

Water consumption remains very high

Duthie reported that water consumption by district customers through May was up 17 million gallons or 19 percent compared to last year. Golf course consumption was up about 9 percent. Many residential customers used more than 30,000 gallons during May and 53 residential customers used more than 50,000 gallons. The highest use during May by a single family was 119,000 gallons, which was related to a leak in their basement.

Mandatory irrigation restrictions apply from May 28 through Sept. 4. Irrigation is allowed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for odd-number addresses. Irrigation is allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for even-number

addresses. No irrigation is allowed on Sunday. For additional information, visit www.donalawater.org/water/irrigation-restriction.html.

Duthie noted that it is very dry at Willow Creek Ranch. He said run-off is averaging less than one-third of what was seen at the same time last year. Due to the current high volume of water use by district customers, on June 10, the water the district received through its connection to CSU exhausted its yearly lease with the Pueblo Board of Water Works. Duthie said that although the district has about 87 acre-feet of ranch water in storage and is gaining about 35 acre-feet per month, at the current flow rate of 455 gallons per minute, the ranch water will be used up in September. An acre-foot is 326,851

gallons.

Susan McLean, the district's conservation/landscape manager, is currently working on about a half dozen landscape plans for customers to reduce irrigation.

Duthie said the district is considering establishing an award program for xeriscaping.

Other matters

- During the three months from March 1 through May 31, the district's \$3.19 million in investments managed by Davidson Fixed Income Management showed a yield of 0.35 percent, achieving a goal of beating the Colotrust Plus fund, which yielded 0.04 percent during the same period. The weighted average maturity of the district's investments is 1.2 years. Davidson also separately manages \$5.6 million in proceeds from the bond sale to be used to fund the infrastructure improvements needed to handle renewable water and \$596,805 in a debt service reserve fund associated with the bond sale. Those accounts earned 0.19 percent and 0.10 percent, respectively, during the same period.
- The district had a leak estimated at 4.8 million gallons of water lost from the reuse line that carries effluent from the wastewater treatment plant to the golf course for irrigation. The golf course reported the issue. The leak occurred on Forest Lakes property. Duthie said the failure occurred in a valve buried about 8 feet deep.
- Duthie reported on a meeting he had with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, the City of Aurora, Lake County, and Clear Creek Ranch regarding a potential swap of some Willow Creek Ranch land for Forest Service land.
- The work to upgrade the Latrobe booster pumps is awaiting some parts. This is an initial part of the infrastructure upgrades needed to transport larger amounts of renew-

able water from the southern part of the district to the northern parts. Additional work will include installation of a new pipeline from the Jessie facilities up Baptist Road and upgrades to other pipelines in the district. Bids on the Baptist Road pipeline work are scheduled to be opened June 29. All the work is to be completed by the end of 2013.

- Duthie reported that the next meeting of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) will be held Sept. 5. He noted that only Donala and the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District have committed to provide the additional \$10,000 needed to continue the Flaming Gorge feasibility study being undertaken by the Colorado Wyoming Coalition. Participation in the feasibility study is being done as a project within the PPRWA.
- Donala board President Bill George noted that he has talked with Bob Eskridge, president of the Triview Metropolitan District board, and with Richard DuPont, president of the Academy Water and Sanitation District. George said, "It is essential that we work together."
- Due to board member schedule conflicts, the July 18 board meeting will begin at 2 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m.

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

The Donala board will hold its next regular meeting July 18 at 2 p.m. at the Donala office, 15850 Holbein Drive. 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.

The district's website is at www.donalawater.org.

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