



Above: Outgoing board member Dale Schendzielos. Photo by John Heiser.

sued by the Colorado/Wyoming coalition of water providers led by Frank Jaeger, manager of the Parker Water and Sanitation District.

Donala is participating in the coalition through a project of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA). The other participants in that PPRWA project are the Town of Monument, the Triview Metropolitan District, and the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The coalition also counts as participants Douglas County, the Parker district, the South Metro Water Supply Authority, the Town of Castle Rock and the Wyoming cities of Cheyenne and Torrington and Laramie County in Wyoming.

The coalition participants represent about 569,000 customers and have estimated future additional water demand of about 107,000 acre-feet per year.

Under the coalition's proposal, the water would be piped east along Interstate 80 in Wyoming and then south to the Rueter-Hess Reservoir, a 70,000 acre-foot facility just completed three miles southwest of downtown Parker. A 30-inch pipeline with two pump stations would be constructed to bring the water 32 miles farther south to the Tri-Lakes area.

Completion of the coalition's feasibility study has been held up as it waits for the federal Bureau of Reclamation to complete a model to estimate the amount of water available in the Colorado River.

The initial feasibility study funding of \$20,000 per coalition participant is nearly depleted. Each participant is being asked for an additional \$10,000 to complete the study. Duthie recommended that Donala pay its share of the additional funds needed to complete the feasibility study but was skeptical regarding the feasibility of the proposed project.

Other matters

- In recognition of Schendzielos' eight years on the board, he was presented a golden fire hydrant with the inscription reading in part, "Thanks for your support and help in putting out our fires."
- Terri Ladouceur, a maintenance operator who has been with Donala for eight years,

was named the employee of the quarter for working in difficult circumstances at the wastewater treatment plant and her performance above and beyond the call of duty.

- During the three months from Jan. 1 through March 31, the district's \$3.19 million in investments managed by Davidson Fixed Income Management showed a yield of 0.33 percent, achieving a goal of beating the Colotrust Plus fund, which yielded 0.04 percent during the same period. The weighted average maturity of the district's investments is 6.9 months. Davidson also separately manages \$5.6 million in proceeds from the bond sale to be used to fund the infrastructure improvements needed to handle renewable water and \$596,553 in a debt service reserve fund associated with the bond sale.
- Duthie reported that the district will soon be evaluating the first bids for the initial part of the infrastructure upgrades needed to transport larger amounts of renewable water from the southern part of the district to the northern parts. The work will include installation of larger pumps at the Latrobe and Jessie facilities. That will be followed by installation of a new pipeline from the

Jessie facilities up Baptist Road and upgrades to other pipelines in the district. The work is to be completed by the end of 2013.

- Duthie reported on the April 4 meeting of the PPRWA. He noted that the group appears to be closer to an equitable solution to funding the transit loss model that measures and records the amount of non-native Fountain Creek watershed stream flows owned by several municipalities and water districts. The amount of this water added to native stream flows by external sources, such as effluent from wastewater treatment facilities, can be exchanged or reused. The model calculates how much of the added water is lost.

Following the public meeting, the board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues and negotiations.

The Donala board will hold its next regular meeting May 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Donala office, 15850 Holbein Drive. Meetings are normally held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month; however, no meeting will be held in November 2012, and the December 2012 meeting will be held Dec. 6.

The district's website is at www.donalawater.org.

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