

after just one use when it meets the wastewater treatment standards for effluent and is discharged from the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility into Monument Creek. Forsgren's reuse plan will come before the board as a feasibility study very soon. Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) is a potential partner.

- Add additional wells as demand increases. But more wells cannot economically supply the needed volume in an emergency condition nor meet the long-term future demand due to cascading reduction in well yields.

The best overall long-term options recommended by Forsgren:

- The completion of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) regional infrastructure project, which could bring much needed storage and allow delivery of renewable water to the Monument area from Fountain Creek by "exchange of water rights" from the Arkansas River. Tri-Lakes-area PPRWA members include the Town of Palmer Lake, Town of Monument, WWSD, Triview Metropolitan District, and Donala. This proposal is separate and different from the existing Southern Delivery System (SDS).
- Keep options open with CSU and the associated SDS to possibly bring renewable water to the town. Besides the cost of purchasing water rights, there would be many other associated costs.
- Water reuse plan.

The best overall emergency connection option recommended by Forsgren, in case of leaks, malfunctions, or water contamination:

- Connect to the WWSD's reliable potable water system.
- Triview is another feasible option to supply emergency water, since it is already connected to Donala, which is connected to SDS.

Donala's experiences with CSU explained

Petersen shared information about Donala's connection to the CSU pipeline. The goal was to give the trustees direct knowledge of another district's experiences before making a decision regarding CSU or the SDS.

Petersen's comments included:

- Donala purchased renewable water rights from the Willow Creek Ranch in Leadville for \$4.5 million, plus costs for water court and engineering studies.

Those rights are vital with regards to connecting with CSU.

- We must get water storage permissions from CSU, Pueblo County, and the Bureau of Reclamation which controls Pueblo Reservoir.
- We also pay extra annual water storage costs, monthly system usage fees, and water delivery charges.
- You must plan for so many contingencies in the time-line to acquire renewable water since this involves arduous federal processes that take many years.
- Proof of stormwater management also becomes a factor when connecting to other utilities.
- I would highly encourage interconnections for you. Without that, all is lost. Triview's experience opened the community's eyes to vulnerability from breaks or contamination.
- Donala had to pay a \$225,000 bill from CSU the month we helped Triview.
- We don't want to drill another well! They cost \$1.5 million each and produce less water all the time.
- The SDS does have extra capacity now that it did not anticipate.

Note: Donala provided an emergency water connection to Triview for 111 hours in July when Triview experienced an undetected water leak that lost 20-30 million gallons. See www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#tvm0712, www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#dwsd0721.

Details about radium requested

Trustee Dennis Murphy asked Tharnish to include an

agenda item at a board meeting soon with an explanation about the status of the plan to deal with elevated levels of radium in the town's water supply. Murphy knew about it from the town's Aug. 25 press release but wondered why it had not been explained to the trustees at a board meeting yet. See www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#water.

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