

cludes operator training and dose monitoring once license compliance is met and requires that Donala obtain the services of a radiation physicist, adds significant time and expense to the project.

Due to the numerous components involved and an impending deadline, GMS advised arranging for early procurement of equipment and construction services. Sams furnished the district with a supplier's plate filter press specifications and a proposal from Radiation Pros LLC for radioactive materials licensing and support services.

The board approved a motion to accept the Radiation Pros recommendations for the radioactive materials license application program development for a cost of \$34,520 and for the first-year-only training for an additional \$6,720 and deferred decision on annual licensing support until a later time. The directors also voted to accept the GMS recommendation to streamline the acquisition process that allows them to bypass some of the typical sequence of design. Petersen reported that he had cleared the Radiation Pros and equipment acquisition options with Donala water attorney Jim Petrock before the meeting.

First hotel poses rate conundrum for district
Frisch presented background information that was used to evaluate and recommend a potential rate adjustment for My Place Hotel. The hotel is the first business of its kind to inhabit the district, thus falling outside of the standard parameters of Donala's known customer rate structure.

From the outset of the hotel's opening mid-June 2018, Donala charged the 64-room My Place Hotel a multi-family user rate of 45 family units per meter.

This applied a Tier 1 rate and user charge for water consumption up to 450,000 gallons per month.

Frisch cited a Cornell University School of Hotel Administration study's representative statistics and the hotel's six-month metered data to evaluate its water consumption. The hotel's peak consumption of 255,240 gallons in July fell well under its current 450,000 gallons-per-month tier rate. As a result, Frisch presented the GMS recommendation that My Place Hotel be placed on a Tier 1, 24-family-units-per-meter rate. This would maintain the hotel's Tier 1 rate during non-peak months but lower the consumption cap and bump the hotel into Tier 2 rates when it exceeds 240,000 gallons per month. This change encourages more mindful water use, especially during summer months when landscape irrigation requires the district to pump significantly from its wells. For Donala rate information, see <http://www.donalawater.org>, Water, 2019 Rates.

CSU wastewater treatment discussions advance

Petersen updated the board regarding the Feb. 7

meeting with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) pertaining to a potential regionalized wastewater treatment system. Tentative terms drafted thus far include an outside-service treatment cost that is lower than the current rate. A conservative estimate of Donala's construction expense would fall at about \$2.4 million. If districts finance their construction expense through CSU, they would need to reimburse CSU within two

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