

# DONALA WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

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## ELECTION UPDATE

In the February Newsletter, along with postings on the District website and publications in Tri-Lakes Tribune, we made a call for nominations for the upcoming District elections for Board of Director(s). There were three seats up for election, including the position held by David Powell, Board President, who is no longer eligible to run for office as he has completed two, four-year terms, the maximum consecutive terms allowed. Two other Board members, Bob Denny and Dennis Snyder, also were at the end of their initial term of office. After providing notice of the upcoming election, the close of business on March 5, 2018, was the last day for any interested person to file to run for a seat. There was a total of three applications for the three vacant board seats. Accordingly, the Designated Election Official for the District cancelled the May election on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The appropriate notices were posted and published. Bob Denny, Dennis Snyder and newcomer Wayne Vanderschuere will be sworn into their office at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. I will provide you with a brief biography for Mr. Vanderschuere in the next newsletter.

## WEATHER PROJECTIONS FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER

Over the last several months, concern has been growing in the agriculture and water industry about the long term forecast for 2018. I will state the obvious and tell you that our temp's and moisture levels have not been good for water production in the mountains. The temperatures are too high and the snow pack too little. The moisture projections for the Spring and Summer are pessimistic at best. Most forecasters are saying that our first major chance at substantial moisture will be late June at the earliest. For the Donala District we are still in good water standing. Our wells are ready to pick up any reduction of water from the District's Willow Creek Ranch renewable source we may see as a result of a poor snowpack. Currently, El Paso County is classified as being in a moderate drought. We are posting the weekly drought map on our website under the link for water for your review, and here is a link to the United States Drought Monitor page:  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CO>

## HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

In April, signs of Spring abound. Flowers start to bloom, the grass greens up and the trees start to bud. There is one other sign that I want to let you know about. We will be doing our annual hydrant flushing in April. On the back of this newsletter, is the schedule, and general locations, where we will be flushing. We need to flush the lines before the irrigation demands start or it will create issues for our water. During the time of low demand, i.e. Winter months, there is not enough volume of water flowing through the water mains to scour all the material off the bottom of the water main. Iron, and other sediment particles will settle to the bottom and if not flushed out, will create iron tinged (orangish) water color once the irrigation systems start up. We can avoid these problems by flushing the hydrants. We do recommend not doing laundry if we are flushing in your neighborhood that day. Especially for those in the Fox Run area, please understand that although we will try to be sure the water stays in the streets and ditches, there is a potential for landscaping to be impacted, especially if you have gravel, mulch or bark in the drainage ditches.

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**April 16-17 (Mon-Tue)**

Red Fox  
Snowpeak  
Goldpeak  
Woodmeadow  
Wildhaven  
Cliffrock  
Longmeadow  
Pineycove  
Deercross  
Windwood  
Shadowtree  
Woodrose  
Timberside  
Pawprint  
Highcrest  
Falcon Ridge

**April 17-18 (Tue-Wed)**

Longspur  
Pinenut  
Wildwood  
Backwoods  
Timbertop  
Ridgefield  
Cloudcross  
Renoir  
Rembrandt  
Wuthering Hts (305-985)  
Holbein (15710-16015)  
Curwood  
Benchley  
Picasso

**April 18-19 (Wed-Thur)**

Holbein (15310 – 15650)  
Desiree  
Paddington  
Sostrin  
Jessie  
Bethesda Office Bldgs  
Seagull  
Copperfield  
Pompeii  
Lariat  
Bovary  
Churchill  
Alcott

**April 19-20 (Thu-Fri)**

Wuthering Heights (10-298)  
Holbrook  
Marblehead  
Medford  
Chelmsford  
Hiltonhead  
Thornbird  
La Jolla  
Steinbeck  
Rangely  
Desert Inn  
Pristine

**April 23-24 (Mon-Tue)**

Palm Springs  
Torrey Pines  
Latrobe  
Cherry Hills  
Pauma Valley  
River Oaks  
Gleneagle Town Homes  
Club Villa Town Homes  
Mission Hills  
Candlewood  
Gleneagle (14435 – 14945)  
Eagle Villas

**April 24-25 (Tue-Wed)**

Huntington Beach  
Doral  
Westchester  
Bermuda Dunes  
Nichlas  
Sunrise Townhomes  
Sun Mesa Townhomes  
Caprice  
Tierra  
Scottsdale  
Corrico  
Barquero  
Gleneagle (14035-14280)  
Sedona

**April 25-26 (Wed-Thur)**

Struthers  
Ridgepointe Apartments  
Paradise Villas  
Avocet  
Albatross.  
Petrel  
Tern  
Pebble Crest  
Woodrock Path  
White Peak

**April 26-27 (Thur-Fri)**

Summer Glen  
Homeland  
All Sky  
Air Garden  
Allegiance  
Blue Wings Way  
Airman.  
Struthers Ranch  
Crooked Spur

Your General Manager,

