

of each year before property tax revenues are received from the county. Property tax revenues will have to entirely replace tap fees as Donala's source of capital reserves as residential construction reaches its space limit.

There was board consensus that the near- and long-term plans to solve all these Donala revenue issues and setting annual budgets should have nothing to do with rate changes or summer water restrictions imposed by Colorado Springs Utilities on CSU customers.

**Note:** Colorado Springs Utilities provides nearly 100 percent of its drinking water to its customers from renewable surface water, while Donala is providing about 75 percent of its drinking water from groundwater wells, a water resource that is becoming less productive every year.

Petersen asked the directors to review all the documentation presented in depth and provide any remaining questions for him to answer at the next board meeting on Oct. 16. (The public is invited to provide comments and observations at this regularly scheduled meeting regarding the proposed budget for 2015, including 2015 availability of service fees, tap fees, and water and sewer rates.)

The public 2015 rate budget hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 to ratify these items.

### Financial reports

Petersen advised the board that Triview Metropolitan District plans to pay off Donala's management with Triview in October. Donala extended a loan of about \$1 million to Triview to help it pay for its share of expansion of the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. Under this reimbursement agreement, Triview has been paying off the loan by transferring \$1,500 from each new Triview tap fee to Donala. Triview's remaining

balance was about \$636,000.

Petersen explained what AF CURE, the Arkansas and Fountain Coalition for Rural/Urban River Evaluation, does for wastewater treatment facilities in the local watershed to be prepared for negotiations with the state Health Department and EPA in stakeholder meetings and regulatory hearings:

- Baseline data collection for flow, in-stream temperature, and constituents (relevant contents) in Monument and Fountain Creek.
- Upper Monument Creek is narrower, shallower, slower, colder, higher in altitude, and has less silt and sediment than lower Monument Creek and Fountain Creek.
- Upper Monument Creek should be separately and differently for nutrients, metals, and other constituents in discharge permit limits.
- Donala may have to install chillers and heaters to control the effluent temperature for Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility without AF CURE data.
- The Upper Monument Water Quality Management Association purchased the hardware and software needed to continuously monitor in-stream temperatures throughout upper Monument Creek to be able to show that neither local wastewater treatment plant is harming aquatic life in the stream.

The financial reports were approved as presented.

### Operations report

Well 2A remained out of service while the district awaits the newly required discharge permit that will allow the district to discharge water used to clean the well. The fee for the special discharge permit from the state health de-

partment for this mandatory hyper cleaning is \$698. Well 3-A repairs are completed and the well is operational again.

The state Health Department has still not issued the new five-year Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment facility discharge permit that it "asked" the facility to voluntarily request before the current five-year discharge permit expires.

**Note:** The Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility also has not received its new, similarly state-requested, five-year permit.

Phase 1 of the Doral Way water project is 95 percent complete. The pipelines and hydrants have been installed. Final grading and seeding is underway. The cost for the work by Frazee Construction was \$158,000. Phase 2 of the project is in final design.

Petersen stated that there was no development news to report to the board.

Director Dave Powell reported that the Pueblo Reservoir operators had told him during a tour of the Pueblo dam that cooperation was excellent between the operators of Donala, CSU water, and the Pueblo Board of Water Works.

The meeting went into executive session at 3:50 p.m. to discuss water rights negotiations strategy.

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The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Donala District Office conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. There will be no regular meeting in November. Information: 488-3603 or <http://www.donalawater.org/>.

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## Monument Sanitation District, Sept. 18

# Draft 2015 budget predicts rise in costs

By Jim Kendrick

On Sept. 18, District Manager Mike Wicklund presented the first draft of the 2015 budget to the Monument Sanitation District board. Expenses will rise due to the district's share of construction costs for a new tertiary clarifier and

associated infrastructure for chemical removal of phosphates at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility that is being required by the state's new nutrient Control Regulation 85.

Currently there is only a rough estimate of costs from Tetra Tech, the facility's engineering consultant. Tetra Tech's original rough estimate of \$1 million was increased to \$2 million in September 2013 and then to \$2.87 million in August. Firm bids for the project will not be received until early 2015.

The absence of board President Ed DeLaney was unanimously excused. Director Don Smith chaired the meeting.

### Financial reports

District Manager Mike Wicklund noted a payment of \$41,340 to Insituform Technologies for cured-in-place relining of the district's collection line along northern Washington Street. A 5 percent retainage is withheld during the warranty period.

Since the cash summary for the last district board meeting, total disbursements were \$86,456 and total deposits were \$46,611. Total cash on hand as of Sept. 17 was \$820,350, including \$244,626 in the First National Bank Capital Preservation Fund account, \$403,868 in the ColoTrust Capital Preservation Fund account, and \$28,014 in the Integrity Series-2013 Loan account.

The reports were accepted as presented.

### JUC update

Wicklund discussed options for how costs for design, construction, operations, and maintenance of the new

phosphate removal treatment clarifier may be divided between the three special districts that own the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility—Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. Some costs are to be divided based on how many pounds of phosphate each district delivers to the plant, and other costs will be divided by thirds. The district managers will meet to draft a plan for how to divide the costs for presentation to the Joint Use Committee and the three district boards for review and approval.

For additional information see <http://www.ocn.me/v14n9.htm#tljuc-0812>.

### Building update

Wicklund discussed some options for renovating the suites that the Willow Tree Café had occupied before going out of business. Options ranged from \$40,000 to \$100,000. No decisions were made because it was too early in the 2015 budget preparation cycle to know what the expenses for the Tri-Lakes Facility might be until final cost allocations between the three owner districts are finalized as noted above.

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The next meeting will be held on Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. in the district conference room at 130 Second St. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 481-4886.

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## Forest View Acres Water District, Sept. 25

# Board approves new water meters

By Nancy Wilkins

At the Forest View Acres Water District Board of Directors meeting on Sept. 25, the board voted to replace existing water meters, approve the architecture of the booster station, and move forward to protect the Arapahoe well head, and discussed the next phase of replacement water pipes.

### Operations report

Gabriella "Gabby" Begeman from Forest View's consultant district management firm ORC Water Professionals said that in August, about 99.18 percent of district water came from the renewable surface water. Begeman reviewed the prior month's results showing the surface

water intake was clogged and the booster station failed, forcing the district to use more water from the Arapahoe well.

### Villas project

Pending additional information, the board voted to replace the meters in the Villas subdivision. After looking at different types of meters, the board approved installing new meters that use cellular information to track water use. The new meters use a "beacon system" with the option to be able to transmit the information to a website having monitoring capabilities.

About 30 homes are in the Villas subdivision. The cellular system may reduce the time and cost it takes for

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