



Above: Town employee Zachary Deblois received a certificate of recognition from Town Manager Chris Lowe on July 17 for his quick action in administering first aid to a teen who had suffered a bike accident. While on his street sweeping route, Deblois saw the injured teenager on the ground and used the first aid kit in his truck to stem the heavy bleeding until the teen's mother arrived and took him to an urgent care clinic. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*



Above: Alicia Corley, left, the Town of Monument's new staff attorney, was sworn in July 17 by Town Clerk Laura Hogan. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

basis.)

The goal of the PPRWA regional water infrastructure study was to find ways to use current supplies as efficiently as possible and create an infrastructure network for renewable water delivery from elsewhere. The Forsgren Area 3 section of the regional study included the Town of Monument, the Town of Palmer Lake, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Triview Metropolitan District, and Donala Water and Sanitation District, Koger said. All of those entities could begin regional cooperation and "bring something to the table" including pipelines, water rights, and corridors where pipeline infrastructure could be built to deal with the huge projected gap in water supply that is looming.

For example, the Southern Delivery System (SDS) pipeline already exists between the Pueblo Reservoir/Arkansas River and Colorado Springs, and another pipeline reaches between the Sundance Ranch wellfield in Black Forest and the Cherokee Metropolitan District east of Colorado Springs. Both of those pipes might help bring water from the Arkansas River to the Tri-Lakes area—in maybe 15 to 20 years and at an estimated cost of \$280 million, Koger said.

The "hub of the wheel" in the Tri-Lakes area is finding a place to store the renewable water that could be piped up this way during the off-season months when water

is actually available and not being used by senior water rights holders. Koger said the Homeplace Ranch Reservoir idea makes the most sense right now. The idea is to build a \$20.5 million, 86-acre reservoir between Higby Road and Gleneagle Drive/Promontory Pointe that could hold 2,750 acre-feet of water behind a dam. Right now, that land is owned by Challenger Homes.

Estimates from Forsgren Associates say the full-scale PPRWA Area 3 Preliminary Engineering Study would cost \$54 million and take five to 10 years to complete the detailed analysis that would need to be done before anything new could be built.

Koger's comments included:

- A new governance structure would still need to be created to coordinate ownership of the reservoir among all the entities who might decide to participate.
- The costs estimated in the study did not include purchasing water rights; those must be purchased separately by each entity to plug into the system.
- Operations and maintenance costs were also not included in the figures he presented.
- A capital expenditure plan would need to be phased in.
- It would take time to get permits from the state regarding proximity of a dam to I-25, building on wetlands, and building on Preble's jumping mouse habitat.

Trustee Shea Medicott suggested that any policy decisions among local water providers were still in the "cat herding" phase, saying, "Let's get out in front of it, instead of waiting for everyone to figure out what they are doing," and the trustees agreed. Koger said it might be better for all the PPRWA members together to reach out to Challenger Homes about purchasing the land for the reservoir, and Town Manager Chris Lowe said he would commit to contacting the other potential regional partners to discuss how to accomplish that goal.

Note: In April, the Donala board chose not to participate in the proposed joint purchase of the Homeplace Ranch parcel. See www.ocn.me/v17n5.htm#dwsd in the manager's report section.

Besides the reservoir, ideas included treating the imported renew-

able water to drinking water standards and pumping it back into the aquifers for storage until it is needed in peak demand season. This is called Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), and it is being done in Highlands Ranch already, Koger said. For more information, see www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#tvmd.

Code enforcement will be sub-contracted

Town Manager Lowe presented a resolution asking the trustees to authorize a contract for code enforcement services for the town to be performed by Com-

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