

CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room
5880 Oak Street, Anderson CA 96007
ZOOM MEETING

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MINUTES

DIRECTORS: Cedric Twight, Dave Zabaldano

STAFF: IGM Palmaymesa

AUDIENCE: Zoom: Chuck Jones, Beverly Fickes, Kaitlyn Patrick, Scott McVay, Sally Lunn, Dennis Possehn, TJ Ray, Tammy Cole

CALL TO ORDER: After some technical difficulties, Chair Twight called the finance meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Twight led the pledge.

OPEN TIME: No public comment

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DISCUSSION OF WATER YEAR 2022/2023 DROUGHT RATE - IGM Palmaymesa stated that the water year starts March 1, 2022. He stated that based on all the indicators, Clear Creek is looking at zero water for M&I and Ag customers for the coming year. This will leave us completely reliant on the wells. IGM Palmaymesa said the District is being proactive in looking for surface water from another source other than the Bureau of Reclamation. Chair Twight indicated that it was difficult to assess a drought rate when the cost of the additional water is unknown at this time. He stated he spoke to the Bureau of Reclamation to let them know that our wells are emergency use only and not for long term use. Chair Twight provided some preliminary figures for drought rates. He stated he did some calculations and based on those numbers, it appears that customers should be able to utilize 75% of the 2019 water year or 29 HCF whichever is greater. Chair Twight said that was contingent on securing water from several different sources. IGM Palmaymesa stated we won't have official word on our allocation from the Bureau of Reclamation until late February.

B. DROUGHT ORDINANCE MODIFICATION PENALTIES - Chair Twight stated the ordinance will be modified depending on the water being secured. He asked for customer feedback on the drought rate of \$1.10 HCF and whether people would be willing to pay \$1.10 per HCF. Sally Lunn asked that the penalties not be so harsh. She stated customers are protesting the penalty and staff is having to recalculate their charges. Sally indicated that it is causing a lot of double work and if the penalty was less, customers would probably pay. IGM Palmaymesa stated that the October billing with penalties was just insane. He stated penalties are needed to encourage people to reduce their usage so we don't run out of water. IGM Palmaymesa indicated that things should be different this year if customers receive 75% of their 2019 water usage. He noted some changes to the Drought Ordinance to reflect the 75% usage or 29 HCF whichever is greater. IGM Palmaymesa also amended the ordinance to reflect water sales to any construction projects beneficial to the District would be permissible. The penalty chart was also modified showing the notification of violation going out the same billing cycle and a lower penalty for each tier. The committee discussed total water usage for 2019 and the impact that would have on 2022 percentage. There were a few customer comments on the penalty rate and creating a penalty rate higher than the 100 HCF. TJ Ray confirmed that the penalties would not come into effect until a customer went over their 75%. Scott McVay asked about increasing well production and possibility of drought grants. IGM Palmaymesa stated the District was working on a grant called Urgent Drinking Water Needs. He mentioned that if any additional penalty rate coding was added that it will cost more money to adjust.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Twight adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Beverly Fickes, Volunteer

Cedric Twight, Chair

Dave Zabaldano, Vice Chair



William Palmaymesa, Interim
Manager/Chief Plant Operator