

and reliable than biological nutrient removal by bacteria. The JUC unanimously approved Burks' request to attend the annual Water Environment Federation conference in New Orleans to attend workshops on new environmental equipment. The cost of attendance was budgeted for 2014. Wicklund noted that Monument Sanitation District would continue to participate in the monthly stakeholder

meetings for fee bill, permit, impaired stream designation, and legislation as well as AF CURE, the Colorado Monitoring Framework, and the Colorado Wastewater Utility Council for the Tri-Lakes and Upper Monument Creek facilities. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. \*\*\*\*\* The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Aug. 12

at the at the Tri-Lakes facility's conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information for these meetings is available at 481-4053. Jim Kendrick can be reached at jimkendrick@ocn.me.

Donala Water and Sanitation District, July 17

# 2013 district audit approved

By Jim Kendrick

On July 17, district auditor Tom Sistare of Hoelting and Co. presented his 2013 audit report on Donala Water and Sanitation District's financial performance to the district

board. He reported that he did not identify any deficiencies in internal control considered to be material weaknesses and was giving Donala an unmodified or "clean" opinion.

Sistare singled out Donala's Sharon Samek, accounts payable, and Office Manager Betsy Bray, Samek's predecessor, for their smooth transition during 2013. Some of the 2013 figures Sistare noted were:

- An increase of about \$300,000 in unrestricted cash reserves
- Receipt of about \$67,000 in Triview tap fees
- About \$675,000 in capital outlays
- A decline in water revenue of about \$350,000 due to a relatively wet summer in 2013
- Donala tap fees totaled \$178,000 and were not used to pay for operations

The board unanimously accepted the audit as presented. The board unanimously approved a separate motion recognizing the work of Samek and Bray during the audit.

### Financial reports

General Manager Kip Petersen and Chief Water Operator Mark Parker discussed the old-style brass meter and transponder that were installed as replacements in a home about eight months ago. The wrong type of transponder had been attached to the meter at the factory, which caused use readings to be four times higher than the actual amount used. The erroneous readings were not detected initially due to the lack of irrigation flows. Once irrigation season started, it was apparent that the use readings were too high. District testing revealed the meter-transponder mismatch. The customer has received a refund check for the billing error incurred by the incorrect transponder.

Parker noted that the district plans to replace 250 meters per year at a cost of \$109,000 per year.

### Water supply plan presentation

Water Resources Manager Brett Gracely and Watershed Program and Issues Manager Allison Plute, both of Colo-



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