

water right on May 23, 2017. 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.

The board unanimously approved the FMIC Carriage Agreement as presented. Petersen said, "This is a big step forward."

Draft 2017 audit accepted by board

Tom Sistare of accounting firm Hoelting and Co. gave Donala a clean/unmodified opinion, adding that Hoelting had found no management or internal controls findings or any other items of concern. Sistare praised the leadership of Donala accountant Christina Hawker in providing all the information needed by Hoelting to help this audit go very smoothly. Petersen echoed Sistare, and the board gave Hawker a round of applause for her superb work. Hoelting will now forward the final 2017

audit to the state.

Triview water transmission negotiations approved

Petersen said he has had continuing discussions with Triview Metropolitan District Manager Jim McGrady and several managers of other nearby water and sanitation districts about the potential for a regional water system. He has also talked with McGrady about Donala's potential ability to transport Triview's roughly 400 acre-feet of renewable FMIC surface water right shares between the Donala-Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) water interconnection at the intersection of Struthers Road and Northgate Boulevard to the Donala-Triview water interconnection at the intersection of Baptist Road and Gleneagle Drive. Currently this is the only practical transport method available to Triview to be able to use Triview's FMIC shares of renewable surface water rights. Petersen said that each utility must give highest pri-

ority to serving its own customers first. Each of the three utilities must perform engineering analyses regarding its own internal peak demands and capabilities before connecting to an external water distribution system under periods of peak supply, pipeline, and pumping capacity demands, which will most likely be simultaneous for all three during a summer drought or wildfire situation. Other analyses of capital upgrade, water tank storage capacity, operations, and maintenance costs and how costs would be shared under new system demands are also required. Once these technical requirements are determined, a financial analysis of cost-sharing requirements and methods is required. Triview will reimburse Donala for its water transport studies. Triview will be installing water meters at both Donala-Triview interconnections at Triview's expense.

Currently only Triview has an interconnection with Forest Lakes Metropolitan District.

The board unanimously approved a motion for Petersen to begin these conceptual studies and preliminary negotiations with Triview for a notional agreement for non-emergency water transport of Triview-owned potable water through Donala's transmission lines. Petersen will investigate holding a board-to-board meeting with Triview directors in November.

Financial reports

Petersen and the board concluded that overall revenues and expenses are on track to date. Water sales revenues will go up dramatically now due to the very dry weather that is forecast for the summer.

Status of operations

Both of Donala's water treatment plants and the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility are all operational and running well as the drought continues. The planned installation of the new Upper Monument headworks screen unit and the water tank catwalk are underway.

The county is still under a stage 2 fire ban. These United States Drought Monitor maps are also available to all OCN readers for their download in JPG and PDF format at:

Colorado: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Current-Map/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CO>

National: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Current-Map.aspx>

Development update

Academy Gateway center construction is continuing at the intersection of Struthers Road and Gleneagle Drive. The My Place Hotel and Starbucks are now open. The new 7-Eleven and the new office building on the east side of Struthers to the north of the Community Banks Building at this intersection are both still under review by the county Developmental Services Department. The adjacent Loaf and Jug has been converted to a fitness gym.

The county will start construction of the roundabout at this intersection in July.

Executive session

The board unanimously approved a motion to go into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(b) conference with an attorney for the district to receive legal advice on specific policy questions at 3:56 p.m. After the board came out of this executive session, it immediately adjourned with no further votes or actions taken.

The next board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on July 19 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Information: 488-3603 or www.donalawater.org. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month.

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Pinon Pines Metropolitan District 1, July 2

Forest Lakes residents asked to reduce irrigation

By Lisa Hatfield

On July 2, the board of Pinon Pines Metropolitan District 1 (PPMD 1) in Forest Lakes met to accept the 2017 audit report and talk about watering restrictions.

PPMD 1 is a taxing district located within the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD). FLMD is a Title 32 service district in El Paso County and is the half-acre operating district that is responsible for the public infrastructure for the residents of PPMD 1 and PPMD 2, which are in unincorporated El Paso County, and PPMD 3, the commercial section, which lies mostly within the southwest town limits of Monument. For background, see www.ocn.me/v17n1.htm#flmd.

PPMD 1's board is President George Lenz, executive vice president of finance of Classic Homes; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Doug Stimple, CEO of Classic Homes; Assistant Secretary Joe Loidolt, president of Classic Homes, and newly-elected board members Mike

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