By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met on Oct. 20 to plan public hearings, to consider a request for supplemental water service, to hear comments from residents, and to hear operational reports. Typically, the board meets on the second Thursday of each month, but in October the meeting was held a week later. In November, the board will meet on Nov. 17, again departing from its regular schedule.

Customer comments sought on rates and budget

The board voted unanimously to have a public hearing to present the 2017 budget to district customers, and give them a chance to comment. The hearing on the budget will be part of the board meeting to be held Nov. 17. Details will be posted on the district’s web page (www.woodmoorwater.com).

 Mines Shopping Center requests supplemental water

Greg Nagel, owner of the Mines Shopping Center, asked the board to approve supplemental water service to the property. The water was necessary to support the expansion of the Pikes Peak Brewing Co., Nagel said.

The board voted unanimously to approve Nagel’s request.

Resident questions service to new residential developments

Darryl Beckmann, a district customer, asked the board to explain why, since water is a limited resource, the board allows new residential developments to use sod in their landscaping efforts. Using the new residential development at Highway 105 and Knollwood as an example, Beckmann said he found the “optics” of sod along Highway 105 troubling, especially in light of the district’s rate increases in recent years.

Board President Jim Taylor explained that the board does not have any oversight authority concerning land use and planning issues, and can’t control the actions of developers. If the district has water available, it must provide it to developers whose projects have been approved by the municipal and county departments that have that authority, Taylor said.

Interconnect with Monument Water District discussed

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District Treasurer Jim Wyss said the needs of the district’s customers would be the first priority for the board but that the district should also be a good neighbor to the rest of the community.

The board decided to investigate the interconnect over the next couple months.

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