(technically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material) due to "treatment" by a water provider. Having either TENORM or too much radium in the system could impact TLWWTF in the future for various reasons. However, the rules on dealing with TENORM will not be written by CDPHE until 2020, and there is no sampling and analysis plan set, said MSD Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jim Kendrick.

Gillette said JVA Engineering and the state Health Department "see no real problem" for now.

To be proactive, Gillette told the JUC he was about to perform extra sampling on effluent leaving the WWSD water treatment plant and at other points in the system, to establish a baseline of radium levels headed to TLW-WTF after WWSD's drinking water treatment process. The samples cost \$400 each and

take six weeks to get the results

Gillette recommended that PLSD and MSD, while not water providers, might want to coordinate their backwashes with Burks can so he can capture influent samples at the right times and document a baseline to keep on file for his own facility operations too, to show how well it is working. "You should always plan for worst-case scenario," Gillette said. "Radium levels are going up all over, not just here."

## Quick repair accomplished

Burks praised his staff for their efficient work on the clarifier drive that needed replacement. It was out of service for only three days, and the facility still operated well within permit levels during that time since the team balanced vital bacteria levels in the basins in other ways.

The meeting adjourned at

Donala Water and Sanitation District, Aug. 15

# Key permit granted; district seeks long-term CSU agreement

By Jennifer Kaylor
The Donala Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors met Aug. 15 to close final actions on a 1041 permit request to Pueblo County and receive updates about district projects.

## 1041 permit step complete!

At the July 18 board meeting, Donala directors approved a resolution that accepted and acknowledged the terms and conditions of Pueblo County's 1041 permit, a legal and financial step that allows Donala to replace its nontributary well water with imported Willow Creek Ranch renewable surface water through the Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) Southern Delivery System pipeline (SDS) located in Pueblo County. Subsequently, the Board of Pueblo County Commissioners voted 3-0 at a July 30 hearing to approve Donala's request for the 1041 permit that's taken five years to obtain.

Before the July 30 hearing, Pueblo County legal representatives proposed language to add to the resolution. District Manager Kip Petersen confirmed that the language did not add any conditions, so he presented Resolution 2019-2 with the incorporated revisions before the Donala board for ratification. Donala directors approved the changes unanimously.

Petersen described the 1041 permit as the "second leg of a three-legged stool." Donala has been working to achieve a long-term service agreement with CSU for the transport of the dis-

trict's Willow Creek Ranch water from the ranch near Leadville to Donala customers. In March 2019, Donala received a 40-year water storage contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, which served as the first "leg." See www.ocn.me/v19n3. htm#dwsd. The contract acknowledged that Donala may store water in the Pueblo Reservoir. The district and CSU have been functioning on oneyear, temporary agreements under which Donala pays outof-district rates that are 50% higher than the rates CSU's in-district customers pay, even though Donala already owns the water it is receiving. See www.ocn.me/v18n2. htm#dwsd.

The Pueblo County 1041 permit coupled with the Bureau of Reclamation 40-year contract creates the opportunity for Donala to seek a long-term—most likely a 25-year minimum—service agreement with CSU. This would

11:43 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to the public from all three owner-districts. For information, call Bill Burks at 719-481-4053.

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