

Monument Sanitation District, Nov. 20

# Tri-Lakes construction cost-sharing issues remain unresolved

By Jim Kendrick

At the Nov. 20 Monument Sanitation District Board meeting, District Manager Mike Wicklund reviewed a variety of problems that have occurred regarding the district's shared ownership of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility. The other owner districts are Palmer Lake Sanitation District and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. These problems remain unresolved, making it difficult to finalize their total costs in the district's 2015 budget, the impact of these undefined costs on other 2015 budget priorities, and the size of the fee increase needed in 2015 to cover these additional expenses.

The public hearing for the district's 2015 budget is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Dec. 18 in the district conference room, 130 Second St.

President Ed DeLaney's out-of-town absence was unanimously excused. Treasurer Don Smith chaired the meeting.

## JUC update

Wicklund reported that Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Manager Bill Burks had stated at the Nov. 11 Joint Use Committee meeting that a non-toxic cause had been found for three whole effluent toxicity test failures in a row in the third quarter of 2014. Baby ceriodaphnia dubia tests are red and those inside of clumps of red algae had not been visually observed or counted by technicians of the GEI Consulting testing laboratory. The resulting lower counts than the actual number of baby tests present yielded incorrectly low counts for both test reproduction and survivability in the series of tests that determine toxicity for varying concentrations of biosolid wastes. These incorrectly low visual test counts by the technicians presented the appearance of a test failure due to some undetermined toxic element

in the Tri-Lakes plant's treated effluent. However, two passing tests in a row using correct counting procedures should resolve this issue without fines or other penalties, since no actual toxicity was detected.

Wicklund also noted that the long-planned construction of a Tri-Lakes facility storage building would be postponed for a fourth year because the three bids submitted were \$157,000 or more while the amount budgeted at the recommenda-

tion of the facility's architect was \$85,000. The JUC contract with this consultant architect was terminated. The storage building will be turned over to the facility's engineering consultant Tetra Tech to advertise as another bid alternative option for the total phosphorus tertiary treatment clarifier expansion project that will be put out for bid in 2015.

Burks said a third Tri-Lakes Facility operator will be hired in April 2015 to handle the additional workload created

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 **Upcoming Events**

**Dec 6 & 7** — Kiwanis craft and gift fair at Grace Best Education Center, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Proceeds support grants for teachers and schools. Musical performances by Palmer Ridge and Kilmer student groups.

**Dec 12** — Public tour of PRHS for prospective out-of-district students at 1:30 p.m.  
 (Tours for current D38 students will be offered during registration times)

**Dec 12** — PRHS Drama Improv Public Performance 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Dec 12** — D-38 Ice Hockey at Colorado Sports Center 8:15 p.m.

**Dec 20** — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Indoor Craft, Gift, and Food Market at Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson, Monument.

...and check www.pikespeakathleticconference.org for a schedule of all the winter sports action!

**Holiday Season Musical Offerings: All music concerts are free and open to the public**

**Dec 9** — LPHS and PRHS Band Holiday Concerts 7:00 p.m. at respective schools

**Dec 10** — PRHS Choir Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. at PRHS

**Dec 11** — LPHS Choir Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. at LPHS

**Counselor Honored**

LPHS counselor Larry Clouse is being honored by the Colorado Council on High School/College Relations for his significant contributions to postsecondary preparation for students. He will be recognized for his accomplishments at the council's annual conference in December. The Council is comprised of high school counselors and college admissions staff to help students reach higher education goals.

  
 Larry Clouse



Palmer Lake second graders harvest their first crop.

**Lewis-Palmer Excels in Student Preparation**

The chart below details Colorado Department of Education ratings for Lewis-Palmer School District in Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness of Students.

Districts are rated on whether they approach, meet, or exceed state requirements.

Post Secondary and Workforce Readiness Data					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Grad Rating	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds
Dropout Rating	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds
ACT Rating	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds

**Field Lab Harvest**

Palmer Lake Elementary Green Panthers Project has brought in its first harvest from the greenhouse.

Students planted the beet seeds last April during the Arbor day celebration and volunteers tended the plants through the summer. This fall, second grade students harvested the beets, and the beets and greens were cleaned and prepared in the PLES cafeteria, oven roasted (the greens were steamed), and served to the students at lunch.

Club advisor Jim Riggins says the Project Green Panther goal for the greenhouse, other than its use as a life sciences field laboratory for all teachers, is to get students excited about healthy organic fresh vegetables as a diet mainstay, and have them enjoy the experience at every step from seed to plate.

The greenhouse was purchased with grant funding.