

tract with the Chilcott Ditch Co. (CDC) so that ditch rider duties, which had been performed by an employee of CDC, will in future be done by existing employees of WWSD. Ditch riders manage the flow of water through canals and inspect and maintain the water system. The ditch riding work will cost WWSD \$17 per hour, the same amount currently paid by CDC, according to District Manager Jessie Shaffer. The CDC board has approved this change, Shaffer said.

Gracely asks board to support Pifher and Hazard

Brett Gracely, the water resources manager at Colorado Springs Utilities, recommended that the WWSD board support both Mark Pifher and Gibson Hazard in their campaigns to serve on the board of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conser-

vancy District (SCWCD). The SCWCD supplies water for irrigation, municipal and industrial use to southeastern Colorado, including the JV Ranch, whose water rights are owned by WWSD.

According to Gracely, the SCWCD board has two vacancies. Gracely said that Pifher had served as the outside water counsel for El Paso County, and as deputy project manager for the Southern Delivery System (SDS) water project, and is currently a consultant for SDS.

Shaffer said he also supports Pifher, noting that Pifher was also the director of the Aurora water district and is well-known in the water community.

Hazard is seeking re-election to the SCWCD board, Gracely said, having served on it for 28 years, and has a background in real estate development.

Shaffer said he would draft a letter in

support of Pifher and Hazard.

Operational reports address Chilcott ditch, other topics

Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette reported that repairs to a flume in the Chilcott ditch are underway, and that the Chilcott Ditch Co. is responsible for those repairs. In addition, a culvert needs to be replaced and the cost of this will be shared between WWSD and El Paso County, Gillette said.

Shaffer said that the degree of disrepair of the Chilcott ditch means there will be some surprises going forward.

Gillette said the district had 6 percent of its water unaccounted for, which he characterized as a low amount.

Shaffer said two request-for-proposal processes are underway: one to add ozone and carbon treatment to the water pro-

cessing plant, and the second to construct an equipment storage building on the JV Ranch.

Two tractors and two irrigation reels have been purchased for the JV Ranch, Shaffer said.

About 200 lots are under development in WWSD, according to Shaffer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m., but the meeting in April will depart from this schedule. See www.woodmoor-water.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, March 17

Water Returns conservation seminar for residents on April 13

By Jim Kendrick

On March 17, Donala General Manager Kip Petersen briefed the Donala Water and Sanitation District board on the seminar to be presented by the staff of the Water Returns, a local nonprofit organization, to Donala customers titled “Sod, Soils, and Sprinklers ... Choose and Change Wise-

ly” in the district conference room 6 to 8 p.m. April 13. He noted that registration is required at 488-3603, billing@donala-water.org, or at <http://tinyurl.com/zqzjb5k>. Registration closes on April 6. This notice was previously distributed in the district’s March newsletter that was mailed to all Donala customers as a billing invoice in-

sert.

Petersen also announced to the board that Donala Water Operator Ronnie Wright had passed all requirements for his Colorado state collections 3 operator license, eliciting praise for Wright’s achievement from all the board members.

Ed Houle, both a former and future board member-to-be in May as term-limited President Bill George’s replacement, attended this meeting. Director Ken Judd will serve a second term starting in May. The May 3 board election was canceled by the district’s designated election officer Ginnette Ritz. Petersen noted Ritz will now be retiring earlier, on April 29, instead of after all the election reporting was to be completed in May.

The absence of Director Bill Nance

was unanimously excused.

Financial reports

Petersen reported that revenues and expenditures through February were as forecast. He discussed a \$4,519 expense for rebuilding the leaking raw water pump for well 2 behind Donala’s R. Hull water treatment plant. Replacement of one of the two screens that initially filter nearly all of the solids from the sanitary sewer input to Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility prior to treatment had to be replaced at a cost of about \$13,000. Petersen also noted that Hoelting & Co. auditors were present doing survey work on the district’s 2015 audit. The financial reports were unanimously accepted as presented.

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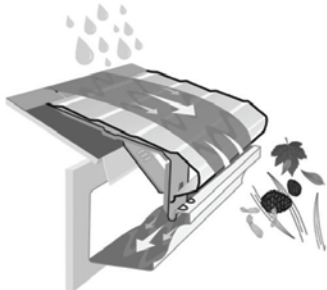
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District 3: Elbert and surrounding areas to include a portion of the Black Forest
(Incumbent Errol Hertneky)

District 5: Ellicott, Fountain, Falcon and surrounding areas
(Incumbent Bud Paddock)

The procedure for Director Elections & Member Voting is available on MVEA's website at www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting.

If you are interested in being a candidate, please contact a member of the nominating committee, see committee members below. A candidate must be a MVEA member and reside in the district where there is a vacancy. For additional candidate requirements: visit www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting, click on "By-laws," and go to "Article III, Section 2." 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/community/annual-meeting. Petitions must be signed by 15 members of MVEA and returned to either MVEA office by 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2016. 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., Thursday, March 31, 2016 for the committee's consideration. If you are petitioning for nomination, the candidate application must be submitted to either MVEA office with your petition no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2016.

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