

ganizing of some line items, and a switch to an accrual system as opposed to a cash system.

- Hodge announced that all of the remaining meters required for the district's changeout program had been purchased. A subcontractor had been hired to complete the installations. Hodge expected the process to be complete within 60 days. Houle commented that the functionality of the new meters' Eye on Water application provided numerous options for monitoring and managing water consump-

tion.

- At 11.215 million gallons, the district's January 2021 water demand was lower than its December 2020 demand, and it was also slightly less than January 2020 figures. The district's wells supplied 63.84% of the water consumed, and the remaining 36.16% came from Donala's Pueblo Board of Water Works lease.
- Parker provided a National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center forecast that estimated a likelihood of below-average

precipitation and higher-than-average temperatures across most of Colorado for the next three months. In his written report, Parker confirmed that snowpack was 96% of normal in the Arkansas River Basin and 80% statewide.

At 2:57 p.m. directors moved to executive session per C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h), personnel matters. OCN later confirmed that the board did not make reportable decisions following the executive session.

The next board meeting is scheduled

for March 18 at 1:30. Generally, board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and are likely to be conducted online due to coronavirus restrictions; call (719)488-3603 or access www.donalawater.org to receive up-to-date meeting information. The district office is located at 15850 Holbein Drive, Colorado Springs. See <https://www.donalawater.org> for more information about the district.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Feb. 18

District strives to create robust water system

By Jennifer Kaylor

Directors for the Triview Metropolitan District conducted a brief but productive meeting on Feb. 18. Water attorney Chris Cummins presented a purchase and sale agreement for additional water shares and proportional storage. Staff apprised directors of progress on operations and projects.

All board directors, District Manager Jim McGrady, water attorney Chris Cummins, Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton, and Parks and Open Space Superintendent Matt Rayno attended the meeting online.

Triview is a Title 32 special district in Monument that provides road, landscaping, and parks and open space maintenance, and water and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas. See <https://triviewmetro.com/districtMap> for a map of district boundaries.

The Feb. 18 agenda and board meeting packet may be accessed via https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2021/Agenda_2021-02-18_final.pdf and https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2021/BoardPacket_2021-02-18.pdf, respectively.

Purchase and sale agreement secures 1,000 shares

Cummins described the purchase of 1,000 Class A shares of water storage rights in the Stonewall Springs Reservoir Co. as an option that was made available when the Arkansas Groundwater Users Association (AGUA) did not acquire the shares. The purchase and sale agreement documented that Triview, in a previous purchase of 850 shares, agreed orally that it would "step into AGUA's shoes" if the transaction between AGUA and the Stonewall Springs Reservoir Co. did not proceed. See <https://www.ocn.me/v21n1.htm#tvmd>. Cummins added that the per-share purchase price was about 30% lower than Triview's previous purchase.

McGrady expressed enthusiasm, stating that the additional shares brought the total Stonewall Springs water storage to about 2,000 acre-feet and that it would be available within the next few months. This purchase, combined with Triview's 1,000 acre-feet of storage at the Pueblo Reservoir and another 1,000 acre-feet at Big Johnson Reservoir, would cap the total storage at about 4,000 acre-feet. McGrady estimated a two-year water supply if Triview's total storage filled to capacity and described the maneuver as "one of the best conjunctive use projects" that he'd ever seen. "This truly does set Triview up for long-term success," he added.

Directors unanimously voted to appropriate \$3.5 million for the 1,000 shares.

Earlier in the meeting, McGrady presented water consumption statis-

tics that substantiated the district's recent water and storage acquisitions. Triview currently serves 1,881 single-family homes and at least 65 commercial customers. Water consumption for 2020—972 acre-feet—exceeded 2019 numbers by about 180 acre-feet. The hot summer plus early and extended irrigation needs drove up water demand even more.

Pet waste issues raising a stink

Parks and Open Space Superintendent Matt Rayno reported on feedback from residents about the failure of some pet owners to use the district's pet porter stations. Despite strategic positioning of 41 stations throughout the district, some residents resist extending courtesy to the community by disposing of their pet's waste. Rayno planned to bump the number of stations to 50 or slightly more and place reminder signs throughout the district. He confirmed that the stations are checked or emptied twice per week, which includes resupplying pet waste bags.

Other topics in Rayno's report included current care and preparation of the area's open space. He described the current winter watering regimen as a successful means to protect Triview's trees from damage. The Public Works staff plans to complete perennial and shrub cutbacks and begin mulching landscape beds and "green season" activities in March.

Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton piggy-backed on Rayno's update. Reporting on equipment upgrades, he

described the conversion of a fire pump from fixed speed to variable speed in Sanctuary Pointe's C-plant that should be complete by April. The modification would improve versatility of the plant's pumping capacity, said Sexton.

Projects march on

McGrady reported about ongoing projects that included:

- Wells A9 and D9 in Sanctuary Pointe were fully operational as of the board meeting. McGrady confirmed that water production

from these wells came at a critical time for supporting future demand. Some minor final details remained on the restroom facility, but completion was expected by mid-March.

- McGrady confirmed that two chapters of the environmental assessment (EA) associated with the district's excess capacity agreement with Pueblo Reservoir had been completed. Triview's written portion of the EA must be submitted by April. Next steps include



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