

no designed total phosphorus removal capability. The expansion cost for expanding the facility with all-new treatment equipment to meet this new total phosphorus constituent treatment requirement has been estimated to be \$2.32 million by the facility's engineering firm, Tetra Tech RTW. The current draft of the facility's new discharge permit requires the facility to meet this new total phosphorus constituent treatment requirement of 1 mg/l by Nov. 1, 2019.

The absences of Monument directors Gene Kreft and Matt Vincent were unanimously excused.

Financial reports

Total disbursements since the Feb. 19 regular board meeting were \$41,506 and total deposits were \$64,982. Total

cash on hand as of March 18 was \$797,803, including \$245,027 in the First National Bank Capital Preservation Fund account, \$404,103 in the ColoTrust Capital Preservation Fund account, \$35,028 in the Integrity Series-2013 Loan account, \$113,545 in the Integrity Bank Operating account, and \$100 in petty cash. Rental income deposited year-to-date was \$2,400. Conference room rental deposited year-to-date was \$625. Two tap fees totaling \$10,000 had been received since Feb. 18.

The two payments that District Manager Mike Wicklund noted in the cash summary for Feb. 19 through March 18 were:

- \$450 to Mr. Stump Tree Service for trimming the willow tree in front of the district building.

- \$2,000 to J&K Excavating to replace manhole lids and covers that were damaged by town snowplows at the intersection of Front and Third Street and on south Mitchell Avenue near the Tri-Lakes facility.

Wicklund stated that the district was credited by Tri-Lakes Facility Manager Bill Burks with a one-third share of the February state nutrient grant design and construction reimbursement of \$81,209 to the Tri-Lakes facility. This \$27,070 was more than the amount Monument owed for Monument's share of February Tri-Lakes facility operational costs. The district received a net credit of \$14,787 on Monument's Tri-Lakes facility Accounts Payable invoice for February. Wicklund

noted that Monument is only asking for 19.79 percent of the state's \$1 million design and construction grant for the facility's total phosphorus chemical tertiary clarifier treatment expansion.

At 10:42 a.m. the board went into executive session under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) to discuss matters concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any property interest, as well as C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators; and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(g) for consideration of any documents protected by the mandatory nondisclosure provisions of the "Public Records Act." The board came out

of executive session at 12:24 a.m.

In other matters, Wicklund noted that there had been a couple of requests to view the district's vacant suites in response to the "For Rent" signs posted in the suites' front windows.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on April 16 at the at the district conference room, 130 Second St. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information for these meetings is available at 481-4886.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, March 19

Board briefed on Horse Creek water rights

By Jim Kendrick

On March 19, General Manager Kip Petersen and local water consultant Rod Kuharich gave the Donala Water and Sanitation District board a lengthy technical overview about water rights in the Horse Creek groundwater basin property east of Colorado Springs near Rush. They also discussed transport and water exchange issues regarding potential use of this water right by Donala. About 1,500 acre-feet per year of this water is not vulnerable to water court suits by Kansas and is currently available for sale. No decisions were made by the board regarding this available Horse Creek Water User Association agricultural water.

1041 permit work continues

Petersen also advised the board that he was drafting a formal reply, with the assistance of consultants Rick Fendel, the district's water attorney, and Katie Fendel, the district's water engineer, to Pueblo County questions asked about Donala's future use of the Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) Southern Delivery System (SDS), future water rights Donala may acquire in the Arkansas River Basin, and Pueblo County concerns about Donala stormwater flows.

These questions were asked by Pueblo County after Donala submitted a formal request for a Pueblo County 1041 permit for transporting its renewable water from Donala's Willow Creek Ranch through the SDS pipeline when CSU commences SDS operations. Willow Creek Ranch is located in Lake County near Leadville. Donala's renewable ranch water is currently being stored in the Pueblo Reservoir after it flows down the Arkansas River from Lake County to Pueb-

lo County. Donala's renewable water is currently being pumped north from the Pueblo Reservoir to Donala through existing CSU pipelines.

CSU reported that the physical construction of the SDS pipeline was completed on March 19. (<http://www.sdswater.org>)

Note: Donala is solely a water and sanitation district. El Paso County is responsible for stormwater matters within the Donala service area. Stormwater responsibilities for the Donala service area have never been part of Donala's service plan. None of the other wastewater special districts in the Tri-Lakes region have any stormwater responsibilities for their service areas in their service plans. There are no El Paso County plans for any changes in their existing stormwater responsibilities.

Financial reports

Petersen noted that property tax revenue for January and February totaled only \$64,326. The 2015 district budget line for property tax revenue is \$1.5 million. Total revenue through February was \$540,610, while the total of operating and capital expenditures for the first two months was \$1.004 million of the \$6.48 million budgeted. He summarized that all the figures on the financial report were within "target range" and revenues will catch up with

expenses shortly.

Petersen reported that the 2014 audit is well underway with no significant problems noted, and Donala will get a clean audit report.

The financial reports for water and waste plant operations and capital expenditures were unanimously accepted as presented.

Water tank refurbishment contract awarded

Petersen recommended that the board accept the lowest bid of \$164,838 from Norvell Construction for repainting the interior of the district's Fox Run water tank. Six bids were submitted. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$175,000. Norvell has successfully provided services to Donala in the past. The board unanimously awarded the contract to Norvell.

Petersen briefed the board on upcoming Arkansas River basin meetings. He coordinated with board members to have them attend the April 21 Arkansas River Basin Water Forum meeting at Pueblo Community College if possible. He also asked that two directors join him in attending upcoming monthly Arkansas basin Roundtable meetings to meet other Arkansas basin water professionals and government


officials and to help Petersen better explain Donala's long-term water sustainability issues as groundwater wells in the Denver Basin become less and



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