

Water re-use will entail treating the effluent from the sewage treatment plant to bring it to a higher standard of purity than at present, Johnson said, before returning it to Monument Lake. He described a method that included treatment with ozone, then filtration with bio-active carbon, and finally purification with ultraviolet light.

The Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment plant will need a \$14.3 million investment to decommission the existing headworks and solids lagoon, to add additional treatment for phosphorus, to add aerobic digesters, to construct a solids handling building, to improve odor control, and to build a new headworks facility.

Trial of compressed work schedule approved

District Manager Jessie Shaffer asked the board to approve a pilot project to move the district to a four-day work week, with the district employees working Monday through Friday. Shaffer said he thought a compressed schedule would increase job satisfaction, make employees more productive, and save the district a small amount of money. Commuting costs for employees would also decrease, he said.

Shaffer proposed testing this new schedule from June 21 through Oct. 17. The district office would be open from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and the new schedule would be commu-

nicated through the district's newsletter, through email, and through printed bills, he said. On-call operations would not change, he said.

Shaffer said the success of the pilot project would be determined by tracking overtime hours required, customer complaints, and by surveys of employees and customers.

The board voted unanimously to allow the pilot project to go forward. See notice on page 22.

Highlights from operational reports

- The board will consider leasing a portion of the Woodmoor Ranch (previously called the JV Ranch) to JUWI Inc., so that JUWI can install a solar array.

- The board voted to provide the Maguire family with six years of augmented water for their pond in return for the Maguires' returning pre-paid taps for water and sewage to the district.
- The project to secure the Fountain Creek augmentation station on the Chilcott Ditch will go to bid in July; a loan for the work has been obtained from the state.
- The unaccounted water, which had been high in previous months, is back in line with historical measurements after a leak at Higby Road and Cloverleaf Road was addressed.

- Lewis-Palmer District 38 has finalized its Safe Routes to School grant, and WWSD is working with the district to design the portion of the trail that runs along the southern end of Lake Woodmoor and will cross the lake's spillway.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. See www.woodmoorwater.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, May 17

New board officers sworn in and updated on summer drought

By Jim Kendrick

On May 17, term-limited Donala Water and Sanitation District (DWSD) board President Dave Powell conducted his last official act of swearing in three directors, including new Director Wayne Vanderschuere, retired general manager of Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) Water Services; re-elected Director Bob Denny, who is entering his second four-year term; and newly-elected Director Dennis Snyder, who was appointed on Aug. 19, 2016. Powell noted the tremendous progress the board has made in the past eight years by obtaining 80 percent of the renewable water it needs to provide all the district's potable water demand at buildout.

The new board was updated on drought predictions, irrigation restrictions, and revenue and expense projections for an active infrastructure construction summer. Engineer Mark Morton of GMS Inc. briefed the board on the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (UMCRWWTF) arsenic removal pilot plant and full-scale plant expansion construction project.

Director Ed Houle's absence was unanimously excused.

Election of officers

Director Ken Judd was unanimously elected board president. Board Secretary/Treasurer Denny was unanimously elected board vice president. Director Ed Houle was then unanimously elected secretary/treasurer.

Drought update

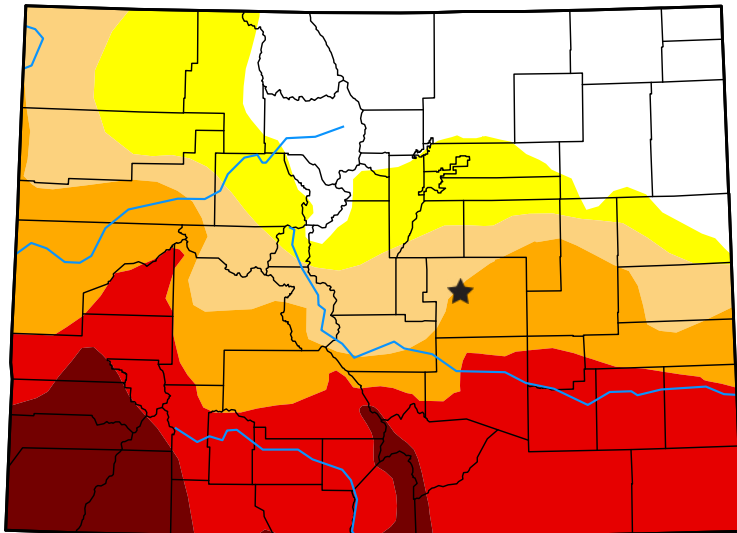
District Manager Kip Petersen presented the most recent weekly drought report of May 10 from the U.S. Drought Monitor website. He said areas of "exceptional drought," which is the worst of the five ratings, had appeared in the May 10 map for the first time this year in southwest Colorado. The "scary" exceptional and extreme drought areas are moving north toward El Paso County. This drought will increase the amount of

irrigation water Donala will have to provide this year.

Note: These U.S. Drought Monitor maps are also available to

all OCN readers for download in JPG and PDF format at:

Colorado: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap.aspx>



D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought ★ Tri-Lakes Area



Above: On May 17, term-limited Donala Water and Sanitation District Board President Dave Powell swore in new Director Wayne Vanderschuere, who is the retired general manager of Colorado Springs Utilities Water Services (left); newly-elected Director Dennis Snyder, who was appointed on Aug. 19, 2016 (center), and re-elected Director Bob Denny, who is entering his second four-year term (right). Photo by Jim Kendrick.


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National: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap.aspx>

The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map is shown on the left.

Petersen noted that Tony Anderson of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration gave a "depressing"

drought presentation to the May meeting of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable that he, Judd, and Denny attended. Petersen distributed a meeting summary for this event to the directors. He noted that Arkansas River Forum has discussed making the movie From Leadville to Lamar: The Story of the Arkansas River available via web-based media. He will pro-



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