



# Board of Trustees Action Items

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### **Board to Consider Moratorium on Issuance of Land Use Permits for Oil and Gas Operations –**

During Tuesday night's meeting, the Board of Trustees directed staff to prepare an emergency ordinance enacting a 180 day moratorium, on special use reviews for new gas well operations within the Town's limits in order to afford our gas operators the time they need to implement a plan and or technologies to reduce airborne volatile organic compounds in a quantifiable and verifiable manner, and to array these actions in a legal agreement with the Town. And to allow staff time to review and propose changes as necessary to the Unified Development Code as it relates to special use reviews for these operations. The Board will consider the ordinance during their March 13, 2012 meeting.

**Board Approves Purchase of Source Water Monitoring Equipment –** As part of continued efforts to better monitor oil and gas operations within the Town of Erie, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of source water monitoring equipment in an amount of \$50,000.

**BACKGROUND:** Since January of this year, the Board has been developing a checklist for rules regarding oil and gas monitoring. One concern is the potential of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing process coming in contact with Erie's drinking water. The Board directed staff to investigate methods of detecting such chemicals in Erie's source water. Staff determined that the appropriate monitoring sites would be the pretreatment building of the Water Treatment Facility, Prince Reservoir, and Erie Reservoir. An additional hand held meter would provide spot checks on the rest of the equipment and allow staff to monitor well water at citizens' homes upon request. Staff intends to phase the purchase of this equipment. Phase 1 equipment (2012) will monitor the source water in the pretreatment building at the Water Treatment Facility and will include the handheld unit for spot monitoring. In 2013, Phase 2 efforts would include the implementation of the reservoir monitoring equipment.

**Board Approves Water-Wise Irrigation Audits –** The Board of Trustees approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide FREE residential and commercial water inspection services to Erie residents, businesses and homeowner's associations during 2012. The irrigation inspections are designed to pinpoint inefficiencies which contribute to water waste,

unnecessary runoff, increased run-time, and maintenance costs. In its eight year, the program meets conservation goals set by the Town of Erie's Water Conservation Plan.

#### Landscape Irrigation Audits (existing program)

As of the end of the 2011 Landscape Irrigation Audit Program, there were 18 residential and 2 homeowner's association requests on the wait list for the 2012 program. The Center for ReSource Conservation will contact those requestors first to schedule inspections. The irrigation inspections will begin in June and end in August. A residential inspection requires approximately two hours to complete and a commercial or homeowner's association inspection will require approximately 25 hours to complete.

#### Indoor Water Inspection Program

New this year, the Center for ReSource Conservation will offer an indoor water inspection program. The indoor water inspection program includes evaluation of inside water use and water fixtures in each home, and an offer to install at least two aerators and one low-flow showerhead. The inside water inspections will begin in March, end in May, then resume in September and end in December.

#### Water-Wise Landscape Seminar

Also new this year, the Center for ReSource Conservation has developed a Water-Wise Landscape Seminar scheduled for the second week in April. Details will be provided at a later date.

To schedule an inspection, please contact the Center for Resource Conservation at 303-999-3820 extension 217, or register on line at [www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org) at any time.

**Board Accepts Two Aviation Grants** – The Board approved resolutions accepting a Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant in the amount of \$400,000 and a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant in the amount of \$150,000.

BACKGROUND: The CDOA makes matching funds available to communities to be utilized as matching funds for FAA projects or other maintenance projects. In 2011, the Town applied for CDOA funds totaling \$400,000 for an Airport Master Plan Update; the repair of concrete heaving on Runway 33; realignment of Runway 33/Taxiway A1 guidance sign and hold line; and to cover 2.5% of the FAA funding. Each year, the FAA dedicates \$150,000 in General Aviation (GA) Funds to the Erie Municipal Airport for FAA approved projects.

**Town of Erie Department of Public Works Wins Two APWA Awards** – Director of Public Works Gary Behlen announced to the Board that the Town of Erie has been honored by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for excellence in the management and administration of the following public works projects:

### Leon A. Wurl Service Center – Award Category: Facilities Management/Maintenance

An intensive preconstruction planning phase kept design-related changes to .6%, or 75% below the industry average. The final contract was \$202,000 below the original contract, allowing the Town to apply the savings to other projects and uses. The locally-funded project was fast-tracked to allow the Town of Erie to completely relocate its maintenance operations well ahead of the winter season.

### North Water Reclamation Facility – Award Category: Solid Waste Management/Operations

The design/build contract for this facility allowed the team to look at the best options for equipment and materials rather than just the lowest bid. The design/build team reviewed all equipment and materials and selected the equipment that best met the goals of the project. The project allowed opportunities during construction to modify plans so the Town received the best product at the best cost. The completed project came in several hundred thousand dollars under budget.

**Mayor Wilson Presents Young Patriots Award** – Mayor Wilson presented the Young Patriots Award to Red Hawk Elementary students who led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.



**Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings** – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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