

DONALA (Cont. from 18)

County wastewater districts into a regional wastewater treatment system. If it is feasible for the owner districts of UMCRRWTF and the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility to participate in regional consolidation, the arsenic compliance burden would rest on CSU's larger J.D. Phillips Water Resource Recovery Facility. Donala now faces the dilemma of continuing the construction of the residuals management facility or trusting that regional consolidation at the J.D. Phillips treatment plant will solve Donala's arsenic discharge permit problem soon enough.

Donala and Triview have taken additional measures to reduce the arsenic discharge. Donala deactivated the well that had been subject to the highest arsenic levels and plans to maximize its current connection with CSU to draw as much surface water as possible from its Willow Creek Ranch supply. Triview has implemented a process at its wells that reduces arsenic levels, as well.

Petersen informed the board that Donala sent a request to WQCD to defer implementation of Donala's arsenic limitation for up to five years. Procedural steps inherent in the deferment request mean that Donala is unlikely to have an answer from WQCD until late spring of 2020. Similarly, sufficient concrete information regarding CSU's consolidation plans is not likely to materialize until about the same time. Both time frames arrive after the impending tighter Oct. 1, 2019 UMCRRWTF arsenic discharge permit regulation implementation date.

Petersen, expressing confidence that current Donala groundwater arsenic reduction measures should suffice to meet arsenic discharge compliance, recommended that Donala postpone construction of the RDF until such time as feasibility of consolidation for connection to CSU's J.D. Phillips treatment is determined. The proposed RDF postponement motion

was approved unanimously.

Permit meets more delays

Donala's board was expecting to approve a resolution pertaining to its 1041 permit application with Pueblo County—a necessary step for the district to use the Southern Delivery System as means to transport water from its Willow Creek Ranch to Donala customers—at the June 20 board meeting. However, the permit met yet another delay at the June 13 Pueblo County Board of County Commissioners public hearing. Despite a lack of opposition to Donala's request, continuing additional questions and a commissioner's absence led the commissioners to postpone final action until July 11, 2019. Because the permit's public hearing remains officially open and, therefore, terms and conditions of the permit are still subject to new additional modifications, Petersen recommended postponement of the resolution until the July 18 district board meeting.

\$2 million too much

Petersen explained that he has been participating in talks with northern El Paso County water districts about possible potable return flows delivery options and has concluded that the cost-benefit calculation does not meet the district's budgetary standards. Because of the district's current connection to CSU, the return flow delivery option being considered would only serve as a secondary backup water pipeline, and \$2 million is too much to spend on a "nice to have" project, he stated. He cited some of Donala's upcoming project demands that will require substantial investment over the next few years, such as possible connection to the CSU consolidated wastewater treatment system or completion of the residuals management facility, whichever is appropriate; water storage for the district's Laughlin water rights; continued water main replacements; and final renewable water right purchases.

Petersen advised the board to not participate financially in the potable return flow pipeline. The directors unanimously accepted the district manager's recommendation.

District receives clean audit opinion

Tom Sistare, accountant of Hoelting and Co., Inc.

presented findings from Donala's 2018 audit. He declared an "unmodified or clean opinion" for the district. Comparing 2017 to 2018 figures, the district's net position increased overall by \$2.6 million, operating expenses increased minimally by about \$26,000, capital expenditures fell from \$4.9 million to \$3.8 million, and tap fees, mostly commercial in 2018, boosted revenue from \$400,000 to \$1.1 million.

Sistare praised the district staff for their consistently professional, timely, and organized work and that it makes the audit a smooth process from year to year. The board approved the 2018 audit and Sistare will forward it to the state by 31 July, 2019.

Manager's retirement taking shape

Vice President Ed Houle presented an outline for the district general manager succession plan and a draft job description for the board to review. Petersen's expected effective retirement date is May 31, 2020. The current plan incorporates a 30-day transition period translating to an official May 1 hire date for the incoming district general manager.

The board decided on a Dec. 11, 2019, resume submission deadline. Finalist applicants must be prepared to have their names published and be subject to a background check. Permanent employment is dependent on successful completion of a drug test. Petersen confirmed that the 2020 budget will reflect the additional expenses of the search process.

The meeting moved into executive session at 2:50 p.m. under the provision of CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators. Petersen stated that there would be no decisions made in executive session.

The next board meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. July 18 at the district office located at 15850 Holbein Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. The directors meet in the district office conference room. Board meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. More information is available by calling (719)488-3603 or accessing www.donalawater.org.

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Forest View Acres Water District, June 26

Forest View Acres has big projects in the works

By John Howe and Lisa Hatfield

The Forest View Acres Water District (FVAVD) board approved locating of water lines related to the Dawson Well Rehabilitation project; approved a fee for manual meter reading and an increase to the fire hydrant use fee, discussed logistics and finances related to the Disinfection Outreach Verification Effort (DOVE) and the Dawson well rehabilitation project, both underway, and filled an open board position. At this June 26 meeting, board members talked over each other and did not follow the agenda despite the efforts of Senior Manager Lisa Jacoby of Community Resources Services of Colorado and board President Brad Hogan.

FVAVD was established in 1957 in unincorporated El Paso County west of Colorado Highway 105. It now serves customers of over 300 lots in six subdivisions: Cloven Hoof, Red Rock Ranch, Red Rock Reserve, Shiloh Pines, Sundance Estates, and The Villas.

The board unanimously approved locating of water lines associated with the Dawson well rehabilitation project scheduled to start July 8. It was noted that currently, only 25% of all district water lines are known due to unreliable records inherited by the district, said Engineer John McGinn of JDS-Hydro Consultants Inc.

McGinn explained the details of the Dawson well rehabilitation project, including the possible need for additional steps that were options included with the original proposal from Hydro Resources. It was noted that the well rehabilitation is a very important component of the overall water system and is a top priority of the board, although at the time the district's budget was prepared the details of the project were unknown and could not be fully understood until a video evaluation is performed.

McGinn discussed the DOVE and the Dawson well rehabilitation project evaluation. He discussed the steps for evaluating the well and options available based upon the outcome of that evaluation, indicating that combining both projects would provide efficiencies and a cost savings to the district. After

an extended discussion, the board approved 3-1 to move forward with the Dawson well rehabilitation project, with Wilkins voting no. The DOVE project was approved at a prior meeting. Further, the board voted 3-1 to appoint Eck Zimmermann to approve additional expenses to the Dawson well project between board meetings if the need arose, to avoid the expense associated with holding special meetings. Wilkins voted no.

In a unanimous vote, a fee of \$50 per month for manual meter reading and an increase to the hydrant use fee from \$8 per 1,000 gallons to \$20 per 1,000 gallons was imposed.

District residents Vince Guthrie and Victor McBride applied to fill the board position vacated by Martin Taylor and presented their extensive qualifications. After an executive session, the board voted to appoint McBride.

Wilkins said she researched possible funding by USDA/AWWA of grant money to help FVAVD with expenses, but she found (as anticipated) that the median household income of the area was too high for the district to qualify for a grant.

Wilkins explained new legislation regarding posting requirements. Effective on or after Aug. 2, 2019, official postings on a district website 24 hours prior to a board meeting is sufficient official notice statutorily; however, the district board determined to post on the website as soon as practicable.

The 2018 audit will be presented at the July meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. July 24 at the Monument Sanitation District boardroom, 130 Second St. Information: or <https://colorado.gov/pacific/fvawd>. Contact the Board of Directors at BOD@fvawd.com or District Manager Lisa Jacoby at ljacoby@crsfcolorado.com

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