

purchaser to personally show all the limitations being imposed face to face so Donala can maintain complete control of the ranch's creeks.

After a lengthy technical discussion about necessary contract and access restrictions, the proposed contract with Driemeyer for sale of the 650 acres for \$1.7 million was amended to add a new restriction that there would be no subdivision of any of the land to be sold by Donala.

Brown Ranch exclusion approved

The board unanimously approved an exclusion agreement for the Brown Ranch property from the district because it drains into Cherry Creek, which is part of the South Platte Basin rather than the Arkansas River Basin. This drainage condition prohibits the use of any Donala renewable water on the property. The cost of creating a separate ground water supply for this property is prohibitive. The ranch was included by Donala in early 2004 and Donala paid the owners of the Ranch, Randal Construction Inc., Randy Scholl, and Margaret E. Scholl \$400,000 for all the

groundwater rights for this property.

Under the agreement Donala will retain all rights to ground water in the Arapahoe aquifer underlying the Brown Ranch and the well site. The Scholls will pay Donala \$150,000. Donala will convey to Randal and Margaret Scholls all rights to ground water in the Dawson, Denver, and Laramie-Fox Hills aquifers by warranty deed after the appropriate court actions specified in the agreement have been completed. Donala's well site will be platted as a separate lot when the Brown Ranch is subdivided and conveyed by the Scholls to Donala by a warranty deed.

The board unanimously approved a meeting schedule public notice that calls for meetings on the third Thursday of the month in the district conference room starting at 1:30 p.m. There were the usual two exceptions: the meeting in November is cancelled and the December meeting will be held on Dec. 5, the first Thursday. For more information see www.donalawater.org/news-events/board-meeting-schedule.html.

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The meeting went into executive session for a discussion of negotiating strategies and personnel issues at 3:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 17 at the Donala office, 15850 Holbein Drive. Meetings are normally held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Information: 488-3603.

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Tri-Lakes Facility Joint Use Committee, Dec. 11

2013 budget approved, including master plan study

By Jim Kendrick

On Dec. 11, the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee (JUC) unanimously ratified the final 2013 facility budget and appropriation that include a 10-year master plan study and a new storage facility. There were no public comments regarding either ratification. Burks distributed the final 2013 budget to all district board members and staff members.

For more information on how the facility will respond to and finance new monitoring and regulatory requirements imposed by the state and the EPA, see <http://www.ocn.me/v12n12.htm#juc>.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate public utility and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards:

- President Jim Whitelaw, Woodmoor
- Vice President Dale Smith, Palmer Lake



Above: The Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility held its annual Joint Use Committee (JUC) meeting on Dec. 6 at the Villa Restaurant in Palmer Lake. The JUC consists of one board director from each of the three owner districts and acts as the board of directors for the facility at monthly JUC meetings. This annual JUC meeting was attended by 47 members of the facility staff, facility and district consultants, and the boards and staffs of the three owner special districts: Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The master of ceremonies was Woodmoor Director Jim Whitelaw, who is president of the JUC. The other members of the JUC are Director Chuck Robinove of Monument and Director Dale Smith of Palmer Lake. Facility Manager Bill Burks presented the annual report on facility operations and milestones and future capital requirements for new permit requirements for nutrients, metals, and naturally occurring background constituents such as arsenic and radium. Photo by Jim Kendrick.

Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Robinove, Monument Typically, several other district board members, including the JUC alternate representatives and district managers from each of the three owner districts, also attend JUC meetings to ensure continuity of facility operations and in-depth knowledge on the district boards.

At the start of the meeting, Whitelaw asked for a round of applause for Facility Manager Bill Burks for the "great banquet" he organized for the required annual JUC meeting held at the Villa Restaurant in Palmer Lake on Dec. 6. Whitelaw also stated that Burks' presentation on plant operations and the actions he and the staff took in 2012 was excellent.

Financial report

Burks noted that the prepayment for annual property insurance to the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool for the coming year was \$20,770. The amount increased about \$4,000 because coverage now provides for replacement costs rather than the current depreciated value. The financial report was unanimously accepted as presented.

District managers' reports

Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund reported that the district board had approved a fee increase during the Nov. 15 board meeting. The residential customer fee will increase from \$25 to \$30 on April 1, 2013. Commercial customers will pay the same increased monthly use fee of \$30 for the first 5,000 gallons of water used, starting on April 1. The commercial rate charged by the district for each additional 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons used will also rise on April 1 from \$4.50 to \$4.80 per 1,000 gallons.

Palmer Lake District Manager Becky Orcutt reported that her board would finalize the district's 2013 budget on the evening of Dec. 11. There will be no fee increase in the new budget.

Woodmoor Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette said there had been no issues at Woodmoor in the past month.

Plant manager's report

Burks reported that the plant had operated smoothly and efficiently in October. Burks then reviewed each line of the October Discharge Monitoring Report.

For ammonia, the daily average was 0.5 milligrams per liter (mg/l), or parts per million, and the daily maximum was 0.8 mg/l. There is no permit limit for ammonia yet, just a reporting requirement. For total nitrate, the daily maximum was 6.1 mg/l, much less than the permit limit of 23 mg/l. For total inorganic nitrate, the daily maximum was 6.4 mg/l; the permit limit is 23 mg/l. For potentially dissolved copper, the daily average was 8.0 micrograms per liter (µg/l), or parts per billion; the permit limit is 24.8 µg/l.

The wastewater flow through the plant averaged 1.01 million gallons per day (MGD) with a peak flow of 1.14 MGD. The plant is rated at 4.2 MGD. Removal of wastes and total suspended solids both exceeded 99 percent; the permit limit is 85 percent.

Burks noted that Monument had a high concentra-

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