

once Triview finally was granted permission from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Wildlife, and the property owner for the district to access the leak site, which lies within the surrounding protected Preble’s mouse habitat. For more in-depth information on this Triview repair, see the Triview article on page 12.

Petersen noted he would present the first draft of the 2017 Donala budget to the board in October 2016. The board also approved a new capital-preserving but slightly higher-yielding investment policy to be used by consultant firm Chandler Asset Management.

Emergency IGA unanimously approved
Petersen noted that the Triview board had already approved the final draft of the IGA he presented. After a detailed page-by-page technical review by the Donala board produced a few minor requested changes, the board unanimously approved the IGA as amended.

Note: Petersen stated again that water customers must sign up to be a subscriber to El Paso County’s reverse 911 emergency phone call services in order to receive emergency notices from Donala, too. To sign up your landline or cell phone for a free subscription to the county’s reverse 911 emergency notification system, see www.elpasoteller911.org.

Road construction contract ratified
Petersen noted that three bids opened on Aug. 4 for repairs to the secondary access for UM-CRWTF. To expedite the start of construction as soon as possible, the board had authorized Petersen to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder at the July 21 board meeting. On Aug. 4 Petersen formally accepted the contract from Yocam Construction LLC at a cost of \$63,900. Donala will provide a 25 percent match to the \$53,000 75 percent grant the facility received from

FEMA for this repair. However, 75 percent of \$63,900 is only \$47,925. Donala will ask FEMA to reallocate the extra \$5,025 to future Donala emergency uses or refund this amount to FEMA if it cannot be reallocated.
Mobilization will begin on Sept. 12. Some aspects of this construction work, streambed stabilization and strengthening, must be completed by Sept. 30 due to Preble’s mouse habitat hibernation period restrictions. The remainder of the construction will be completed by Nov. 30. The board unanimously ratified the Yocam contract at this Aug. 18 board meeting.

Manager’s report
In other matters, Petersen said the Latrobe water line extension project, which includes an extensive amount of deep 22-inch boring (two-thirds) by Global Underground and deep trenching (one-third) by Swerdfeger Construction would begin on Sept. 15 and be completed by mid-October. The board unanimously awarded a \$1.38 million construction contract to low bidder K.R. Swerdfeger Construction Inc. on July 21 for installing a new water pipeline extension project to connect Donala’s Latrobe Court water tank to Donala’s Holbein Drive water tanks.

There was a discussion of possible topics including long-term renewable water, reuse water, and local area reservoir sites for the board’s annual strategic planning workshop on Nov. 17. The board asked Petersen to update the 2012 Donala extended water supply study and determine if any near-term surface water rights purchases appear to be feasible at this time.

Recent rains have resulted in sustained Willow Creek Ranch flows that will allow Donala to store 280 acre-feet of water for distribution to Donala customers and 90 more acre-feet for providing required return flows to the Arkansas River. The threat of a spill of Donala’s stored water

from the Pueblo Reservoir this year has passed without incident. Donala had 311 acre-feet stored in the reservoir as of this meeting. This amount should increase to 350 acre-feet by the end of August, the last day Donala can take/store Willow Creek water in the Arkansas River.

Operations report
Donala’s wells and groundwater treatment plant are in operation as a backup for the summer irrigation peak demand period. A video inspection of well 4A is planned for later this year. A valve diaphragm was replaced at the Northgate Road interconnect with Colorado Springs Utilities.
A groundwater rule compliance inspection of Donala’s groundwater systems was conducted by Colorado Region 2 Groundwater Commissioner Kaleb Dunn. Petersen said Dunn

was quite impressed with Donala’s operations, found no violations or concerns, and no follow-up would be necessary.
Petersen noted that an emerging issue is where is the best place to treat and then dispose of the minuscule amounts

of existing naturally occurring arsenic in the raw groundwater used by Triview and Donala for drinking water—at the various groundwater treatment plants or treating the accumulated arsenic in the groundwater filter backwash from all of these plants at

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