well to resolve the water issue, and had also installed filters to address complaints about odor that had been made before Premier Organics moved into the building.

Juran told the board that the application was properly submitted and was in accordance with the town's statutes.

The board voted unanimously to approve the license, with Cressman abstain-

## Two board vacancies filled by appointment

Although he had declined an appointment to the board in April, Mitchell Davis was appointed to one of the vacant seats on the board on May 12.

Bob Mutu was also appointed to the

board. Mutu served in the Air Force and was the chief electrician for the Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, he said.

Town Clerk Tara Berreth administered the oath of office to Davis and Mutu.

#### Nikki McDonald named mayor emeritus

In appreciation of her service to the town of Palmer Lake as mayor, the board gave Nikki McDonald the honorary title of mayor emeritus.

## Fishing Derby approved

The Tri-Lakes Lion's Club told the board about their plans to sponsor a fishing derby for children at Palmer Lake on Saturday. June 4, and requested a special event permit. Three hundred children are expected to attend the event. The board voted unanimously to grant the permit for the derby.

## Fireworks proposed for July 4

Jennifer Coopman led a presentation to the board requesting a special event permit to allow her team to put on a Fourth of July fireworks show in Palmer Lake. Her team has raised about \$8,000 of the \$25,000 required for the show, Coopman said. The group is planning to raise additional funds through a running event, according to Coopman.

Trustee Kuehster pointed out that the town of Monument and El Paso County had told him they would not participate in the event. Kuehster said that the last fireworks display resulted in traffic con-

gestion and raised public safety concerns. Other board members also questioned the group's plans for security, traffic control, and parking.

After some further discussion with the group, the board requested the group to present a more detailed plan to the board at their next meeting, but did not approve

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

The two meetings for June will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 9 and June 23, at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee, May 10

# Consensus growing for changes in stream temperature standards

By Lisa Hatfield

At the May 10 meeting of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLW-WTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC), the three members held an election of officers for the next two-year-term. They also heard reports on E. coli testing and cooperation among state discharge permit holders on suggestions for stream temperature standards and reviewed a draft of the 2015 district audit.

TLWWTF operates as a separate joint venture public utility and is owned in equal one-third shares by Monument Sanitation District (MSD), Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD), and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD).

The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: WWSD board Director at Large Rich Strom was elected president; MSD board Chairman Ed Delaney was elected vice president; and PLSD board Secretary/Treasurer Ken Smith was elected secretary/treasurer. Other board and staff members of the three owner districts also attended, including MSD District Manager Mike Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSD Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette.

### Plant manager's report

Facility Manager Bill Burks reviewed the March discharge monitoring report. While there were a few small issues, all results were well within the required parameters.

Burks reported that construction was going smoothly on the total phosphorus (TP) chemical removal clarifier expansion project. Work in April included cutting a 30-inch core into the foundation of the existing UV building for the separate TP

effluent pipe, installing the electrical duct bank for control of the system, tying the non-potable water line into the facility, and receiving the backup generator.

Burks announced that the Town of Monument would continue to participate in Monument Creek E. coli sampling and testing and had worked out an agreement to have TLWWTF perform the town's E. coli tests. "It's good to keep them in the loop," he said. There was board consensus that this data-gathering would increase in importance in the future with respect to stormwater and associated regulations.

#### E. coli water quality issues

Burks and MSD Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick reported on the May meeting of Arkansas and Fountain Coalition for Urban River Evaluation (AF CURE), where two representatives from the Colorado Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) spoke about total maximum daily load allocations (TMDLs) for E. coli that they would be preparing for the Monument and Fountain Creek watershed.

Joni Nuttle, the interim monitor of the division's total maximum daily load (TMDL) program, said the state recognizes that the source of most E. coli pollution is actually non-point-sources such as horse ranches and pet waste, since stormwater runoff washes these pollutants into

However, she said the state planned to enforce E. coli TMDLs through the discharge permits it issues for point-source dischargers like wastewater treatment plants, because those are the entities the state can actually analyze and control. Nuttle said it was good that one-third of the flow of Fountain Creek is from wastewater treatment facilities because they do have

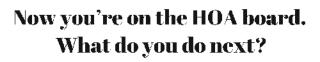


Above: The new members of the Joint Use Committee (JUC) board of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment facility elected May 10 are, from left, Monument Sanitation District board Chairman Ed Delaney, JUC vice president; Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District board Director at Large Rich Strom, JUC president; and Palmer Lake Sanitation District board Secretary/Treasurer Ken Smith, JUC secretary/treasurer. Photo by Lisa Hatfield.

to meet regulations, and because the effluent dilutes the stream. Burks reminded the JUC that TLWWTF already easily meets all required limits on E. coli.

Nuttle also said that in the next few years, the state might attempt to switch

from monitoring E. coli as a marker for safe downstream human and agricultural stream uses to monitoring viruses. Kendrick said that virus sampling and testing would be much more expensive and complicated than current E. coli sampling and



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