

tion nonprofit company that provides training, landscape design, and workshops gave a presentation that showed it may be able to provide useful xeriscape consulting support to Donala customers.

**Willow Creek storage contract renewed**

Duthie observed that if the current drought continues, Donala's Willow Creek Ranch water rights may be nearly unusable this summer. Donala could not withdraw its full quota of renewable water in 2012 due to the drought. After owners of water rights that were more senior than Donala's and had a higher priority took their water from the Arkansas River, only a limited amount remained available to Donala. Arkansas River flows are expected to be even less this year and in the worst case, no water may be left in the stream that can be used by Donala.

Duthie said he had just received a draft for another one-year renewal of the district's Pueblo Reservoir storage contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. Donala has been negotiating with the bureau for a long-term contract rather than one-year renewable contracts, but progress has been very slow.

Annual maintenance work on the ranch infrastructure will begin in late April when the snow melts.

Donala's realtor has not reported any offers to buy the ranch in the past month. Donala would retain all its renewable decreed water rights and necessary access easements as a condition of sale.

**Irrigation schedule changes may be coming**

Donala is required by its supplemental water service agreement with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) to mimic CSU's irrigation standards. CSU is currently considering whether to impose a three-day-a-week standard, or a more restrictive twice-weekly irrigation standard. If either of these standards is imposed by

CSU, Donala will have to impose a similar standard. If the CSU standard is three days per week, Donala will impose its usual odd-even plan for M-W-F irrigation or T-T-S irrigation. If the CSU standard is twice-a-week irrigation, Donala's odd-even plan would call for irrigation on Monday and Friday only or Tuesday and Saturday only.

**Financial reports**

The financial reports and the Davidson Fixed Income Management investment report were accepted as presented. Triview Metropolitan District sold four new water taps, which provided some additional funds to help pay off Triview's \$1 million loan from Donala. Donala made this loan to help Triview pay for its share of the cost of expanding the Upper Monument Facility when Triview was unable to get a supplemental loan from any

other source.

The board went into an executive session on personnel matters at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. after the executive session.

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After this meeting, Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund visited the new Big R store twice to explain to the staff and store managers why copper sulfate root killing products can be so harmful to Monument Creek and costly to the customers of the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

On Feb. 27, Ryan Cousins of the Big R corporate office called Wicklund to advise him that copper sulfate products would be removed from the Struthers Road

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