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Resident Bob Miner has represented the town on the project, according to Small.  
 Small asked the board to contribute \$615 to the effort. The amount was based on the town's population, Small said, adding that funding from the state for the project was expected to decline.  
 One of the project's goals was to help communities retain their flood insurance, Small said.  
 Cressman said the funding request would be voted on at the next meeting.


**Town building codes to be updated**  
 The board voted to update the town's building code to align it with the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code passed in 2011.  
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 The two meetings for September will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 and Sept. 22, 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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*Monument Board of Trustees, Aug. 1*  
**Emergency water connections discussed**

*By Lisa Hatfield*  
 At the Aug. 1 meeting of the Monument Board of Trustees, the board worked to get more information on the possibility of connecting with other water districts in case of emergencies. Trustees also commended an exemplary police officer and the recent graduates of the groundbreaking "Getting Ahead" program at Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC).  
 Trustee Kelly Elliott was excused, and Treasurer Pamela Smith filled in for Town Manager Chris Lowe, who was also excused.  
**Water: a "real stark reality check"**  
 The consensus of the board was that they would like to know more, and in more detail, about the potential for the Town of Monument water district, on the west side of I-25, to establish connections with neighboring water districts for use in times of emergencies.  
 The concern stemmed, in part, from the water production emergency recently experienced by Triview Metro-

politan District, which includes town residents in Jackson Creek and Promontory Pointe east of I-25. Donala Water and Sanitation District provided 112 hours of emergency potable water to Triview after Triview lost millions of gallons of water when an undetected pipe leak caused the water level in its tank to drop precipitously. Trustee Dennis Murphy, who is a Triview resident, said, "When nothing came out when I turned on the faucet, it was a real stark reality check about access to water." See [www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#tvmd0712](http://www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#tvmd0712).  
 Public Works Director Tom Tharnish said he would arrange for two presentations to the trustees. One will be from a neighboring water district manager explaining about that district's experience and difficulties with the Southern Delivery System (SDS). To show "the other side," as at least one trustee requested in response to Tharnish's email to them before the meeting, he will also ask a representative of Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) to address the board about its use of the SDS at an upcoming meeting.  
 Then Murphy made "a formal motion, so that we can get something done." His motion was to ask staff to update the 20-year Water Master Plan by adding analyses of possible emergency water source connections to include, but not be limited to: CSU, Donala, and SDS. He asked for the specific cost benefits to be analyzed, along with pros and cons, so that the board could vote on the subject in the near term.  
 Murphy wanted to know that the town would have access to water in an emergency so that the board would have time to "take a deep breath" and study its long-term water plans, "and we can talk intelligently about moving forward incrementally."  
 Tharnish and Engineer Will Koger of Forsgren Associates said that by the second board meeting in September, they should be able to provide the board with more detailed information. The board approved Murphy's motion unanimously.

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