



# Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

Johanna Trenerry, Chairwoman  
Irwin Fust, Vice Chairman  
Virginia Bassham, Director  
Mark Engel, Director  
Murray Miller, Director



## District Manager

Kurt Born  
General Manager

## \*Minutes from January 20th, 2021\*Next BOD Meeting ~ February 17th, 2021\*

**DIRECTORS:** Johanna Trenerry, Irwin Fust, Virginia Bassham, Mark Engel and Murray Miller

**STAFF:** Kurt Born, Bill Palmaymesa and Christy Roberts

**AUDIENCE:** Tom Warnock, Laurie McCollum, Samuel and Janet Rolf, John Moore, Sandy Winters, Tammy Cole, Beverly Fickes, Dennis Possehn, Cedric Twilight, Annette Kolkey, Rusty Simmons and Brenda Sandifer

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

**OPEN TIME:** Vice Chairman Fust stated he had two items for the future agenda. Looking over the Activity reports; the Board has not had a formal opportunity to look at the Activity report and I suggest the Board do a mid-year review, every year, in January looking at how we are doing. The next thing, regarding the stage one drought language. I propose we put this on a future agenda and add some flexibility so that we can add new Agricultural applications. Audience Samuel Rolf stated that they have about 50 orchard trees which we were expecting to be part of our retirement. We planned on retiring here and creating a business with it. With any support we are behind Mr. Fust 100 %. Manager Born stated he would work on this. Chairwoman Trenerry invited Mr. and Mrs. Rolf to her farm on Shawn Dr.

**CONSENT/AGENDA:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fust and seconded by Director Miller to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020, paid bills dated 11/20/20 - 1/11/21 and the November and December 2020 financial statements. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Directors JPIA Meeting – Director Engel:** Director Engel stated he had a brief report on the November 30<sup>th</sup> Directors meeting. After a lengthy discussion, Director Engel advised that CCCSD Workers' Compensation rates are the lowest in 8-years and I think I speak for the whole Board here; I thank our Management and staff here at Clear Creek CSD as we did make the Presidents Special Recognition Award this year for minimizing Workers' Compensation claims. Centerville also made that list. There is a Risk Control Grant Program that is basically up to \$10,000 per year in grant money available for equipment within the District and those entries must be placed between October 1, 2021 and December 1, 2021. Vice Chairman Fust thanked Director Engel.

**Evening Meetings:** Vice Chairman Fust advised, that as he talked to people in the Community, I am often asked why we do not have evening meetings. As most of you know, we have gone through this subject several times. As I recall and from previous customer surveys, the preference has always been day meetings. I'm bringing the discussion to the Board again and suggesting that we have at least a couple of evening meetings a year. A lengthy conversation was had and Chairwoman Trenerry stated we will look into the possibility of having a few evening meetings.

**Backwash Pond Repair Project:** Manager Born advised, he asked Tom Warnock and Laurie McCollum from Pace Engineering to attend this meeting and answer any questions on the alternatives. Mr. Warnock stated he has been working with District staff on a couple projects now and the Backwash Pond Repair project. You all know the ponds were damaged by the fire and you got in line for funding from FEMA, CalOES, the State of California and a loan/grant combination. The ponds have been leaking for awhile and leaking into Clear Creek becomes problematic. We have been working with the District for a solution and lining the ponds with concrete will allow staff to get in there to work. It is pretty much paid for through grants, the State and a grant/loan combination. Vice Chairman Fust asked Mr. Warnock who will be issuing the loan? Mr. Warnock stated that the State would be issuing the loan through what is called ASADRA, part grant and part loan. The State is aware that the RCAC Rate Study did not pass and now they want to know how we are going to pay for the loan. We have not been able to give them an answer yet because we are trying to figure out how to come up with a rate increase that passes and add-on the remainder to each rate payers bill. Vice Chairman Fust questioned; that in alternative 3 the costs would be assumed by FEMA, CalOES, ASADRA and the rest financed by the District, correct? Mr. Warnock advised, yes, the funding package would come from all 3. These numbers are still preliminary. Mr. Fust asked when the money would start becoming due? Mr. Warnock stated with CalOES and FEMA you submit the bill and they reimburse you. The process with the State is really slow. We currently have projects out 90 days. One solution would be to get financing through Co-Bank. I am currently using this bank on 2 other projects and I've found their turn around can be 1 week. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock which alternative shows .60¢ per rate payer? Mr. Warnock apologized and stated that the correct number in alternative 3 is .26¢ per customer, not .60¢ but we have not started the project yet. Mr. Fust asked Mr. Warnock how close are you with the projected costs on something like this? Mr. Warnock stated usually the engineer is not too far off. Laurie McCollum from Pace Engineering stated that Contractors are busy right now and they are able to pick and choose which projects they want to do. Mr. Fust asked Mr. Born, when do we have to make a decision on this? Mr. Born stated that ASADRA is really needing answers from us because we are nearing the end of the qualification period. Mr. Fust stated he understands that but with the ponds in the condition they are in now, how long can we go on under the existing condition of the ponds? Chief Treatment Plant Operator Bill Palmaymesa stated we are at that point now because of the leakage. Nothing is actually affecting the drinking water but we don't have a discharge permit for the leakage of the ponds and potentially entering Clear Creek. Mr. Fust stated, this is an item that needs to be worked on now, we cannot put this off looking for other contractor bids. Mr. Warnock stated, if you do not move forward, the State will move onto another project. Mr. Fust stated that this is up for discussion now but because of the immediacy, we need to put this on next months agenda for action. Director Engel stated that at this point we do not actually know what this is going to cost, we only have estimates and I think CalOES understands that and would be willing to do adjustments as we go. Would that be correct? Mr. Warnock stated yes, that is correct. I am currently on a project in Hornbrook with the same situation and the magic number is 75% and when you get to the end of the project, it's still 75%. Mr. Engel thanked Mr. Warnock for clarification and stated we are in a situation and we need to act because we are not in compliance and we need to move forward. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock when we would engage with the financing from Co-Bank? Mr. Warnock stated that you are looking at 6-9 months. The Board Members thanked Mr. Warnock for his clarification of the project.

**Preliminary Cost Estimate – Distribution System Replacement – Scope of Work:** Mr. Warnock stated that RCAC is helping to facilitate this project and it is strictly in planning right now. Typically, the State wants to spread grant money around and they used to have a \$5-million cap and they have changed that to so many dollars per connection and it is a really big number, it's like \$45,000.00 per connection. The RCAC project came forefront along with the Igo/Ono consolidation project and we worked together a project that would fall in a range of \$5 million. It is actually a \$4.2 Million dollar project. I went through the same scenario and how much this will cost the customers and, in this case, if everything goes through with the State and you get a 90% grant, 10% loan with 0% interest for 30-years, you are left with .59¢ per rate payer. This project replaces 6,000 feet of pipe, upgrades existing meters, adds 400 new meters and those are the 3 main components of this project. Mr. Born stated we have a little over 31,000 feet. The 6,000 feet mentioned is the pipe within the trouble areas of the District which is China Gulch, Flowers Lane and Olinda Road. Mr. Warnock stated that in order for the State to pony up the money, you are going to have to prove to them that you have so many line-breaks per mile within a specific area and then considering how much you can afford and ask the rate payers to pay. We have to deal with this meter replacement effort in order to get your automatic meter reading system up and running properly and save a lot of operator time. It takes a week just to read the meters. Director Miller questioned, with this project at .59¢ per connection and the Backwash Repair



project at .26¢ per connection, if we raise the rates by \$1.00 to show we are covering these 2 projects, do you think that would suffice? Then we could get the funding and move on with these 2 projects? If we had some kind of a proposal to raise the rates to at least cover that of what the State is suggesting, then we can show them what we have in the works, then we get funding from others and that would help us in the short-term and give us time to fix the long-term rate structure. Director Engel stated, this is something he pointed out at the last meeting we had. We need to do something now to show these lending companies some financial responsibility and how we are going to pay for it and we need to take a step in that direction. Would you agree with that? A very lengthy discussion was had in regard to the project and meters. To see all of the minutes in regards to this, you can request a copy of them after the next BOD meeting.

**CCCSO Project Funding & Rate Study Needs – Alternatives to Rates:** Manager Born stated that he asked Mr. Warnock to provide us with an estimate on a rate study to be performed by Pace Engineering. I've looked at the proposals from the CAC and I want to commend them for what they have done but I just want to have as many options as possible so we can get it right this time. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock if he would be following the AWWA standards? Mr. Warnock stated that is correct, it is one of the standards we would look at. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock what do you take into account as far as affordability of the rates at the end of the study? Mr. Warnock stated that is hard question and it goes back to being fair across the board. After discussion regarding meter sizes, Chairwoman Trenerry interjected and stated we are not going to be able to solve this problem today, so let's think about it and pray about it. Let's get onto another subject.

**Report from the CAC on Proposed Rate Increase:** Mr. Fust stated the CAC authorized me, the Chairman, to send all the Board Members those 3 rate proposals that the Committee is now looking at. In my opinion all 3 meet the requirements of the Prop 218, make the District financially stable and the possibility of getting Community support. If we can narrow down the 3 proposals to 1, then possibly the Board can support it and we can move on. Manager Born stated, that is a good idea and one suggestion from me is, after the CAC has the opportunity to finalize this, that we have it reviewed by Pace Engineering and reviewed by legal council just to be sure that everything fits the way that it is supposed to. All Board Members agreed. Further discussion was had and to see the minutes of this, you can request a copy after the next BOD meeting.

**Consolidation – Services for Igo/Ono – Tech Assistance # 6223:** Manager Born stated, he was asked to attend the Igo/Ono CSD Board meeting at the end of this month to discuss Clear Creek's position with them. Apparently they do have interest in us. I do know the State was out there last month doing some testing on wells in that area and some have tested positive for E-Coli. So with that, there has been some urgency, if we even decide to do the consolidation. There was a discussion regarding holding off on a consolidation but this isn't even in the works as of date, it is purely just being talked about and RCAC is heading this up. Further minutes can be reviewed by request after the next BOD meeting.

**EEO – Anti-Harassment Policy:** Manager Born stated that this is the newest part of compliance through JPIA and keeps us in compliance. It used to be called sexual harassment and it's now called anti-harassment. Director Engel made a motion to approve the Anti-Harassment Policy and Director Miller seconded. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

**Vehicle Supplement Provision Operation Policy:** Manager Born stated this is an addendum to an existing vehicle policy and is another recommendation by the JPIA. It protects the District in the event an employee stops to help a customer in their own vehicle. There are no costs involved and I suggest that we put this in place. Manager Born answered some Director and customer questions to put their minds at ease. Director Engel made a motion to approve the Vehicle Supplement Provision Operation Policy and Director Miller seconded. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

**WIIN Act Update – Court Validation:** Manager Born stated the WIIN Act contract is at the courts and is up for public comment and review. It will not come out of that stage until February 22, 2021 and then we can move forward. There have been no complaints, lawsuits, or issues up to this point.

**FEMA/CalOES Scope of Work – Additional Funding DR 4382, Project 64867:** Manager Born stated he just wanted to report to the Board that he sent a letter to FEMA/CalOES requesting more funds since we now have a more solid quote and scope of work from Pace Engineering. I have not heard anything back yet.

**Senate Bill 974 & 1320 – CEQA Exemptions, Climate Change & Impact:** Manager Born stated these are just informational. Chairwoman Trenerry asked if anyone had questions. No questions were asked.

**Treatment Facility – Filter Train #6:** Chief Plant Operator, Bill Palmaymesa informed the BOD how the trains work when filtering. He advised of the water quality coming from the Lake right now and that there is no end in sight of seeing the remnants of the CARR Fire. Mr. Palmaymesa will be sending out invites to the BOD and CAC Committee members to come tour the Filter Plant.

**Chemical Monitoring Waiver:** Chief Bill Palmaymesa put in for the waiver and it was approved.

### Water Usage In Acre Feet March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020

Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-
March	112.3	141.9	+29.6
April	155.5	188.2	+32.7
May	278.7	298.2	+19.5
June	474.2	466.1	-8.1
July	697.4	714.3	+16.9
August	650.9	659.6	+8.7
Sept	493.8	541.4	+47.6
October	334.6	415.5	+80.9
Nov.	210.5	201.0	-9.5
Dec.	122.8	140.0	+17.2
YTD	3530.70	3766.2	+235.5

Figures reflect Meter readings at Whiskeytown Dam, less the water diverted to Centerville CSD.

### Weather Observations December 2020

#### Monthly High & Low Temperatures

High	76	Low	28
Avg. High	60.6	Avg. Low	35.9

\*Year to Date Rainfall Totals are from January thru December\*

Rainfall Totals	2018	2019	2020
MTD	4.12"	3.59"	2.35"
YTD	25.20"	33.47 "	12.05"

### \*\*REMINDER\*\*

Clear Creek C.S.D. would like to remind customers to please call the District Office any time water service needs to be turned off or on inside the meter box. This will ensure that District valves will only be operated by District employees, thus protecting the customer from charges incurred if valves are broken or meters are damaged. A field staff member is on-call during the weekends and evenings. 530-357-2121

### \*\*CIMIS\*\*

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### \*\*Happy Valley Pride ~ Roadside Clean Up\*\*

**When:** February 6th, 2021 - 8:00 am-11:00 am  
**Where:** Happy Valley Community Center ~ 5400 Happy Valley Road  
Please bring gloves and good shoes!! We will provide coffee and goodies. Rain date will be Feb.13th, 2021.

**Oh what a terrible sight,  
Happy Valley Road is a fright!  
Pride Day is approaching, if you need  
coaching call Johanna at 357-2416.**



### \*\*Clear Creek CSD Will Be Closed\*\*

Our office will closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.



If you have a water emergency, please call 530-357-2121.