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TOWN OF MONUMENT'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST TRIVIEW METRO DISTRICT

The recent issues with respect to water service in the Triview Metropolitan District have spurred many concerns directed to the Town of Monument. Because of these concerns, the Town felt it was important to try and educate the public regarding the relationship between the two entities. First, Triview was formed under a Service Plan that was originally approved by El Paso County. When the property was annexed into the Town in 1987, the land surrounding the Triview water tank was not annexed into the Town. Ostensibly, this was to ensure that the County retained control of the Service Plan rather than the Town. Regardless, the Town has no legal authority over Triview's operations.

The Town has entered into many intergovernmental agreements with Triview for many purposes since 1987. From 2006 until 2011, the Town and Triview had one year agreements for the Town to operate Triview's water and collection systems. However, since 2012, those agreements ceased and the Town has not provided operation and management of those systems other than providing expertise of our water operators when requested.

The Town assisted with leak detection efforts with the recent drop in water pressure of Triview's system. The Town's system is wholly independent of Triview's system as there is no emergency interconnect. Donala water system provides that interconnect with Triview. Town staff worked with TMD staff for many days to try and assist them in finding their leaks.

Although our Town staff offered to continue leak detection efforts, according to direction from Triview, they no longer want or need our support for helping them locate any other potential leaks. Triview officials advised Town staff that they feel they have discovered the leak and it is now business as usual with irrigation back to 3 days a week. Town staff has a positive relationship with Triview's operators and Town staff stands willing and able to assist Triview in any way possible with a return to normal operations.

Mayor Jeff Kaiser said, "The Town of Monument understands the difficulty our citizens, who are serviced by one of the three water districts within the town's boundaries, have experienced of late regarding their water supply. Though Triview Metropolitan District is an independent entity, with its own Board and Staff, the Town of Monument stands ready to assist TMD in their efforts to fully restore water services to their customers, and our, citizens, and to assist in any way possible - whether that's in terms of equipment, manpower, or the vast expertise of our Public Works Department in water system management."

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