



Above: On April 18, Donala Water and Sanitation District Board President Bill George, right, recognized Troy Vialpando of Maintenance as the district's employee of the quarter. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

the district's employee of the quarter. Board President Bill George presented the award to Vialpando, and all the board members thanked him for his excellent work.

Director Bill Nance's absence was excused.

Triview status update

Petersen reported that Donala had received seven payments of \$1,500 each for seven new Triview Metropolitan District March taps. This tap revenue is used to reimburse Donala for paying for Triview's share of the costs of the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility that were in excess of the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority's loans totaling \$7 million. The amount remaining for Triview to reimburse to Donala is \$787,524, plus interest.

Petersen noted that Triview Operations Supervisor Nick Harris had resigned to join the Town of Monument staff. Triview is hiring an interim contractor with the correct operational wastewater and drinking water licenses to temporarily replace Harris as "operator in responsible charge" for both areas. The Triview board plans to interview candidates and hire a new chief operator in the future.

Petersen stated that Triview District Manager Valerie Remington had advised him that the Triview board would not approve the quarterly \$110,130 payment owed Triview for wastewater treatment services at this time, because Remington had not entered a large enough amount in Triview's 2013 budget to cover all four quarterly payments to Donala. Remington must provide a budget amendment to the Triview board to cover all four payments before the Triview directors will approve Triview's second quarterly payment to Donala.

Duthie added that the amount to be paid in 2013 by Triview was submitted to Triview last August and had not changed from the 2012 amount. The Triview line item had about \$128,000 remaining, so there was no reason not to make this payment on time, by May 1. For more information see the April 9 Triview article on page 13

ment Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Willow Springs Ranch update

Petersen, Superintendent Robert Hull, and Chief Water Operator Mark Parker performed annual work at the district's Willow Spring Ranch near Leadville from April 14 to 16. There were 4 feet of snow in the ranch's access driveway and 18 inches of snow on the level ground with waist-high drifts. Petersen noted that metering flume 1 was totally frozen due to a heavy snow. Water was flowing in flume 2.

An additional trip for annual maintenance will be required after the snow melts to help ensure that the flumes are operational. The district soon must be able to claim the maximum amount of renewable surface water that flows from the ranch to the Arkansas River and Pueblo Reservoir from the heavier spring thaw flows, starting in May.

The district is also working with Abby Ortega, the planning supervisor for water supply with Colorado Springs Utilities, in case Utilities' potable water is necessary in lieu of Willow Springs Ranch water during the higher demand periods this summer. Duthie said the district may get less water from the ranch than last year due to the continuing drought causing low Arkansas River flows.

Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority update

Petersen gave a synopsis of the briefing presented to the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) by its legislative consultant Dick Brown on this year's various state House and Senate bills that may affect water rights sales rules and litigation.

The board considered what level Donala should choose for participation in a regional water supply feasibility study after a report on the March 29 PPRWA

Petersen said that the new Big R store on Struthers Road had still not cooperated with repeated requests from Donala and Monument Sanitation District to stop selling containers of copper sulfate tree root killer. While the Big R executives in Pueblo state that they will comply with this request, the store manager continues to stock and sell copper sulfate, even though equally effective and less harmful foam products are available. In contrast, the Home Depot store in Monument Marketplace has been very cooperative in taking such copper sulfate products off its shelves.

Financial reports

Petersen reported that he would reduce the number of reports from investment consultant Davidson Fixed Income Management because there are no planned transfers of cash between the district's accounts until December 2014. Duthie noted that the purpose of the accounts is having a cash reserve, in lieu of insurance, for the two Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority loans totaling \$7 million used for the expansion of the Upper Monu-



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