

part of the infrastructure upgrades needed to transport larger amounts of renewable water from the southern part of the district to the northern parts. The initial work will install larger pumps at the Latrobe and Jessie facilities. That will be followed by installation of a new pipeline from the Jessie facilities up Baptist Road and upgrades to other pipelines in the district. The work is to be completed by the end of 2013.

- Duthie reported on the March 15 meeting of the

Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA). He said the Super Ditch test project, originally planned for 500 acre-feet per year, has been scaled back to 250 acre-feet with 125 acre-feet each for the cities of Fountain and Security because the Southeast Water Conservancy District has blocked participation by the Cherokee and Woodmen Hills metropolitan districts. An acre-foot is 326,851 gallons. He added that funding the transit loss model continues to be a focus of

attention for the PPRWA. Donala's share of the cost for the model is \$16,358 per year. Duthie said there is currently no benefit to the district because it does not have a customer for its share of the effluent from the wastewater treatment plant. Note: The transit loss model measures and records the amount of non-native Fountain Creek watershed stream flows owned by several municipalities and water districts. The amount of this water added to native

stream flows by external sources, such as effluent from wastewater treatment facilities, can be exchanged or reused. The model calculates how much of the added water is lost.

- Duthie reported that the "Twelve Hours of Donala" wounded warrior charity event March 8 raised more than \$900.

Following the public meeting, the board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

The Donala board will hold its next regular meeting April 19 at 12:30 p.m. at the Donala office, 15850 Holbein Drive. The April meeting will be Dale Schendzielos' last meeting as a board member. There will be a buffet at the beginning of the meeting. Meetings are normally held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month; however, no meeting will be held in November 2012, and the December 2012 meeting will be held Dec. 6.
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Academy Water and Sanitation District, April 4

Draft report suggests options for meeting new rules

By Susan Hindman
Academy Water and Sanitation District engineer Roger Sams gave board members at the April 4 meeting another look

at options and numbers that he prepared to address compliance issues with current and future wastewater regulations. He said the district's lagoon system,

which treats wastewater, cannot meet the state's current ammonia standards and will not meet new regulations that, 10 years from now, will dictate phosphorus and nitrogen limits in the effluent (the treated water that is released into Jimmy Smith Creek).

Sams first briefed the board in October, and his updated preliminary report reviewed costs of construction to meet effluent standards in the same three scenarios: connecting with Colorado Springs Utilities, connecting with Donala Water and Sanitation District, and building a sequencing batch reactor plant where the lagoons are located on Spring Valley Drive. The price tag ranges from \$2.4 million to \$3.7 million, not including operational costs. Those numbers, along with estimates of user fees, will be prepared and pre-

sented at the May meeting.

Exclusion petition request

Carole O'Mara, a homeowner in the district, spoke to the board about her and her husband's petition to be excluded from the district. A well that taps into the Denver aquifer serves their home, but because the previous owners of the home had "included" into the district, the O'Maras have had to pay taxes on the district's bond issue, as other district residents do. The O'Maras have been requesting exclusion for several years, but their effort has intensified over the past year.

Carole O'Mara was frustrated at how long the process has taken. "Every time we come to a meeting, the board says it's going to take it up in session, and it doesn't happen," she said.

The issue is legally complicated. "We've been trying to understand the impact of your request on our customer base," said Director Ron Curry. "Things have been going on in the background It's a slow process."

The board went into executive session to get legal counsel on the dispute. Afterward, the board voted to publish a public notice in The Gazette indicating the board would take a vote on the matter at the May issue, which is required by law.

The Academy Water and Sanitation District board usually meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the fire station on Sun Hills Drive. The next meeting is May 2.

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Monument Board of Trustees, March 5

Trustee ballot lineup set

By Jim Kendrick
On March 5, the order of appearance of the names of the four candidates competing for

three seats on the Monument Board of Trustees was set. The board approved an ordinance that authorizes CenturyLink

to build a fiber-optic cable TV network within the town limits and tabled a proposed ordinance setting tighter restrictions on the parking of recreational vehicles in residential areas.

Trustee Jeff Kaiser did not attend this meeting.

Ballot listing order set

The names of the four trustee candidates were randomly drawn to determine the following order of appearance on the April 3 ballot:

- Jeff Bornstein
- Becki Tooley
- John Howe
- Ron Farley

Trustees Tommie Plank and Gail Drumm are term-limited. Trustee Rafael Dominguez chose not to run for a second term. The three trustees elected on April 3 will be sworn in on May 21.

Also on the ballot was a question for another four-year renewal of the town's TABOR exemption that, if approved again, would allow the town to retain any excess taxes and use them exclusively for town parks and recreation or senior services. There has never been excess tax revenue in all the years the




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