

per week. This long-distance temporary arrangement could cause a health and safety issue by delaying the contractor's response to a sewage spill.

Note: If Triview were to have a water emergency, Donala is the only water entity that can provide an emergency supply of potable water to the district. Triview lies entirely within the town of Monument, but there is no connection to the town's water distribution system to help mitigate a Triview emergency.

The only two connections between Triview's and Donala's water distribution systems are at the intersections of Baptist and Struthers Roads and Baptist Road and Gleneagle Drive. The Triview water pressure at the Struthers Road connection is too high to allow any transfer of Donala water into the Triview system. Pumping water from Donala uphill against gravity to Triview from the Gleneagle connec-

tion would require a major reduction in Triview's water pressure and substandard performance throughout most of the Triview water system.

Triview has never agreed to meet with Donala to set up installation of water meters to measure emergency flows from Donala to Triview or to even share the cost of having Donala install such meters for an emergency. Triview has never discussed or agreed to any operational procedures for a Donala water transfer during a Triview emergency. No agreements have been discussed with Donala for support for most other water or wastewater emergencies despite numerous offers by Donala.

CSU contract extended

The board unanimously approved a water service contract extension with CSU to remain eligible to purchase potable water to supplement Donala's well production as well as receive its Willow Springs Ranch

water after CSU treats it.

Petersen noted that the recent collapse of oil and natural gas exploration in the region may make it easier for Donala to obtain its own replacement portable electric generator sometime later this year, but not this summer.

Petersen noted how many extra hours Donala employees had put in during the Black Forest wildfire pre-evacuation and the emergency procedures that had been established with Donald Wescott Fire Protection District in case the Donala service area was evacuated.

Petersen recommended that the board accept the low bid of Wildcat Construction Inc. to construct the first phase of the Jessie/Struthers/Latrobe pipeline water transmission and distribution system improvements. The board unanimously approved the \$98,376 contract.

Aslan Construction has completed

the sludge press extension for the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, and it is operating successfully. This will greatly increase the efficiency of loading treated biosolids into appropriately sized disposal trucks for more cost-effective transport to a landfill.

The meeting went into executive session at 3:02 p.m. to discuss property disposition and to receive legal advice. No board actions were expected to be taken after the executive session was concluded.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on July 18 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 488-3603.

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Monument Board of Trustees, June 3

Smith promoted to town manager

By Jim Kendrick

At the start of the June 3 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman formally swore in Pamela Smith as town manager. Smith had been serving in the position for several months with the word "interim" in front of her now-permanent title. The board unanimously approved Smith's new contract. The board then formally promoted Deputy Treasurer Monica Harder and she was sworn in as town treasurer by Sirochman. Smith and Harder work directly for the Board of Trustees.

Mayor Travis Easton recognized recent achievements by Trustee John Howe and Town Gardener Sharon Williams. They were presented with a plaque and

a gift card for all the hard work they did organizing and conducting the town's Memorial Day Celebration at the Monument Cemetery. Smith praised Sirochman for her efficient and effective efforts in creating a new town website.

Public comments

The Girls of the West, Amanda Summers and Kate Watson, gave the annual invitation to the board for the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Days. Board President Ted Servern discussed the history and mission of the Pikes Peak Range Riders and their annual ride "Round the Peak" to their historic campsite at Gillette. The rodeo parade will be held in downtown Colorado Springs on Tejon Street, from St. Vrain to Vermijo, on July 9 starting at 6:30 p.m. The Pikes

Peak or Bust Rodeo will be held July 10 through July 13. For more information, see www.pikespeakorbust.org/.

Monument water representative Betty Konarski briefed the board on her attendance at the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. Konarski also noted that Tri-Lakes Views, a local organization for arts and historic interests, would install its new outdoor public sculptures for the year around the Tri-Lakes area.

Monument water consultant Gary Barber gave a slide presentation to update the board on town water supply issues. Barber discussed such topics as groundwater, the Arapahoe Aquifer, the Denver Basin Study, the Water Infrastructure Planning Study (or WIPS), and the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority 2009-10 Recommendations and Suggestions.

Resolutions

The board unanimously approved a resolution to "memorialize" the completion of a settlement by the town of a 2008 water court case with objector Sally Beck regarding her previous water rights in land the town condemned using eminent domain to build a street. Some of the items of note in the resolution were:

- The town agrees to reserve water for development of Beck's property for a period of 10 years from the date of the approval of this resolution.
- Beck, or her successor in interest, will receive credit for the water under her property plus credit for water under the street that the town acquired by eminent domain.
- The water under Beck's property will be formally decreed (or granted) to Beck in Water Court case 08CW45.
- When Beck or her successor in interest is ready to develop, a qualified person will do a demand analysis and Beck or her successor in interest will be responsible for paying for water in excess, if any, of the water credits decreed in the water case.
- Tap fees and other charges will be paid by the developer in the usual manner at the appropriate stage of development.
- Beck agrees to stipulate to the present form of the water decree.

The board also unanimously approved the addition of \$504,012 for lease/purchase budgeted 2013 capital projects to a lease with Wells Fargo Brokerage Services. The new items to be acquired by this lease/purchase will be used by the Police

Department, the Public Works Department, and the Water Department. The total amount to be financed on the three-year lease will be \$131,806 with an interest rate of 2.14 percent. The total amount to be financed on the five-year lease will be \$372,206 with an interest rate of 2.34 percent.

The board unanimously approved two disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$6,000 to John Cutler & Associates for partial billing for the 2012 audit.
- \$6,040 to Velocity Plant Services for repairs to town wells 3 and 9.

Staff reports

Town Attorney Gary Shupp stated that the town had been served with a lawsuit against the Police Department, and its insurance company, CIRSA, will handle the case.

Some of the items Smith reported were:

- The town's Memorial Day ceremony was larger than ever, attended by about 200 people, and will have to be budgeted for in 2014 to cover employee holiday pay due to its larger scope.
- Public Works Director Tom Tharnish will study the cost of installing town fuel tanks to determine if any fuel cost savings may be available.
- The town has already paid the entire cost (\$1,200) for surveying and engineering to repair the intersection of Higby Road and Jackson Creek Parkway, and Triview Metropolitan District has "declined" to pay its half of the repair costs, estimated to be \$20,000 to \$25,000.
- Tharnish will post signs at Monument Lake advising citizens not to go on or around the dam's spillway.
- Tharnish has arranged a meeting with Woodmoor, Donala, and Forest Lakes regarding a joint reuse water infrastructure project, but Triview has declined to respond to its invitation to this meeting.
- Smith forwarded Tharnish's letter of concern to the Triview board and Triview district manager regarding Triview's summer operations of its water and wastewater systems, but there has been no response from either.
- The town is pursuing an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation to have the town reimbursed for care and maintenance of the state "park and



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