

Triview Metropolitan District, Sept. 8

# Water loss only 11 percent for July

By Lisa Hatfield

At the Sept. 8 meeting of the Triview Metropolitan District board, the directors discussed unaccounted-for water calculations, road repair planning and the possibility of getting assistance with this from Monument, and the need to not grant exceptions to district policies. They approved a handful of administrative decisions including a drug testing policy and an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Monument for mutual aid in case of emergencies.

Director Marco Fiorito was absent.

No public comments were made during the meeting.

## Unaccounted-for water 11 percent, not 37

District Manager Valerie Remington said that the discussion at the August meeting was not accurate and that “37 percent water loss is not anywhere close to where we really are.” She and President Robert Fisher explained that to correctly calculate water loss for the district, pumped water from the prior month’s board packet must be compared to billed water from the current month’s packet so that both statistics for pumped and billed water are for the same month.

She said that in July, the actual unaccounted-for water was only 11 percent, not 37 percent as the August discussion had indicated, and added that this was first time unaccounted-for water was over 10 percent since she started working at Triview. She said it would have been even lower if one meter at the elementary school had not broken. “It’s not extraordinary; it’s very low,” Remington said. She said her research showed that nationally, water loss between 10 and 20 percent was considered normal.

To read about three reasons for water loss in the district men-

tioned by Remington at the August meeting, see [www.ocn.me/v15n9.htm#tvmd0811](http://www.ocn.me/v15n9.htm#tvmd0811).

## Administrative decisions made

The directors unanimously approved the following items:

- A resolution stating that district staff will grant “no fee waivers, past-dating, or grandfathering of fees” for homeowners and contractors.
- Kempton Construction’s low bid of \$638,000 for the contract to build the new potable water, raw water, and sewage transmission lines at Promontory Pointe. The contract included a relatively large 10 percent contingency plan, since the area is on undeveloped land with rough terrain and “a lot of unknowns.” If additional expenses surpass 5 percent, any further expenses would require additional board approval.
- A drug policy and a random drug testing policy for all district employees in “safety-sensitive” positions.
- An IGA with Monument stating that in the case of an emergency in either Triview or the town, such as a flash flood, they would coordinate response efforts and share resources such as staff, consultants, or equipment. It will now go to the town for its approval.

## Operations and manager’s reports

Remington’s comments included:

- D4 well outfitting still under way.
- The Valero (Diamond Shamrock) truck stop at the I-25 Baptist Road intersection will now be included into Triview and will tap into Triview’s potable water

system. Valero will abandon the well it currently uses and is already connected to the district’s sanitary sewer. See [www.ocn.me/v9n4.htm#tmd](http://www.ocn.me/v9n4.htm#tmd).

- A resident wanted to make a shorter route for his children to get to the bus stop and had requested an exception to the regulation against installing gates into the common area in district-maintained fences. Fisher said the answer was “no” since these exceptions had already been discussed a lot in the past. Remington asked district Attorney Gary Shupp to draw up a resolution regarding fences the board could vote on in the future.
- Road repairs have been scheduled with a contractor for a cost of \$54,000 for “mill and overlay” in 31 spots and “remove and replace” asphalt in five spots.

Vice President Reid Bolander voiced concern that with 28 miles of streets in the district and \$500,000 of road repairs needed, a backlog of street maintenance is accumulating. Fisher agreed and said this was why the district is going to develop a road master plan, to decide exactly how to spend \$500,000 on roads in 2016.

Fisher said he planned to ask Monument if it would participate and help with the district’s road maintenance plans since “they are doing a good job of planning and executing.”

## Checks over \$5,000

Fisher recommended that a check to A Green Image for \$7,165 for weed control application be pulled from the list of checks, because he was concerned that the application killed more than just weeds. The directors unanimous-

ly approved these disbursements:

- JDS Hydro Consultants Inc., Sanctuary Transmission Line – \$11,162
- Mountain Peak Controls Inc., D-4 well progress billing – \$13,062
- DRC Construction Services Inc. CCTV video inspection and cleaning of one-fifth of Triview’s sanitary sewer collection system – \$15,792
- Applied Ingenuity, first progress payment for D-4 well completion – \$201,070
- John Hurley Asphalt LLC, road repair down payment – \$27,000 (added to list during manager’s report)

The meeting went into executive session at 6:11 p.m. to conference with the district’s attorney regard-

ing legal advice on specific legal questions and personnel matters. However, Shupp excused himself before the executive session began, saying Remington could take his place since the three items had already been covered, so Shupp could attend the Monument Board of Trustees meeting scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

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Triview Metropolitan District board meetings are normally held the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300. Information: 488-6868 or see [www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro](http://www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro). The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 13.

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