

Monument Sanitation District, April 16

# Wastewater treatment expansion bid approved

By Jim Kendrick

On April 16, the Monument Sanitation District board unanimously approved a notice of construction award to Aslan Corp. for its low bid of \$3.059 million for a chemical tertiary clarifier expansion at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility. The expansion is required by the state Health Department's nutrient Control Regulation 85 to meet a new wastewater constituent treatment limit for total phosphorus (TP) of 1 milligram per liter. The Tri-Lakes facility has no designed total

phosphorus treatment capacity. It already meets the new Control Regulation 85 wastewater constituent treatment limit for total inorganic nitrogen of 15 milligrams per liter.

The absence of Monument director Matt Vincent was unanimously excused.

The Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Coordinating Committee (JUC) had approved this notice of construction award to Aslan on April 14 and a Tetra Tech construction management contract for \$252,000 (\$18,000 per month

for 14 months.) The JUC decided to add a 10 percent contingency of \$305,900 for construction costs and \$25,200 for contract management to further increase the total base bid cost to \$3.642 million.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate joint venture public utility. It is owned in equal one-third shares by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD), and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD). Please see the JUC article on page 1 for a more complete understanding of these complex and very expensive issues.

Woodmoor has filed a lawsuit against Monument and Palmer Lake over how the cost of the new TP chemical tertiary clarifier and new supporting infrastructure will

be shared. Woodmoor's position is that these costs should be divided by thirds, \$1.214 million each, and that the \$1 million state nutrient design and construction grant should also be shared by thirds. This would result in a net total cost of \$2.641 million and individual owner district cost of \$880,700 each.

If Woodmoor wins its lawsuit, Woodmoor would get 64.28 percent of the new TP treatment capacity of 264 pounds per day (ppd) for its one-third net cost of \$880,700, which is 169.7 ppd. Monument and Palmer Lake would get only 35.72 percent of the new TP treatment capacity (94.3 ppd) for their combined two-thirds net cost of \$1.76 million. This would make their combined net acquisition cost per

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