

realistic current values resulted in an extra payment of \$3,205 for higher Colorado special district property insurance limits. Board-requested Chandler Fund changes for some of Donala capital-preserving investment accounts have resulted interest rate increases from 0.17 percent to 0.37 percent.

The financial reports were accepted as presented.

**Triview (Cont. from page 1)**

tory Pointe, and Sanctuary Pointe. Triview's water system is wholly independent of Monument's Public Works water system located on the west side of I-25. There is no emergency pipe connection between these two water systems.

President Reid Bolander was excused.

**Water emergency due to leak, not residents' water use**

District Manager Valerie Remington explained the precipitous drop in water storage tank levels that led to two outdoor watering bans and some residents having no water at all for several days. Timeline:

- June 3 – Water level in the 31.5-foot deep water storage tank started to plummet. Triview stopped all irrigation of open spaces to conserve water soon after this.
- June 17 – Water levels in the tank approached 5 feet, the lowest level that will sustain fire flows in an emergency. Reverse 911 calls notified residents to stop outside watering.
- June 21 – Landscape watering was again allowed, but only two nights a week.
- July 4 – The water tank level was down to 1.1 foot. Emergency connection with Donala opened. Reverse 911 calls notified residents to stop outside watering again.
- July 8 night – water accidentally shut off to some residents.
- July 9 – Emergency community meeting outside Bear Creek Elementary School attended by over 200 residents.
- July 9 – Leak discovered in beaver pond southwest of Bear Creek Elementary School.
- July 11 – Regular three nights per week summer watering rules resumed.

Remington said about 20-30 million gallons of water was lost and that it was not 50 million gallons as some media reported. Normal water loss for the district is about 11 percent, which is within industry standards, but for June it was 46.97 percent, she said.

Finding the leak was difficult because it was in a beaver pond in a protected Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat and because it was on a water line that was one of the first installed in the district and was not shown on the district's line maps, Remington said.

Engineer John McGinn of JDS-Hydro said that the charts tracking the "relative use ratio," which take the district's 9 percent population growth into account, "jumped off the chart," indicating that this event was out of normal range even considering growth.

Remington said for weeks there was conflicting data on if there was high use or a leak, but in the end they found, "It had absolutely nothing to do with growth, and everything to do with a mechanical failure of the pipe." She said final repairs were still in progress.

During the budget discussion later, new Triview Water Superintendent Josh Cichocki said, "You guys are at a

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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The next board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 18 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Information: 488-3603 or [www.donalawater.org](http://www.donalawater.org). Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. *Jim Kendrick can be reached at [jimkendrick@ocn.me](mailto:jimkendrick@ocn.me).*



**Above:** During public comments of the July 12 regular Triview Metropolitan District board meeting, former Triview board Treasurer Steve Remington was one of 27 residents who spoke about the district's 36-day water crisis in Jackson Creek and Promontory Pointe. He said a lot of lessons had been learned and he commended "an awful lot of people who put in an awful lot of hours" to solve the problem. However, the overwhelming theme of the public comments was that Triview failed to communicate with residents or listen to people who reported unusual water flows in the beaver pond. District Manager Valerie Remington said almost 30 million gallons of water was lost from the leak in a water main that was not shown on the district's maps and was camouflaged in the beaver pond southwest of Bear Creek Elementary School. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

critical time period right now with the infrastructure. You are about 20 years behind on maintenance. And you have 20 years to go before this place falls apart. You need to optimize what you already have. You are at a threshold now where you could get ahead and stay proactive and have a 50-year system."

**Public comments about water emergency**  
About 27 residents spoke for an hour with questions and suggestions for the district about "the event."

The first speaker was Steve Remington, who was a director and then treasurer on the Triview board starting in 2008 (search "Steve Remington" at [www.ocn.me](http://www.ocn.me)). He

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