

stored in the federal Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation's Pueblo Reservoir, then transported in CSU's Southern Delivery System pipeline to a CSU water treatment plant. After treatment by CSU, this now-potable water is transported to an interconnection with Donala's distribution system for direct delivery to Donala's water customers.

Draft long-term Pueblo Reservoir storage contract previewed
Petersen distributed copies of a draft long-term 40-year renewable surface

water storage contract between the federal Bureau of Reclamation and Donala. He asked the board who should sign the final long-term contract for Donala once the bureau has approved it. The board unanimously approved a motion that either the Donala board president or district general manager could sign the final contract for Donala.

Operations report
Petersen reported that the R. Hull water treatment plant is now rehabilitated with all new control systems and elec-

tronic upgrade and replacement work completed. The plant was recommissioned on Nov. 27. Water demands are currently being met by the Holbein plant. Well 4 was repaired after the pipe from the well to the transmission pipe pulled apart. Well 8 is still down, and repairs will start before the end of 2017. The Doral Way water line project had been completed except for a few items sent by consultant GMS engineering to each contractor and subcontractor to ensure that impacted individual prop-

erties would be restored.

The next board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Information: 488-3603 or www.donala-water.org. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month.

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Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee, Dec. 12

Waste solids loading higher than normal

By Lisa Hatfield

On Dec. 12, the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) discussed October's unexpectedly high concentration of waste solids, continued JUC discussions about the potential benefits of participating in the new state nutrient incentive program, and heard reports about regional wastewater stakeholder meetings. Members also stated their appreciation for the work done by those who continue to dedicate so much time and energy in support of wastewater treatment facilities in an attempt to keep up with new and unexpected regulations by monitoring state and federal environmental legislation processes.

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, president; MSD board Chairman Ed DeLaney, vice president; and PLSD board Director Pat Smith, treasurer/secretary. 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.

Organic loading discussed

During Facility Manager Bill Burks' discharge monitoring report, extra discussion focused on the very noticeable spike in the organic load going through the facility that came from South Woodmoor in October. This 20 percent jump was previously discussed at the November meeting, and while the exact measurement of the jump has now been determined and billed to Woodmoor, no new information on the exact cause was presented at the December meeting. See www.ocn.me/v17n12.htm#tlwtf.

Burks said that in October, biological oxygen demand (BOD), or waste solids loading, was at 90 percent of

organic capacity for the whole facility, but the overall average for the year was still just 61 percent of the organic capacity. The facility was just at 30 percent of hydraulic flow capacity as usual, he said.

Note: The Colorado Water Quality Control Act requires that if a facility has more than three individual months in a row at 80 percent of either of these two rated capacities,

it would be required to start engineering design for expansion construction to meet the higher influent waste solids treatment demand.

Burks said this was the first time ever that Woodmoor's wastewater was actually more concentrated than MSD's. The group's comments included:

- North Woodmoor lines are also contributing to this situation. Most of

Woodmoor's growth has been on the north side.

- New construction requires low-flow toilets, so building code changes are now resulting in wastewater that is more concentrated than the plant was originally designed and constructed to handle.
- WWSD has fewer leaks in its sanitary sewer collec-

tion system now, which also would make its wastewater stronger due to less infiltration dilution from groundwater.

Nutrient incentive program discussed

At the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Oct. 10 rulemaking hearing on the Colorado nutrient Regulation 85 and Regulation 31 Section 31.17, the WQCC adopted



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