

only eligible for annual "if and when excess storage is available for lease" rates, if and when excess Pueblo Reservoir storage capacity has not been all been leased by higher-priority reservoir leaseholders. Mill levy election options are May 2018 or May 2020.

Petersen reported on his panel presentation at the July 15 local water issues forum, hosted by the Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO), as district manager for Donala

and as this year's president of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA). Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Manager and last year's PPRWA President Jessie Shaffer and Triview board member James Otis also spoke on water issues. There were 25 representatives of Tri-Lakes region homeowners' associations in attendance. These three answered questions about:

- Their board's composition and size
- What services they can legally provide
- Types of district customers
- Their water service area boundaries
- Types of owned water rights and each water right's individual sustainability
- How their district plans to keep water rates affordable

Now that the Legislature has adjourned for 2017, the next meetings of the PPRWA will be held in the fourth quarter of the year.

**Willow Creek Ranch**

A Donala crew will be at Willow Creek Ranch just southwest of Leadville conducting routine equipment maintenance for the flumes, siltation removal, and fencing repairs. Other items are landscaping to optimize snowmelt flows and wildfire mitigation.

**Operations**

Petersen said that irrigation season demands are

being met with district groundwater pumping infrastructure, which is working well after being turned off for many months over the winter and spring. Overall, about 42 million gallons were produced in June. One low-flow shallow potable groundwater well pump (well 2D) was damaged by sand ingestion and will be repaired later this year. The Upper Monument wastewater effluent flume needs to be replaced simply due to its age. The GMS engineering firm will formulate a re-design project plan. The preliminary estimated replacement cost is about \$30,000.

The Doral Way pipeline replacement project (3,200 feet of 8-inch potable water lines) will start in mid-August and should be finished in early October.

Restaurant grease trap and dentist amalgam separator inspections will continue to be performed by the district to ensure compliance.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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The next board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Information: 488-3603 or [www.donalawater.org](http://www.donalawater.org). Regular meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month, except in June and November. <http://donalawater.org/images/stories/pdfs/Board%20Meeting%20Annual%20Schedule.pdf> Jim Kendrick can be reached at [jimkendrick@ocn.me](mailto:jimkendrick@ocn.me).

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*Monument Board of Trustees, July 7 and 17*

## New reservoir might be a storage option for "imported" renewable water

By Lisa Hatfield

Building a new reservoir in the Tri-Lakes area, co-owned by several water entities, could provide storage for renewable water purchased and imported from other places, the trustees learned at the July 17 Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. The board

also decided that town code enforcement will now be handled by a subcontractor, and they discussed marijuana and roads maintenance and approved a new fast-food restaurant.

Town employee Zachary Deblois received a certificate of recognition from Town Manager Chris Lowe for his quick action in administering first aid to an injured teen, and new town attorney Alicia Corley was sworn in. See related photos on the facing page.

Trustee Greg Coopman was absent.

**Regional water supply system presentation**  
 Engineer Will Koger of Forsgren Associates presented information about future water supplies for the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) that was similar to presentations Forsgren Associates gave last month at both Donala Water and Sanitation District and Triview Metropolitan District board meetings. See [www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#tvmd](http://www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#tvmd) for more details about the future of water in our area.

Key point: For the purposes of the regional water plan, it was assumed that it will not be economically feasible to pump water from large municipal wells in the Denver Basin aquifers by 2050. Additional wells would not produce enough water to justify the cost of drilling them, Koger said.

He emphasized the need for local water districts to find additional sources of renewable water since the current groundwater supplies are diminishing. The Town of Monument's water system west of I-25 currently relies almost exclusively on water from the aquifers. By 2050, a deficit of 9,397 acre-feet a year is projected for just the Tri-Lakes area, and statewide a 500,000 acre-foot gap is forecast by then. An acre-foot is about the amount of water used by two single-family homes for one year.

All 350,000 people who currently rely on Denver Basin water need to take note and make changes, Koger said. Municipalities up and down the Front Range are all working to find alternative renewable water sources. (In answer to this reporter's question after the meeting, he told OCN that individually owned domestic wells in the shallow Dawson aquifer would hopefully still have adequate flow for individual residences in 2050, but this would vary on a case-by-case



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