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really, really good job.

- After the interconnection was opened, it took Triview five or six days to realize that the problem was a leak.
- They were firmly convinced for the first three or four days of emergency transfer that the problem was just overconsumption—which was really scary, a wakeup call, real close to the edge.
- If they are overconsuming now with their water supplies, what's going to happen when Sanctuary Pointe really starts to come on line in the next couple of years?
- A new Triview augmentation plan has to be completed and approved.
- Permits for drilling two new Triview wells have to be obtained after the augmentation plan is approved.
- The residents of Triview were fortunate that there was a functional interconnection between Donala and Triview and that Donala had its CSU water supply and treatment capacity available to sustain pumping of Donala's renewable surface potable water from the Pueblo Reservoir to Triview continuously throughout the emergency. Petersen emphasized that the Willow Creek Ranch water was being used to make up for the water being delivered to Triview, which was coming from Donala's well fields.
- These kinds of interconnections are very important even if they are never used.
- This was a wakeup call for most of the smaller districts in northern El Paso County as well, when so many people are asking if they will be able to water their lawns the rest of this year.
- Discussions about regional renewable water, reuse water and other provisions of common services need serious discussion and planning attention at the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority.

See the July Triview regular meeting article on page 1 for Triview's water emergency recap.

### New director selected

The board interviewed two residents to replace Director Nance, who passed away on April 20. Michael Lang, an industrial engineer, moved into the Donala district in June 2015, after retiring from a 41-year career in the natural gas industry as a manager of gas control and a qualified gas delivery supervisor. Dennis Snyder, a retired 30-year

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Gleneagle resident, served in the Air Force, worked 30 years in several corporations as an electronics engineer/marketer/manager/vice president, purchased and operated a business and technology consulting business, and then owned and operated a Colorado Springs shipping company for nine years.

The board unanimously selected Snyder for appointment as a director through May 2018, when there will be two vacancies on the five-member board. Snyder will be sworn in at the next regular Donala board meeting on Aug. 18.

### Construction contract awarded

The board unanimously awarded a \$1.38 million construction contract to low bidder K.R. Swerdferger Construction Inc. for installing a new water pipeline extension project to connect Donala's Latrobe Court water tank and to Donala's Holbein Drive water tanks. On the advice of engineering consultant David Frisch of GMS Inc., a \$120,000 Swerdferger bid item for installation of a 16-inch butterfly valve was excluded, reducing Swerdferger's original low bid amount of \$1.50 million. The GMS engineers' estimate for the extension project was \$1.01 million.

Frisch reported concerns from both bidders over the complexity of drilling so deeply with limited access through so many residential backyards. The higher bids were representative of the current bidding climate in the currently booming local construction industry.

Petersen stated that this project will use a majority of the unused \$1.80 million line item for Capital Improvements in 2016. These funds come from a low-interest Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority loan. Petersen plans to use all of the remaining power authority loan balance to help pay for other needed Donala capital projects this year and into the next two fiscal years.

### Manager's report

Petersen was most pleased to report that Donala Chief Waste Plant Operator Terri Ladouceur announced that she passed her class A wastewater treatment system operator certification, the highest in her profession, on her very first attempt "without fanfare, warning, or advance notice at our last weekly operations meeting." Petersen said this was an even more exceptional achievement now that wastewater treatment plants like Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility's new sequenced batch reactor expansion are becoming far more complex and technical. The board was equally enthusiastic in praising Ladouceur.

### Financial reports

Petersen stated that both 2016 sales revenues and expenses were tracking normal annual patterns through June. The district's wells and groundwater treatment plant have been turned on to handle summer irrigation surges, but the district is still relying primarily on its Willow Creek Ranch renewable surface water supply that is treated by CSU. An updated district property value assessment to match

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