

split took only 39 minutes to repair once Triview finally was granted permission access the leak site, which lies within protected Preble's mouse habitat. See the following articles for details:

- www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#tvmd0712
- www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#dwsd0721
- www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#tmd
- www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#dwsd

The board tabled any further discussions of the feasibility of Donala joining the Colorado Southeastern Conservancy District until the Nov. 16 board workshop on future goals, water rights, and strategies for financing. www.secwcd.org/

Petersen noted that he and engineering consultant Roger Sams of GMS Inc. attended the Sept. 11 regular Triview board meeting. Sams presented a review of current project planning, regulatory framework, funding, and operational events and needs for the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (UMCRWWTF). Triview, Donala, and Forest Lakes Metropolitan District share ownership of UMCRWWTF. See the following articles for details:

- www.ocn.me/v16n7.htm#tmd-0614
- www.ocn.me/v17n10.htm#tvmd

The UMCRWWTF effluent discharge flume that measures the discharge flow has been replaced. The plant's state-approved arsenic removal upgrades will now be constructed in 2019-20. Donala runs UMCRWWTF for the three owner districts. Petersen presented a draft facility budget for 2018 in September.

Petersen noted that Donala has been contacted by a development group that will be building a 64-room extended stay MY Place hotel on the Barash Academy Gateway parcel, the vacant lot at the northwest corner of Struthers Road and North Gate Boulevard, near the I-25 North Gate Exit 156. A Starbucks and a convenience store are also planned for this county parcel, which is in Donala's service area. Petersen said on Sept. 21 that he also had met with the county to learn about a major stormwater project planned at this intersection. Note: Donala has no responsibilities beyond water and wastewater in its service plan (charter) and is not responsible for stormwater in its service area. www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#epbocc

Donala's surface water right for use of snow-melt flows from its Willow Creek Ranch in Leadville ended on Aug. 31. Donala stored 270 acre-feet in 2017. The total amount of stored Donala ranch water in the Pueblo Reservoir was 280 acre-feet. Donala can store up to 499 acre-feet of ranch water in the reservoir.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Oct. 19 regular meeting
On Oct. 19, Petersen and Sams presented a preliminary report

on a Donala rate study being performed by GMS to determine how close Donala water rates are to paying for the actual cost of service, a long-term board goal over the last several years. Petersen also presented a draft 2018 Donala budget that will be voted on by the board at a public hearing on Dec. 7.

Petersen announced the Dec. 31 retirement of Office Manager Betsy Bray, who has worked for Donala for 24 years. Tanja Smith, of Accounts Receivable, was promoted to replace Bray and take over the office manager duties at this meeting to allow for some overlap with Bray during the transition.

All five board members were present as was Christina Hawker of Accounts Payable.

Presentation on User Charge Evaluation and analysis
Sams stated that the User Charge Evaluation examined the cost of operations

and the operations revenue required for the two-year period of 2018-19. There was an hourlong technical discussion about the numerous regulatory

trade-offs for various risk factors for various rate structures to meet sufficient revenue for inevitable steep increases in both Donala's unique drink-

ing water treatment operating expenses and Donala's share of UMCRWWTF's unique sequencing batch reactor wastewater treatment operating

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