

Kendrick stated he is seeing a dramatic shift in the composition of the WQCC members and the way they are making deci-

sions. For example, instead of just using in-stream sampling measurements, the commission also accepted satellite photos for the first time in a separate hearing at this August meeting as evidence of erosion and dramatically destructive sedimentation caused by a new motocross course set up by the Department of the Interior contiguous

to Sand Creek. The proponent downstream irrigation ditch owners' photo evidence showed the profound flow-limiting increase in stream sedimentation during a two-week period in the first hearing to take place since commission approval of a new sedimentation regulation. Instead of just focusing on pollutants, for the first time under the new sedimentation regulation, the commission took action on water rights infringement for downstream owners of diversion and irrigation ditches. (ftp://ft.dphe.state.co.us/wqc/wqcc/2016/93RMH\_SandCreekSediment/)

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at

10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16 at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings throughout 2016 will normally be held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. For information, call Bill Burks at 719-481-4053.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Aug. 9

## Looking ahead after 5-foot break repaired

By Lisa Hatfield

The Triview Metropolitan District board discussed many infrastructure repairs in progress, new ways of communicating

with residents, and scheduling of future budget topic agenda items at its Aug. 9 meeting.

Director James Barnhardt was excused, and Director James Otis was absent. Secretary/Treasurer Marco Fiorito attended part of the meeting by telephone, and then attended in person.

Triview, on the east side of I-25, includes two-thirds of the population of the town of Monument and is still growing at a rapid rate. Triview was created as one of the first Colorado Title 32 developer special metropolitan districts within the Regency Park development and was annexed into the town in 1987. Triview provides roads, parks, and drainage maintenance, as well as water and sanitation utility services to the residents of Jackson Creek, Promontory 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. The Town of Monument provides land use

planning, police, and general governance for the district.

### Various repairs under way

District Manager Valerie Remington and Water Superintendent Josh Cichocki told the board about repairs going on around the district. Of most immediate concern was the water main southwest of Bear Creek Elementary School that leaked 20-30 million gallons of water in June and July and caused a water emergency. See [www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#tvmd0712](http://www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#tvmd0712).

The broken section of main had been blocked off on July 9 when the leak was found, but it could not be repaired until the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Wildlife, and the property owner all granted permission for the district to access the site. President Reid Bolander thanked U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn for his help getting the Army Corps of Engineers to speed up its decision-making.

Remington and Cichocki said that the pipe, which was in-

correctly installed in the 1980s and was made of a "hodgepodge of materials," had a 5-foot split along it. Cichocki said when repairing the damaged section, staff only used hand shovels and a pump to minimize disruption of lifestyle for the beavers and protected Preble's meadow jumping mice in the area.

Cichocki said that Triview is now tracing this water line and having it added to the official as-built drawings maintained by JDS-Hydro Consultants. The only way to inspect the whole line would be to dig it up, so instead of that, staff is exercising one valve at a time as it is documented. Fiorito asked that this information be posted on the district website for better communication with residents.

Other repairs that have been completed recently or are in progress include four water main leaks; erosion damage in drainages, retention ponds, and around pipes and valves that have been exposed; irrigation system valves and sprinkler heads; attempting to revive grasses in parks; and



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