

traffic issues that really are not related to this project.” Ahead of the vote, Commissioner Tony Gioia said, “I plan to vote in favor of this. I certainly hear the impassioned plea for the issues surrounding the traffic in the area, but I tend to agree with the applicant that this is not really their fault or their requirement to fix as it’s a much larger problem.” Commissioner Brian Risley, while stating that he understood the concerns, was also in favor and said, “I think this as an infill project is actually a good way of dealing with the growth that we know is coming and has been coming to northern El Paso County.... I, for one, support this because it is an infill project which is being done

with a lot of sensitivity for the surrounding neighbors in terms of density and housing type.” Commissioner Mastin said, “I’m going to vote against it, and the reason is that I have to give the neighbors a voice.” Also voting against, Commissioner Joan Lucia-Treese commented, “I am concerned that it is not compatible with the area. Traffic, density, the number of letters of objection are of concern to me. I think that there could have been a better job

done. It’s just kind of hitting me as railroading over the residents and for that reason I vote against it.” The application went to the El Paso Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) with a recommendation for approval. It was scheduled to be heard at the BOCC meeting on March 27. See the related BOCC article on page 1 for those results.
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Petersen reported that CSU prefers that water entities provide their own raw water for transport, treatment, and distribution, as Donala currently does, over sales of CSU’s own renewable water to separate regional water entities outside of the CSU service area. Currently, the only Tri-Lakes region water entities that own renewable surface water rights for this kind of regional collaboration are DWSD, Triview Metropolitan District, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD), and the Town of Monument. Only DWSD and WWSD own storage rights for renewable surface water, in Pueblo Reservoir and Lake Woodmoor, respectively. Only Donala has an existing collaboration contract with CSU.

After contract pricing and policy recommendations are finalized by the Utility Board, several substantial changes by the City Council to the City Code will be required to implement CSU’s regional collaboration initiative, with possible implementation as early as 2019. Petersen said he would continue to update the board on this initiative.

The next board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on April 19 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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Pinon Pines Metropolitan District 1 will hold mail ballot election

The mail ballot election for Pinon Pines District No. 1 (associated with the Forest Lakes development) is currently proceeding for the May 8 election. Pinon Pines Metropolitan District 1 currently has only two four-year terms available on the Board of Directors (James Boulton’s current position and one vacancy),

so there are four candidates running for two positions. The candidates and ballot order for the four-year terms are as follows:

- Mike Slavick
- Steven Schlosser
- Mike Hitchcock
- James Boulton

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