There were no written objections presented or public comments made during the open portion of the public hearing.

The board unanimously approved three motions for:
- The Donala resolution approving the Scholls' petition for exclusion by the district court.
- The Donala application to the water court for approval of the reconveyance of the Brown Ranch groundwater rights in the Dawson, Denver, and Laramie-Fox Hills aquifers back to the Scholls.
- Authorization of Donala board President Bill George to sign the deed that reconveys the Brown Ranch groundwater rights in the three aquifers back to the Scholls after both court actions are completed and the Scholls' payment of $150,000 has been made.

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The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 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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Monument Sanitation District, Jan. 17

Director's resignation accepted

By Jim Kendrick

On Jan. 17, the Monument Sanitation District board unanimously accepted a letter of resignation from Director David Joss with great reluctance. Joss's letter advised the board that he would be temporarily out of state to take care of an ailing family member for an indeterminate period.

The board unanimously approved several annual administrative items for 2013:
- 2013 letters of engagement from the district's attorney, Larry Gaddis, from Bauerle and Co. for auditing services, from Turbo's Mobile Computer Service, from Haynie & Co. for accounting services, and from Jenny DeVan for janitorial services
- A resolution to set the same district board meeting dates, times and locations, and posting locations for 2013
- Reappointment of Director Chuck Robinove as the primary district representative to the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee (JUC) for 2013
- Reappointment of Director Don Smith as the first alternate representative to the JUC and all the other board members as secondary representatives to the JUC for 2013

There was no increase in fees for any of the annual letters of engagement. District Manager Mike Wicklund noted that all annual transparency reporting items were completed before Jan. 15.

Financial report

Wicklund noted three annual payments that were made:
- $7,917 for annual property and liability insurance to the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool
- $2,063 for annual workers compensation insurance to the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool
- $685 for the district's annual membership to the Special District Association of Colorado

Total cash available for all accounts was $302,784.

The board unanimously approved the purchase of a snowplow that can be mounted on the district's pickup truck in the event that a deep snowfall could make it difficult to drive to the lift stations for maintenance.

The board unanimously approved a 63-month lease, supplies, and maintenance for a new color copier/scanner/fax machine at $255 per month. The trade-in for the district's current copier was $1,500.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the district conference room, 130 Second St. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 481-4886.

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