

do what the district feels is right while remaining compliant with state and federal standards.

Foster and Director of Assessment and Gifted Education Lori Benton also explained a way in which teachers who serve underperforming populations such as English language learners, disabled individuals, and those qualifying for free/reduced-price lunch can receive credit for growing these individuals at an accelerated rate per year despite the fact that their

scores may not reach grade level. Benton said that the district wishes to honor these individuals for their efforts to teach these populations.

The 2014-15 school year is the first in which the entire state will use this system. District 38 utilized the system last year in order to become familiar with it.

Board liaison John Magerko reported that the board is striving to forge connections with local businesses and set short-term goals such as a review of the

district's communication procedures and a review of district policies by the Colorado Association of School Boards.

Magerko said that the board is concerned with rates of absence among students, saying that even two or three days a month could set some students back an entire year in achievement.

Benton spoke briefly about DAAC's charge, including advising the board on evaluation practices and budgetary policies. She stressed that the committee may

provide input but may not impede the workings of the district.

The District Accountability Advisory Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Oct. 14 in the district's Learning enter, 146 Jefferson St. in Monument

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cent for emergency and planning needs. <http://www.ocn.me/v14n7.htm#mbot0616>,

The ballot question will include specific provisions to ensure that the 55 percent of the PPRDA revenue that is designated for building new infrastructure cannot extend beyond 20 years without reauthorization through a public vote. As well, Commissioner Chair Dennis Hisey stated that the rate paid for impervious surface will not increase. Collection of the fees would not begin until 2016 and total revenue would not exceed \$39.27 million for 2016.

The PPRDA would consist of 11 directors elected from the jurisdictions in the IGA. Two directors would be appointed by the Board of County Commission-

ers, five by the Colorado Springs Mayor and City Council, one by Fountain, one by Manitou, one by Green Mountain Falls, and the other director will be the mayor of Colorado Springs. The majority of the projects would take place in Colorado Springs, which is why Springs officials will make up the majority representation. All major decisions by the PPRDA will require approval by a super majority.

For more information on Tri-Lakes-area entities and the proposed PPRDA, see www.ocn.me/v14n6.htm#MBoT0505, www.ocn.me/v14n7.htm#mbot0616, and www.ocn.me/v14n8.htm#dwsd0717.

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El Paso County Board of County Commissioners, Sept. 23
BOCC regains Office of Emergency Management from Sheriff's Office

By Lisa Hatfield

After a discussing a proposed campground land use variance for over three hours on Sept. 23, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), county staff members, and Sheriff's Office and community representatives spent two hours discussing a resolution to move supervision of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) away from the umbrella of the Sheriff's Office, where it has been since 1998, and re-establish it under the direction of the BOCC as of Dec. 1.

Contingent upon the development and adoption of a transition plan by that date, the BOCC will be the agency responsible

for the daily supervisory, administrative, and budgetary authority for the director of the OEM, to include hazardous materials response.

The BOCC's rationale for the transition was that since the 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire, 2013 Black Forest Fire, and "subsequent injuries to life and property as a result of devastating flooding from the burn scars and failing infrastructure," the BOCC was "compelled to reaffirm its commitment to providing a local disaster emergency organization which by Board direction embodies comprehensive pre-and post-disaster emergency preparedness and response directed by

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