

less productive. The next Arkansas basin roundtable meeting is on April 8.

Petersen suggested developing a plan to initiate regular tours of Donala facilities for the community. The board endorsed Petersen's proposal.

**Operations report**

Petersen informed the board of the very positive final report Donala received from the state Health Department for a Jan. 16 inspection of the Upper Monument Creek

Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility owned by Donala, Triview Metropolitan District, and Forest Lakes Metropolitan District. The facility is operated entirely by Donala wastewater operators. Petersen praised the work of staff members Robert Hull, Terri Ladouceur, Thom Waite, Aaron Tolman, J.R. Vialpando, and Troy Vialpando for their hard work preparing for and facilitating this inspection despite the ongoing M. Parvicella contamination

problem that is being slowly but successfully rectified.

The inspection found no violations. Furthermore, there have been no discharge permit violations during the biological treatment system upset caused by very cold weather and the higher than normal loads of fats, oils, and grease that occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's. The state did not view the contamination problem as an issue of concern due to the

staff's thorough and prompt response.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on April 16 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 488-3603 or http://www.donalawater.org/.

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**Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, March 10**

**Committee to be formed for new equipment purchase**

By Jennifer Green-Lanchoney

At the March 10 meeting of the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, the board and the executive staff discussed the re-

placement of end-of-life equipment with new equipment that would go in line with current firefighting needs in the district.

District Director Greg Gent opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Directors Joyce Hartung, Bo McAllister, and John Fredell were present as were the executive staff, Chief Vinny Burns and Assistant Chief Scott Ridings. Director Harland Baker was absent.

Next year, Wescott will have two pieces of equipment up for replacement: a type 6 engine and a type 1 engine. Burns and Ridings would like to replace both with a type 3 engine and a water tender, which is a 3,000-gallon water hauler.

The differences between the engine types are:

- A type 6 engine is mounted on a pickup truck and holds a smaller 250-gallon per minute tank.
- A type 1 engine is used primarily for structural firefighting and wildland fires. It is a larger engine that looks like a traditional fire engine.
- A type 3 engine, a combination of the two, is thought to be better suited to the needs of the district.

"Our grass area is changing to where we feel that that is not a necessity to dive out into the middle of a field anymore," said Ridings. "Most of our fields are being developed right now so, the likelihood of really needing that capability in district starts going down."

The need for an additional water tender with a larger capacity was also discussed.

"When we ordered the current tender in 2000, the philosophy was with lighter trucks and less water, that return trips would be quicker," said Burns. "That has not really panned out. A lot of times we're sitting there with no water, which is why I think there is a big move in the fire service to go bigger so that when you show up, you've got enough punch to hold back a decent-sized fire."

The current tender holds 1,500 to 1,800 gallons of water; the proposed addition would hold 3,000 gallons of water.

A monthly report is not expected on the acquisition of the new equipment. The first step is to get a working group together and toward the end of the year, when an idea of budget and need is more realized, the committee will again engage the Board of Directors.

Burns noted that they were looking to start the process in 2015 with a 2016 delivery.

**Silver Alert system**

Director McAllister explained the importance of an alert system called Silver Alert, which is not currently in use in the state of Colorado.

Silver Alert is a public notification system used to broadcast information about missing persons—especially senior

citizens with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other mental disabilities—in order to aid in their recovery.

McAllister's father was recently saved as a direct result of this information system in New Jersey.

"I called the police station (in New Jersey) and explained my situation," McAllister said. "When I went out on the highway, every sign I saw had my father's car (and) license plate ... he was found three hours later."

McAllister will work to promote the use of this system in Colorado.

**February calls increase**

Ridings delivered the February run report, citing a 13 percent increase this year over last. In February 2014 there were 196 calls compared to 221 calls this February. Ridings indicated that the February weather event did not increase call volume, though a plan was in place in case a spike occurred.

Ridings also spoke on fire mitigation work being done in Black Forest. "We are taking more of a regional approach to fire mitigation," he said. The region will be working to thin the Black Forest canopy and increase healthy forest restoration over the next two to three years.

**Current accounts**

The discussion then turned to dividends earned on current accounts for the station. Ridings talked with Wescott's auditor and accountant regarding the accounts. "(The accountant is getting me information on) Colorado revised statutes on where we can put money and where we can't," said Ridings. "Wescott fire is very limited in which accounts the station can place their money; the accounts must be very low risk."

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At MVEA's Annual Meeting on June 4, 2015 at Palmer Ridge High School in Monument, three directors will be elected to Mountain View Electric Association's (MVEA) Board of Directors from the following districts:

**District 1** Limon, Karval, Genoa, and surrounding areas *(Incumbent Joe Martin)*  
**District 4** Calhan, Peyton, a portion of Black Forest and surrounding areas *(Incumbent Milt Mathis)*  
**District 6** Falcon, Cimarron Hills, a portion of Black Forest and surrounding areas *(Incumbent Barry Springer)*

The procedure for Director Elections & Member Voting is available on MVEA's website at [www.mvea.coop](http://www.mvea.coop).

If you are interested in being a candidate, please contact a member of the nominating committee, (see committee members lower left). A candidate must be a MVEA member and reside in the district where there is a vacancy. Before applying, please contact either MVEA office at 719-775-2861 or 719-495-2283 to verify your district.

A member may also petition for nomination. Petitions and procedures are available at the Limon Headquarters, 1655 5th St., Limon; or at the Falcon Operations Center, 11140 E. Woodmen Rd, Falcon, or online at [www.mvea.coop](http://www.mvea.coop). Petitions must be signed by 15 members of MVEA and returned to either MVEA office by 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2015.


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A candidate questionnaire must be completed for either nomination by the committee or nomination by petition. This questionnaire can be found on MVEA's website or you may pick one up at either office. If you have questions, please contact a member of the nominating committee. Candidate questionnaires must be received by the nominating committee by 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015 for the committee's consideration. If you are petitioning for nomination, the candidate questionnaire must be submitted to either Association office with your petition no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2015.



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