

Parker said. He added that he saw an increase in the pace of house construction at Willow Springs Ranch.

Parker also said he had met with a developer planning 10 homes on 8 acres west of Old Denver Highway south of the Monument Ice Rinks.

Administrative resolution updated

The board voted unanimously to approve an amended

administrative resolution that names Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn and Ulmer as the district’s legal counsel and Olsen, Reyes, and Sauerwein as the district’s auditor.

Highlights of operational reports

- In his Manager’s Report, Parker stressed the problems caused by “flushable” wipes, which can jam valves and cause clogs. The board dis-

cussed ways to encourage district customers not to flush wipes even if they are labeled as flushable on the packaging.

- Financial and cash-flow reports were approved after questions raised by Kronick were addressed.
- Accounts Administrator Cheran Allsup reported that Haynie and Co., the district’s auditing firm, was having so much

difficulty with staffing that they were unable to guarantee the district that they could provide adequate service.

Monument Sanitation District meetings are normally held at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the district conference room at 130 Second St., Monument. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 20

at 9 a.m. See <https://colorado.gov/msd>. For a district service map, see <https://colorado.gov/pacific/msd/district-map-0>. Information: 719-481-4886.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, March 17

Radium and operational details discussed

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

The Donala Water and Sanitation District (DWSD) board focused on operational details at its March 17 meeting. Radium mitigation, the Holbein treatment plant repair work, replumbing of storage tanks, and the status of the district’s wells were highlighted. District Manager Jeff Hodge also commented on two water re-use projects currently in the planning stages. The meeting ended with an executive session.

Radium levels reduced

In his manager’s report, District Manager Jeff Hodge told the board he had reviewed radium data from multiple labs, which used different techniques to measure the presence of radium, and the samples showed levels had been reduced. He said the replacement of filter medium in the Holbein treatment plant and the work underway to clean some of the district’s wells would be helpful in further reducing radium levels. He told the board that wells 1, 2A, 2D, 3D, and 9 had been testing below the 5 picocurie per liter (pCi/L) standard.

Storage tanks to be replumbed

Hodge said the district’s storage tanks at the Holbein plant would be replumbed so that one tank becomes the point of distribution for the delivery system and provides a single point to test for radium. President Ed Houle said more details about this effort would be presented in April.

Wells status presented

Hodge told the board that wells 2A and 2D are being flushed, and he expected they would be back in production soon. Well 2D needs a variable frequency drive, a pump that can be run at varying rates, he said. Wells 3D, 8, and 12 have been cleaned and are being treated with chlorine.

Well 16, a new well the district is working on, has encountered no objections in water court, Hodge said. The next step is review by state engineers. The permit to drill the well is expected in August or September.

Hodge explained that once drilling begins, it must

continue uninterrupted until the well is completed, otherwise the well will collapse. He anticipated well 16 would need to be 2,500 feet deep and would be drilled at the rate of 100 feet per day. The district will communicate the details of the drilling to nearby residents and may of-

fer them hotel accommodations during the noisiest part of the drilling.

Water re-use projects compared

Hodge commented briefly on two water re-use projects being studied. Both projects share the goal of conveying water from Fountain Creek

to customers in northern El Paso County, but through different routes and using different storage facilities. The first is sponsored by Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), and recently released a report that estimated it could deliver water for \$7.38 per thousand gallons. The

second project, sponsored by several water districts including DWSD, has not finished a first draft of its report, Hodge said.

Executive session

An executive session was held to discuss the district’s negotiations with Colorado Springs Utilities for long-



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