

are conservation, cost, and communication. I would bring to the Donala board my knowledge, skills, and experience as a practicing attorney who specializes in business matters. I believe the board would benefit from my input in the areas of litigation management, contract negotiation, and public relations.

**Bob Denny**  
(two-year term)

My background of service as a military veteran, a small-business owner, and a financial advisor will make me a good addition to the Donala board. I served 27 years in the Air Force and was in a management position over water resources at two bases, one of them being the Air Force Academy. In the private sector, I owned a successful small business for several years. I experienced the issues of profit and loss, meeting regular payroll, and government regulations. Later, I served as a financial advisor to several members of this community while working at a national investment firm. I'm a firm believer in volunteer service, and have been active in Gleneagle

Sertoma (twice past president) and church volunteer activities. My academic background includes a degree from the Air Force Academy and graduate degrees from Tufts and Regis (MBA).

Our greatest issue facing the district is obtaining an adequate water supply for the future. I have lived in the Donala Water District area for 17 years and have seen a complete turnaround in thinking. Once, we thought we had a 300-year supply below the surface, but now, we realize the need to pursue other renewable water sources. Donala is off to a good start with its access to water rights at the Willow Creek Ranch, but we need to continue in this effort. Some of this effort can be done cooperatively with other water districts, and we need to continue to be the leader in this regard. Another major issue is the continuing effort toward conserving the water resources we have. Conservation can take many forms, and we need to continue finding the right balance of price structure, education, waste avoidance, and smart usage.

**Gar Graham**  
(two-year term)

As a previous Air Force medical commander working with a bioenvironmental engineering flight, I am familiar with water quality and other environmental issues. During a 32-year Air Force career, I worked in community health care, commanded clinics and hospitals, and oversaw the Air Force Medical Service's multibillion-dollar financial plan. While serving at Air Force Space Command, we bought our home in the Donala Water District.

After a final tour at the Pentagon as an Air Force assistant surgeon general, I retired as a major general and am currently a faculty fellow at Summit Ministries in Manitou Springs, teaching over 1,700 college-age students per year. I also am serving on the Board of the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., which represents 7,000 federal health care professionals. I am actively involved and working on El Paso County and Colorado legislative issues. For the last few months I have attended Donala Water and Sanitation District board meetings to learn more about the water supply situation

along the Front Range.

Colorado is an amazing area in which to live. As we continue to grow, the challenge of securing a reliable, renewable, and affordable source of water is critical for all of us. The Donala board has done an outstanding job of ensuring that supply, but there are further challenges ahead, including how best to hold down costs, encourage prudent consumption, and continue tapping diverse sources for our water. Added to this is the intrusion of EPA over-regulation of our effluent water—we have plenty to do in the years ahead. I can help with my background in health and environmental issues and hope to join the board this election. Please contact me at g4group@earthlink.net. I welcome questions and comments.

**Tim Wheeler**  
(two-year term)

As a soil scientist, my work included mapping soils and plant communities. I evaluated soil resources for their capacity to serve as watersheds, support plant communities and agriculture, and be used in earthen structures such as dams and ponds. I also evaluated soils for their usefulness for hiking and other outdoor recreation, urban development, and non-community sewage disposal and for their capacity to store water available for use by irrigated crops. I served as a manager of mapping projects and also provided technical services to a wide range of soil users. My background provided me with a broad perspective as to the many ways our water is used and the importance of using and treating our limited water resources wisely and in a cost-effective manner.

I think the biggest issues facing Donala are the development of an expanded multi-source supply of water and conservation of the water supply to offset limits that will eventually and inevitably arise in the effort to acquire increased amounts of usable water supply. Increasingly stringent sanitation standards are another issue we must carefully plan for, but the more immediate, and therefore presently more critical, issues are the development of additional and affordable water supplies and the wise use of the existing water supply and of supplies acquired in the future.

As a board member, I would continue the work the board has completed to date to identify and seek the additional water supplies we will need. This work will probably include additional partnering with other water entities. I also support the efforts Donala has made so far to encourage its water users to conserve water and will work to further increase our effectiveness in using water wisely while maintaining our property values. You can contact me as follows: e-mail tdwheeler@comcast.net; phone (719) 290-7714. ■


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