

time this interconnection had been opened.

After a brief test flow of 500 gallons per minute, a continuous flow of 750 gallons per minute from Donala was established for 111 hours. At 10 p.m. there was only enough water in Triview's tank for two hours of normal consumer flow. Donala President Dave Powell noted that had there been a fire, there was only about 15 minutes of fire flows available from Triview's fire hydrants before this lone water tank would have been emptied.

Petersen said consultant firm American Leak Detection assisted Triview in locating the leak on July 9 in a wetlands area—a beaver pond southwest of Bear Creek Elementary School—and isolating the leaking irrigation line. Once all water to the leaking pipe was shut off, Triview closed the Gleneagle interconnection on Saturday afternoon, July 9.

Regular summer Triview irrigation restrictions were re-

stored on July 11. As of July 30, the Triview website reported had it had not received state and federal permission to enter the wetlands to repair/replace the leaking irrigation pipe. (<https://www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro>)

Triview aggressively restricted irrigation during the 111-hour Donala emergency water transfer. Donala's current cost estimate for Triview was about \$35,000 per day for about 1.08 million gallons per day at 3.25 cents per gallon. This rate includes an industry standard out-of-district 50 percent premium that will be added to Donala's internal direct renewable surface water cost of 3.453 cents

per cubic foot that Donala paid to Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU). Triview will also pay for all Donala's other direct costs including staff overtime. Petersen said that the Triview board now wants a flow meter installed at the Gleneagle Drive interconnection. The meter will cost roughly \$6,000. No design or installation costs for the meter pit had been determined.

Petersen emphasized that the Donala operational staff ensured that every Donala water tank "never dropped below almost full" throughout the 111-hour emergency and no Donala customers were negatively impacted due to the Donala staff's out-

standing efforts and professional planning and preparation. He also emphasized that Donala is not Triview's "backup water supply" and any future requests for water will be approved only for

true emergencies, like this leak. Some of the "most critical" lessons learned that Petersen listed were:

- We managed this very well, it had never been done be-

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