

The JUC unanimously approved the requested voluntary payment of \$579, but this time only. Strom said he still wasn't happy to be the subject to the whims of WQCD and "bearing costs needlessly

because of people who can't decide what they really want."

On March 4, AF CURE approved the second annual contract with CDSN for 2014 at \$797 per entity. The cost for each of the three Tri-Lakes owner districts is \$266.

Financial report

Facility Manager Bill Burks noted a \$698 bill from JD Vigil Co. for repairing the boiler in the facility's building heating system. The financial reports were unanimously accepted as presented.

Open water meter

bypass valve discovered

Monument District Manager Mike Wicklund reported that Monument's Public Works division had discovered the installation of a bypass valve and pipe directing water around the town's drinking water meter in a major corporate retail store in west Monument.

Public Works provided Wicklund with a picture of the bypass valve that was discovered to be partially open, which would result in meter readings lower than actual use.

The existence of the bypass valve/pipe around the meter explained the declining water meter readings that the town had been reporting to Monument Sanitation District over the past several years, resulting in lower billings by the district than in previous years. The district does not meter commercial wastewater discharges, and depends on the town's drinking water annual

meter reports for assessing the district's wastewater ow charges.

Wicklund stated that he verified with a Pikes Peak Regional Building Department plumbing supervisor that there is no building code requiring a bypass valve. But if a bypass valve/pipe is installed to make it easier for a water purveyor to change a commercial water meter without ow interruption to the business, it would be wise to lock the valve in the shut position with a lock from the water purveyor, the town of Monument in this case, to prevent unauthorized use. However the town did not install the bypass or know of its existence until a few weeks ago. He said the town will install its own lock on the bypass valve or require that the valve be removed.

Wicklund said the district will use water consumption records for this store from 2003 to four years ago to calculate average water use during the years before the declining water consumption reports began to surface to determine how much to bill the store for under-reported water use, in coordination with legal advice from the district's attorney, Larry Gaddis.

The district and the town are prohibited by law from publicly reporting the specifics of billing for any of its commercial customers, including the name of this store, Wicklund said.

Wicklund also noted the need for each of the three owner districts to periodically make inspection visits to stores to remind them that they cannot dump milk into sewers, which causes an increase in biological oxygen demand at the wastewater treatment plant. One store employee told him recently, "We only pour the milk down the drain one gallon at a time." Wicklund requires all stores selling milk to dispose of the milk through a commercial waste disposal contractor. Old milk can also be sold to be used as feed for pigs.

District managers' reports

Wicklund said that all three of Monument's lift stations were being upgraded with digital pressure transducer primary control systems to replace the original oat control system. The oat system will be left in place as a backup to the digital system. Joe Simcik of I&C Design installed and programmed the new control systems, ending hourly false alarms from the original oat systems for the past two months. "It's great to be off the oats," Wicklund added.

Palmer Lake Sanitation District Manager Becky Orcutt reported that her district is holding a mail-in TABOR waiver election on May 6 to be able to accept \$360,000 in state grants to help pay for her district's share of the facility's planned \$2.08 million total phosphorus removal equipment installation at no cost to the district's constituents. She also noted that the district is moving forward on approvals of plans for a new collection system that will be submitted by the landowner and developer of the Lake of Rockies

vacant residential parcel between Mitchell Avenue and the southeast shore of Monument Lake. The parcel was included by the Palmer Lake district at a public hearing on Feb. 11.

Woodmoor Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette reported that construction by Boldt and Co. is underway for the new Tri-Lakes Community Health Village, a 50,000-square-foot outpatient facility attached to the Tri-Lakes YMCA building. Boldt bought supplemental water rights from Woodmoor for this 50-room addition.

Plant manager's report

Burks noted that the Tri-Lakes plant had been running efficiently and that there were no unusual test results in the January report on discharged treated wastewater ef uent that is submitted each month to the state WQCD.

The average copper concentration was 9.5 micrograms per liter (µg/l), with a daily maximum reading of 10.0 µg/l. The current three-year temporary modification to the Tri-Lakes facility discharge permit increases the copper limit for the 30-day average sample reading to 24.8 µg/l and the peak monthly copper sample reading to 36.4 µg/l. However, Burks has applied for a new five-year permit at the request of the division that is expected to be issued before the current temporary permit modification expires. Biosolids were removed at a rate of 98 percent and total suspended solids were removed at a rate of 97 percent.

The daily maximum for total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) in the discharge monitoring report was 3.9 mg/l; the Control Regulation 85 limit is 15 mg/l. The ef uent TIN concentration in the monthly Control Regulation 85 grab sample was 2.33 mg/l. The total phosphorus (TP) concentration in the monthly Control Regulation 85 grab sample was 3.3 mg/liter, higher than the 1.0 mg/l TP sample limit that will be imposed by Reg. 85 after the new TP removal approval equipment is installed and certified by the division.

The committee directed Burks, by consensus, to hold a formal bidding process for the construction contract for a new storage building since the estimated cost of the building will exceed \$75,000, the state law maximum for awarding a special district contract without a competitive bidding process. The building structure will include a crane for the plant's pump gallery that will require a formal engineering review.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on April 11 at the at the Tri-Lakes facility's conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information for these meetings is available at 481-4053.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, March 13

Purchase of JV Ranch water rights approved

By Nancy Wilkins

At the March 13 Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSA) board meeting, the board approved the JV Ranch water rights purchase, discussed the new water metering ume, and approved plans for the Tri-Lakes Community Health Village.

JV Ranch water rights finalized

A court decree finalized Feb. 7 gave Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSA) water rights from Fountain Creek owing into JV Ranch by way of Chilcott Ditch. Finalizing the court decree at the March 13 meeting, the board unanimously approved adoption of dis-