

per year. This renewable ditch surface water could be reused to extinction, adding another potential 162 acre-feet of annual use, 484 acre feet in all. The trust's purchase price was \$4.75 million. The trust also offered to provide seller financing for Donala's purchase. The board unanimously approved a motion for Petersen and Donala's water attorney Rick Fendel to conduct further due diligence investigations on the trust's proposed sale to Donala. The Laughlin Ditch is located near Colorado Springs Utilities' Las Vegas Wastewater Treatment Facility near the U.S. Highway 24 exit on I-25. (See http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2007/5028/pdf/SIR07-5028_plate1.pdf)

The district's Robert Hull water treatment plant on Bermuda Dunes Way is being renovated with new stucco and new paint.

Operations report

Petersen said Donala currently has 355 acre-feet of renewable surface water from its Willow

Creek Ranch in storage at the Pueblo Reservoir; 100 acre-feet of this total will be used for 2016 return flows.

Well 2A is back in operation. A video inspection of well 4A showed no problems with the well's screens, as hoped. Sections of the well pipes are corroded and need to be replaced. The well 4A meter, motor, and pump will also be replaced.

The board went into executive session at 2:58 p.m. to determine positions, develop strategies for negotiations, and instruct negotiators.

The next board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20, in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Information: 488-3603 or www.donala-water.org. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month.

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Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee, Sept. 16

Steady as she goes for 2017

By Lisa Hatfield

At the Sept. 16 meeting of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC), the three members heard about progress on construction, considered the first draft of the 2017 budget, welcomed a new staff member, and learned more about upcoming water quality studies relevant to TLWWTF's operation.

TLWWTF operates as a separate joint venture public utility and is owned in equal one-third shares by Monument Sanitation District (MSD), Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD), and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD).

The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: WWSD board Director at Large Rich Strom, president; MSD board Chairman Ed Delaney, vice president, who was excused and was represented by MSD board Secretary Terry Madison; and PLSD board and JUC Secretary/Treasurer Ken Smith. Other board and staff members of

the three owner districts also attended, including MSD District Manager Mike Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSD District Manager Jessie Shaffer.

New MSD board member John Howe also attended the meeting to gain more background knowledge.

Construction report

Facility Manager Bill Burks said construction of the total phosphorus (TP) chemical removal clarifier expansion might achieve final completion by Sept. 29. He said the final punch list for Aslan Construction completion by Sept. 29 was compiled by Tetra Tech, Burks, and the TLWWTF operators.

Soon, TLWWTF staff will begin operating the new TP clarifier and analyzing the efficiency of its phosphorus removal, well in advance of the Nov. 1, 2019 permit deadline.

The expansion will allow TLWWTF, which currently has no designed TP treatment capacity, to comply with the state's Control Regulation 85 TP discharge effluent limit of 1 milligram per liter

(mg/l) by Nov. 1, 2019 in accordance with the compliance schedule in the facility's May 1, 2015 five-year discharge permit.

Monument Sanitation District Board Meeting, Sept. 16

Howe named to fill board vacancy



Above: On Sept. 16, Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund, right, swore in new appointee John Howe as a director of the district board. Howe's appointment will run through May 2018. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

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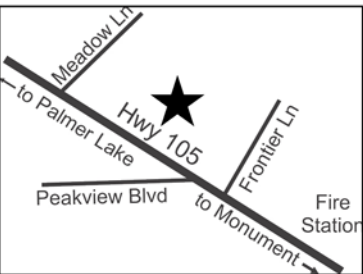
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