

received only design and construction grants, and six facilities received only planning grants.

Hickenlooper said he wants this nutrient grant program to set a standard for a future grant program for the equally challenging and costly statewide nutrient requirements facing small towns and small special districts. For example, neither the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility nor the Academy Water and Sanitation District were eligible for the HB 13-1191 grant program even though both facilities will eventually have the identical Reg. 31.17 nutrient restrictions as the Tri-Lakes facility.

Several other regional wastewater facilities also received grants. The Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District and City of Pueblo received both of the available types of state grants—a \$1 million design and construction grant and an \$80,000 planning grant. The Colorado Springs Utilities Las Vegas Wastewater Treatment Facility received \$1 million for design and construction. The Security Sanitation District and Widefield Water and Sanitation Districts each received

an \$80,000 planning grant. The City of Pueblo received both grants for a total of \$1.08 million.

Hickenlooper said, “This grant funding will help communities offset the costs of bringing their systems into compliance. In addition, the grants announced today will help ensure safe and healthy water for wildlife, agriculture, recreation, and drinking water purposes.” The Nutrient Grant Program will help wastewater facilities with the costs of planning for, designing, and implementing system improvements. The new nutrient standards apply to about 45 large wastewater treatment systems.

Hickenlooper signed House Bill 13-1191 on May 10. This bill appropriated \$15 million over the next three years for state planning grants and state design/construction grants to help finance what otherwise would be totally unfunded state mandates for Reg. 85 and Reg. 31.17 capital improvements to these 45 large state wastewater treatment plants.

The text of HB 13-1191 is available at www.leg.state.co.us/ under this series of links:

- “Session Information”
- “House - Regular 2013 session”
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- “Select Bill Range”
- “House Bills 1151-1200”
- “GO->”
- HB 13-1191 “All Versions”
- Final Act

Some details for implementation of HB 13-1191 are available at www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-WQ/CBON/1251640468307

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Tri-Lakes Facility Joint Use Committee, July 9

Tetra Tech to revise study plan

By Jim Kendrick

On July 9, Facility Manager Bill Burks advised the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee (JUC) that the final documents for the formation of the Arkansas and Fountain Creek Coalition for Urban/Rural River Evaluation (AF CURE) had been approved by the board of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA). The PPRWA will sponsor AF CURE.

All the wastewater treatment facility boards of the AF CURE members have also individually approved the final documents. The associate member fee for the Tri-Lakes facility to join PPRWA and be eligible to participate in this PPRWA project is \$650.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate public utility and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts’ boards: President Jim Whitelaw, Woodmoor, Vice President Dale Smith, Palmer Lake, and Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Robinove, Monument. Several other district board members and district managers from each of the three owner districts also attended the meeting.

The scheduled absences of Whitelaw and Robinove were excused by Smith, who chaired the meeting. No Woodmoor director attended the meeting. Monument Director Don Smith filled in as Robinove’s alternate, creating a

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