

Bornstein did not answer when contact was attempted by the staff. Town Manager Pamela Smith said she had spoken with Bornstein earlier in the day and he was "leaning toward" approving Barber's contract.

At the conclusion of the lengthy technical discussion, the board unanimously approved Barber's letter of engagement. Barber said he would contact Town Water Attorney Bob Krassa and Town Water Resource Engineer Bruce Lytle so that all three could prepare for an executive session discussion of the various renewable and reuse water options, issues, and tradeoffs that can be funded with available water sales tax revenues.

Barber noted again that in March, Krassa and Lytle disagreed during their briefing to the board on whether to pursue renewable or reuse solutions, and these differences need to be studied further. Reuse could provide up to about 10 percent of the town's drinking water and a larger percentage of irrigation water to be determined. Conservation efforts have reduced the volume of water available for reuse while causing water rates to rise.

Tharnish supported Barber's proposal, saying he did not have the knowledge, budget, or the time to pursue water rights out of town.

Trustee Jeff Kaiser said Barber had met with him for 2 1/2 hours to discuss these issues one-on-one. Barber also agreed to meet with Trustee Stan Gingrich for a one-on-one review of town water issues.

Major water studies

The following are some of the items Tharnish noted about the town's six major water studies for 2014.

Regional Feasibility Study: This Forsgren Associates engineering study is a combined effort of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, Cherokee Metro District, and Donala and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation Districts to examine the feasibility of installing a water pipeline from the Southern Delivery System to each of these water providers, including a line through the Black Forest region to Monument. The town has committed \$5,000 toward the study.

Regional Reuse Study: This Tetra Tech engineering study is a short-term project for Woodmoor, Donala, and the town but not the Triview Metropolitan District at this time. The study will help determine the feasibility of using treated wastewater as a source of potable water by this group of entities or in-house by the town. The cost of this

study and the town's share have not yet been determined. **Renewable Water Study:** This \$36,430 WestWater Research study will be conducted by Barber and his staff to determine water acquisition strategies and potential water rights purchases.

Lawn Irrigation Return Flows: This \$40,000 study by Lytle and Associates, the town's consultant engineer, will investigate how to monitor the town's adjudicated water used for irrigation and flowing underground. This volume of water has yet to be quantified. The study will show how to determine and use the amount of this water in these underground flows in the town's water augmentation plan.

Water Master Plan update: This two-year \$50,000 Forsgren engineering study started in 2013 and will help guide the town's capital improvement plan and other water operations. The plan last was revised in early 2000.

Water Tank Site Study: Forsgren started this \$17,750 study last fall to determine how and where to store renewable water coming into the town. Three potential sites are being reviewed.

Water conservation plan approved

The board formally approved a \$3,000 five-year conservation plan written by Linda Firth that will be adopted as a guideline for future town water planning improvements. There was a lengthy discussion of options for grants for reducing water distribution system leaks and installation of xeriscape landscaping.

Single-family homes to replace Vista Ridge patio homes

Four ordinances were proposed to change the zoning,

plat, PD site plan, and annexation agreement for one of four Village Center at Woodmoor filings. The Village Center development is adjacent to the south side of High-

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