

River in Pueblo, which can only be used briefly when there are high peak flows due to high seasonal snow melt or intermittent stormwater surges.

Petersen and Donala Director Ken Judd attended the June 10 Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting. Judd said he was well received at the roundtable meeting since few elected officials from El Paso County attend these meetings. Judd also stated that Donala directors should continue to attend future roundtable meetings.

Petersen noted that he will be scheduling a meeting with Southeastern Water Conservancy District manager Jim Broderick to discuss switching from annual contracts to long-term contracts for storage Donala's Willow Creek Ranch renewable water in the Pueblo Reservoir.

Petersen will also attend the Vail Colorado Water Congress meeting in August. He led a wide-ranging discussion of the history roundtable discussions and options for developing pipelines to import water from various locations to the Reuter-Hess Reservoir in Parker.

Norvell Construction has completed the repainting of the interior of the district's Fox Run water tank. The cure time for the paint is seven days, followed by reinstallation of various operational systems within the tank. This tank was scheduled to be back in service by July 1.

Monument Creek flooding causes expensive damage to Donala access road

Petersen updated the board on the May flooding caused by failure of beaver dams in Monument Creek just north of Baptist Road that washed out substantial portions of the original district access road to the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility that goes under the adjacent BNSF railroad bridge. His initial rough estimate in May for these uninsurable flood road repairs was \$100,000.

On June 4, Petersen met with representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the state Office of Disaster Preparedness, and the El Paso County staff for a tour of this wastewater treatment facility to assess the damage to the secondary access. If the county is successful in obtaining both a state and federal disaster designation, then the facility will be included in the county's overall damage assessment. His revised "very preliminary estimate" of the cost of access road repairs with substantial retaining walls to ensure safety and stability of the railroad trestle and the district vehicles driving under it was \$200,000. The next step is to commission a design for the needed repair.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on July 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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Tri-Lakes Map (Cont. from page 1)

Here are your choices:

Incorporated cities and towns

- Town of Monument
- Town of Palmer Lake
- Unincorporated El Paso County
- City of Colorado Springs

Fire districts

- Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District
- Donald Wescott Fire Protection District
- Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (not a special district)
- Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District
- Colorado Springs Fire Department (some Wescott taxpayers may have been annexed by Colorado Springs)
- My home is not in any fire district service area

Water districts

- Forest View Acres Water District
- Pioneer Lookout Water District
- Town of Monument Water Department (not a district)
- Town of Palmer Lake Water Department (not a district)
- No water district – pump water from a well

Sanitation districts

- Monument Sanitation District
- Palmer Lake Sanitation District
- No sanitation district – have a septic system

Combined water and sanitation districts

- Academy Water and Sanitation District
- Donala Water and Sanitation District
- Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District
- No water and sanitation district – have a well and septic system

Bonus question: What is the Joint Use Committee (JUC)?

Metropolitan districts

- Copper Ridge Metro District
- Flying Horse Metro District
- Forest Lakes Metro District
- Lake of the Rockies Metro District
- Misty Acres Metro District
- Morningview Metro District
- Pinon Pines Metro District
- (Remington Hill Metro District – coming soon?)
- The Sanctuary Metro District
- Triview Metro District
- Village Center Metro District
- Willow Springs Ranch Metro District

Bonus question: What is a "metropolitan district?"

School districts

- Lewis-Palmer School District 38
- Academy District 20

To help you figure out which districts serve you, please refer to page 26 for various maps of this area. *Hint:* Property owners, you can also learn a lot by looking at your property tax bill.

We look forward to hearing from our readers and awarding a prize by the end of July.

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