

communications projects. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Directors entered an executive session §24-6-402(4)(b)(e) legal advice, negotia-

tions. The board made no additional decisions or actions following the executive session. \*\*\*\*\* The next Triview board meet-

ing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Board meetings are generally scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monu-

ment. Information: 488-6868 or visit [www.triviewmetro.com](http://www.triviewmetro.com). See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or [Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro](https://twitter.com/TriviewMetro).

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, Jan. 17

# Future brightens for long-term renewable water contracts

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Donala Water and Sanitation District's Board of Directors received operations reports and status updates from District General Manager Kip Petersen. The Jan. 17 meeting also marked a change in board officers.

### Next steps for water storage, delivery

The Bureau of Reclamation, a division of the U.S. Department of Interior, approved the district's request for a 40-year contract for water storage, the application for which Donala initiated in 2011. Petersen confirmed that he had received the signed Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact but awaits the signed final contract that required minor typing corrections.

This contract is one of two critical pieces of information that Donala needs to begin the application for a long-term water delivery agreement with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU). The second piece that currently eludes the district is a 1041 permit from Pueblo County. Donala's permit application makes an unprecedented request for the use of the Southern Delivery System to wheel, or provide a system of transport of, Donala's Willow Creek Ranch water to its customers.

Pueblo County Planning Director Joan Armstrong denied an exemption, or Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), that Donala requested as part of the 1041 permit application process. Initially, Petersen intended to apply for reconsideration of the FONSI denial, but Pueblo representatives indicated that a more efficient, effective and less costly option would be to submit a full application. The reconsideration process would not recognize new material, but completion of a full application—Donala has fulfilled 90 percent of the application requirements—would allow Donala to work with the county in crafting permit goals of stormwater mitigation and water transport. Petersen added that the district could also amend the previously requested water storage amount from 499 acre-feet to no more than 1,000 acre-feet.

### Water and wastewater operations reviewed

Water production for 2018—840 acre-feet—exceeded production for 2017—790 acre-feet. The district suffered two spills in 2018, "which resulted in us drawing down our storage account as much as possible to avoid losing our

water (stored in Pueblo Reservoir)," Petersen reported. Warm and dry fall weather as well as commercial construction added to water demand.

The Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (UMCRW-WTF), owned in part by Donala, operated within established standards; however, Chief Waste Plant Operator Terri Ladouceur continues work to eradicate M. Parvaceella bacteria which thrives in fat-, oil- or grease-based foods. The bacteria did not cause problems, but staff was monitoring it closely.

Petersen announced that plans to prepare the R. Hull Water Production Plant for treating arsenic are moving forward. Although the stricter arsenic regulations become effective in October 2019, Donala has requested that engineers work to achieve the new standards by September 2019 to provide a buffer on the timeline. The additional struc-

ture at the water plant will allow Donala to remove almost all arsenic from the Donala source water before it is sent to the UMCRRWTF. The estimated cost to implement this change is \$969,000.

Discussions of CSU's project of creating a single wastewater interceptor and treating wastewater flows from districts in the Tri-Lakes region continued. Districts that have southern Colorado water resources but no way of transporting the water seek to negotiate return flows of potable water with CSU. Donala directors approved a three-year water transport contract with CSU on Dec. 6, thus making such negotiations unnecessary for the district. Petersen commented that the district's current position should result in a reduced cost of participation. CSU scheduled a meeting for Feb. 7 to discuss financial projections with participating districts. See [www.ocn.me/v19n1.htm#dwsd](http://www.ocn.me/v19n1.htm#dwsd).



**Above:** Kevin Deardorff repeats the oath of office as it is read to him by President Ken Judd at the Jan. 17 Donala Water and Sanitation District meeting. Deardorff was appointed to replace former Director Bob Denny who resigned due to an out-of-state move. Deardorff's current term lasts until May 2020. Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.

### New director sworn in and officers appointed

President Ken Judd led newly

elected Director Kevin Deardorff in repeating the oath of office in a brief installation ceremony. Deardorff was one



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