

ervoirs and water supply resources at any time and for any length of time.

The second House bill targets the regulation of firefighting foam as a possible source of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, which accumulate in the human body and may cause adverse effects. This bill may impact water and wastewater districts' data collection that may have financial repercussions.

Collaboration on water transport

Petersen reported that Donala, Triview Metropolitan District, and Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) communicated regarding the potential water transport arrangement between Donala and Triview via conference call on Feb.14. CSU will require Triview to begin the application process for a 1041 permit and obtain space in the Pueblo Reservoir to move forward on its "wheeling" agreement with Donala. Donala received its 1041 permit—a years-long process—in fall 2019. See www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#dwsd.

This collaboration would provide Triview with a means to receive its leased water from the Pueblo Board of Water Works through CSU's Southern De-

livery System and Donala's infrastructure. Petersen confirmed that the "meter pit," the shared device that will measure the water delivered to Triview, has been designed and a contractor has been secured.

At 3:32 p.m. the board moved into executive session under the provisions of CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters; CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) determining positions relative to matters that may be subject negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators.

The next board meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. March 19 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, see www.donalawater.org/images/docs/PUBLIC_NOTICE_2020.pdf for the meeting schedule. More information is available by calling (719)488-3603 or accessing www.donalawater.org.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Feb. 19

Coming to Triview homes: new water meter technology

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors met Feb. 19. Directors received manager and superintendent reports and voted to award a landscape installation contract after an executive session.

Due to the closure of I-25, Secretary/Treasurer James Barnhart's and Director Anthony Sexton's arrivals were delayed, and Director James Otis was prevented from attending. The directors participated via teleconference as needed to maintain a quorum. General counsel Gary Shupp was also present.

Triview is a Title 32 special district within Monument that provides road, landscaping, and open space maintenance, and water and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas.

The Feb. 19 board packet may be accessed via www.triviewmetro.com/boardDocuments.

Conversion to high-tech water meters begun
District Manager Jim McGrady informed the board that utility crews initiated the conversion from traditional water meters to cellular water meters. The goal is to replace about 600 meters in 2020 and budget for the remaining replacements in 2021. The coinciding software called "Eye on Water" will allow residents to view their water use history to within 15 minutes. This provides valuable feedback for residents who wish to conserve water and reduce water costs. The new meters will also provide leak-detection alerts as well as other types of warnings.

Neighborhoods that are currently under development, such as Sanctuary Pointe, will automatically be equipped with the cellular water meters. Information to educate residents on how to use the technology and to address safety concerns will be forthcoming.

JCP landscape contract awarded

Three landscape contractors submitted proposals for the materials and installation of landscaping in the Jackson Creek Parkway (JCP) median. The bid amounts ranged from \$260,322 to \$270,536. McGrady reported that he and Parks and Open Space Superintendent Jay Bateman interviewed each contractor and documented the interview responses on score sheets. The contracts were discussed in depth during the board's executive session.

McGrady later confirmed that the board unanimously voted to award the contract to Landscape Endeavors Inc., citing the contractor's experience in the northeastern Colorado Springs area as well as the contractor's responsiveness, price, and specifications as qualifying factors.

Regionalization gaining promise

President Mark Melville, Vice President Marco Fiorito, and McGrady attended a Feb. 19 regionalization presentation hosted by Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU). Melville and Fiorito confirmed that Triview's current operations and assets appear to align well with CSU's regionalization expectations. The district intends to participate in a to-be-determined community event where potential regionalization partners may present their stories.

Later discussion emphasized the benefits of Triview acquiring renewable surface water resources in addition to having wells. This provides redundancy

that ensures sufficiency when demand is high or during drought seasons.

Potential mutual irrigation company changes draw concerns

McGrady informed the directors about potential changes in the way that mutual irrigation or ditch companies allocate unused water rights shares. Currently, unused water from water rights holders within a mutual irrigation company can be shared among the company's remaining water rights holders. Murmurs of proposed changes would require unused water shares to instead be diverted downstream. These changes, if they were to occur, may impact Triview's shares of Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co. water. This defeats the purpose and has the potential of reducing yields that partners count on, he said.

McGrady had thought that legislation against such changes might be available by the time the board met in February and that directors would write a memo of support. To his knowledge, no legislation had developed to date, but he pledged to monitor the situation.

Keeping a watchful eye on sales tax revenue
A comparison of the district's 2018 sales tax revenue

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