

Donala Water and Sanitation District, June 22

Renewable surface water purchase completed

By Jim Kendrick

On June 22, Donala Water and Sanitation District General Manager Kip Petersen reported successful completion of the Laughlin Ditch renewable surface water rights purchase. The board also unanimously approved the contract award for the Doral Way pipeline construction project and unanimously accepted the district's successful 2016 audit.

Additional renewable water rights purchase completed

Petersen reported that Donala had formally closed on its purchase of the Laughlin water right on May 23 for 324 acre-feet per year of Fountain Creek renewable surface water. This purchase increases Donala's surface water right portfolio up to roughly 70 percent of Donala's potable water demand at build-out. For more information, see www.ocn.me/v17n5.htm#dwsd

Petersen said that all the ground and surface water and wastewater treatment facilities are operating very well. He praised the staff for taking all their diverse responsibilities very seriously to protect Donala customers in every way, noting the leadership of Chief Water Operator Mark Parker and Superintendent Robert Hull. An inspector stated during a May 31 state triannual sanitary facility inspection that Donala's are some of the cleanest facilities he's ever seen.

Petersen introduced newly-hired water operator Kevin Bolinsky to the board. He just moved here from Pennsylvania with an A license and extensive expertise and experience in surface water treatment operations, "which will be invaluable." Bolinsky said,

"Every day reassures me that I made the right choice applying here. I truly believe that the way Kip operates and the rest of the staff operates, in a family at-

mosphere, trickles down from the board. I expect to be here for a long time."



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