Supervisor Nick Harris had met with Speiser and his neighbors the previous day to discuss their concerns about the noise produced by water treatment operating equipment in a Triview building on the west end of Oxbow Drive and a lack of response by the Triview board.

Note: Triview has not had a district manager since the board terminated Triview's previous district manager at a special board meeting on Nov. 15. Director Robert Fisher has been in charge of operations since Nov. 15. Former Secretary/Treasurer Steve Remington had been in charge of district finances since Nov. 15, but chose

not to run for re-election in May. New Director Tom Harder was appointed to fill Remington's seat on May 8. However, no director had publicly assumed the secretary/treasurer duties before or at the start of the June 12 board meeting.

Green told the board members that Speiser and his neighbors "have been trying to get hold of you and they've not received any responses from the board and they are having issues with noise, with landscaping, maintenance—some of those problems." She said, "Considering what they are putting up with now, I think they were overly polite. Speiser said the noise the well pump makes about 18 hours a day is 60 decibels at 25 feet inside Speiser's lot line.

For more information on Green's is-

- www.ocn.me/v11n12.htm#tmd1108
  - /www.ocn.me/v11n12.htm#tmd1115
- www.triviewmetro.com/docs/ triview-bod-minutes-15Nov11.pdf

Green added that Monument Trustee Rick Squires "emailed me and asked if I would talk to them because they were not getting a response so ...."

Fisher interjected, "Can I ask a question since you keep throwing that out there, who have you contacted?'

Speiser said, "There were two attempts." The first attempt was with the main Triview phone number with a "question about the noise that comes out of the equipment that is exposed outside" of water treatment plant A. He was told that it would be checked. The second notice was a letter to the board. There was no response to Speiser's letter by the board, which led to the meeting Squires suggested with Green, Harris, and neighborhood property owners May 11.

Fisher said, "This is the first time this board has heard of this subject." Board



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