

the infrastructure to physically use the legally available water. Triview's legal water rights have grown five-fold over the last four years, he said.

Cummins said it was "encouraging" that Triview has "almost double what the forecasted buildout supply would need to be in the form of Denver Water Basin legal rights." He qualified the statement by emphasizing the Denver Water Basin is a finite water supply and that available water is based on the Colorado state engineer's model of the Denver Water Basin. The model might or might not accurately model the water geology, and it doesn't take into account excessive growth or excessive pumping. "However," he said, "the district should feel good that we have this in our pocket as we plan for the future."

He also liked that Triview was discussing water reuse and working on "purple pipe" water reuse for district open space irrigation in 2018. He stated that while reuse doesn't add water to the system, it prolongs the 100-year forecasted water supply beyond that window. Finally, he felt Triview's purchase of FMIC renewable water supplies was a "big step for the district" and an important part of the planning "equation."

2016 year-end unaudited financial summary

- District fund expenditures \$4.9 million, 94 percent of the budgeted amount
- District fund revenues \$5.2 million, 105 percent
- Enterprise fund expenditures \$2.6 million, 98 percent
- Enterprise fund revenues \$2.4 million, 89 percent
- Capital projects fund expenditures \$8.6 million, 445 percent
- Capital projects fund revenues \$807,704, 46 percent

Donala Water and Sanitation District, Feb. 16

2017 regional issues and major construction discussed

By Jim Kendrick

On Feb. 16, District General Manager Kip Petersen briefed the Donala Water and Sanitation District board on his ongoing efforts to build consensus on regional and watershed level cooperation to meet daunting future potable water, wastewater, and reuse issues through his work with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable, Arkansas River Forum, and Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority. The amount of renewable surface water produced from the district's Willow Creek Ranch adjacent to Leadville in January was 3.7 million gallons, while its groundwater wells produced 8.7 million gallons.

The out-of-town absence of Director Dennis Snyder was excused.

Manager's report

Petersen summarized early results from an Arkansas Basin Roundtable grant-funded Upper Black Squirrel Creek Groundwater Study regarding the potential for urban and agricultural contamination of the "very shallow" groundwater aquifers (50 to 175 feet deep) in the basin south of Calhan where some 5,000 to 8,000 individual wells have been drilled. Several of these wells have higher than allowable nitrate levels. The nitrate can be traced back to fertilizers and septic systems. Nitrates and other contaminants become more concentrated downstream, north to south. (<http://coloradogeological->

The consensus of the board was that they had overestimated what water fund revenue would be in 2016 but that the 2017 budget was more conservative. Repair and maintenance was 952 percent of the budgeted amount due to the water leak in June and July. The \$6.5 million FMIC water purchase was not in the budget for 2016, but the directors agreed it was important to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase rights to renewable water.

Bolander said that the district would receive about \$400,000 less in revenue next year due to the reduction in property tax valuation that just occurred.

Checks over \$5,000

- National Meter & Automation, meter kits – \$7,961
- Schmueser & Associates, Sanctuary Pointe booster pump station December 2016 – \$143,430
- Schmueser & Associates, Sanctuary Pointe booster pump station January 2017 – \$139,795
- DRC Construction Services Inc., CCTV pipe inspection – \$20,610
- Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co., 2017 assessment fee – \$37,500
- Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co., augmentation station access – \$10,500

Communication with the Town of Monument

Bolander concluded the meeting with a discussion on how to work better with the Town of Monument. He said that in multiple forums and discussions, the town and Triview have agreed to work together better but he wasn't sure exactly what Triview and the town could cooperate on. See related Feb. 21 Monument Board of Trustees article on page 10.

Bolander proposed working with the Town of Monument on a bike path along Jackson Creek Parkway. He felt it was a public safety issue, particularly between

the storage facility and Lewis-Palmer High School.

Bolander clarified that he misspoke at the Jan. 17 Monument Board of Trustees meeting about the Pikes Peak Regional Transportation Authority (PPRTA) planning on partnering on the Jackson Creek Parkway expansion and that it was actually the Pikes Pike Area Council of Governments (PPACG). He stated that plan had been delayed by PPACG for another year and for safety's sake recommended they find out the cost of a bike path to assess the feasibility of doing one "on our own or with the Town of Monument." See www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot0117.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next Triview meeting will be held March 14 at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield Inn, Mt. Herman Conference Room, 15275 Struthers Road, Colorado Springs. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868 or see www.colorado.gov/triview-metro. See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or [Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro](https://twitter.com/TriviewMetro).

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District 2: Simla, Matheson and a portion of the surrounding areas
(Incumbent Rick L. Gordon)

District 7: Monument, Woodmoor and a portion of the surrounding areas
(Incumbent Donna Andersen-Van Ness)

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