



# Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

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



## Manager

Kurt Born, General Manager

We will be CLOSED  
Friday, July 3rd, 2020  
in observance of  
Independence Day!



## \*\*\*Minutes from June 17, 2020\*\*Next BOD Meeting ~ July 15, 2020\*\*\*

**Directors In Attendance:** Johanna Trenerry, Irwin Fust, Virginia Bassham and Mark Engel

**Staff In Attendance:** Kurt Born & Christy Roberts

**Audience:** Sandy Winters, Scott McVay, Steve Nelson, Tammy Cole, Murray Miller and James Elswick

### OPEN TIME:

Chairwoman Trenerry stated we are conducting this meeting according to Governor Newsome's Executive Order N-29-20. Chairwoman Trenerry asked if the Secretary has been notified of any questions that are not listed on the Agenda? Christy stated, no. Chairwoman Trenerry stated she will establish the ground rules and that this meeting is being conducted by teleconference due to the Covid-19 pandemic and stated that any audience members in attendance who wish to speak, to wait and she will instruct them when it's their turn and please do not interrupt the meeting process. Chairwoman Trenerry stated that as we already know, we are waiting to appoint a new Board member due to the Board wanting to interview the candidates in person and administer the oath of office in person.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 20, 2020 and to approve Financial Statements and paid bills from 05/22/20—06/10/2020. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Tierra Robles Water Supply Letter – Intent to Negotiate/Authorize Action:** General Manager Born stated that this is only a letter, with Board authorization, to sit down and talk about the technicalities and conditions associated with this. At this point there is no commitment and is only giving us the opportunity to talk further. Steve Nelson stated that what they are looking for right now is conformation from the Clear Creek CSD and acknowledgement of this letter. Once the project is approved by the County, your General Manager, Skip Born, would enter negotiations with Bella Vista Water District and provide water to augment the BVWD during drought years. The intent would be to utilize CVP water and augment the water from your wells. Vice Chairman Fust asked if the 100-acre feet of water was set in stone? Mr. Born stated that it is an 'up to' amount and as of right now, it is no more than 100-acre feet. Director Engel asked Mr. Born, just to be clear here, this will authorize you to enter negotiations and you will then bring those decisions back to the Board for approval, correct? Mr. Born stated, that is correct. Those decisions will not be made without our Board or Bella Vista's Board approval. Vice Chairman Fust stated that to clarify, the problem with the drought situation is with the Bureau of Reclamation. They cut us back on our allocation. During the last drought we were able to make up that allocation with the wells. It costs more money to run the wells but if you need water, then you need water. Director Engel stated that for clarification for all of us, when droughts occur, it's not a lack of available water but it is the Bureau of Reclamation mandating limits on Agricultural water, correct? Mr. Born stated, yes but when we get cut-backs from the Bureau, it's not just limiting the Agricultural water, it limits both M&I and Agricultural supplies. Director Engel made a motion authorizing the General Manager to proceed with the Tierra Robles project and Vice Chairman Fust seconded. Motion was voted on and approved.

### Authorized Representative to the SWRCB – Financial Assistance Request –

**General Information Package – Ordinance 2020-05:** General Manager Born stated that this Ordinance is the same thing we did with the Backwash Recycle Project, it gives me the permission to certify, assign, review and it allows the project to move forward without further intervention or permissions from the Board. Mr. Born stated that this program is 100% grant funded and right now I think we are going to get the \$500,000.00 for the engineering and planning for this project. We have also been granted the \$10,000.00 to hire engineers and other people associated with the project. The total for this entire project will be right around \$4.3 million dollars. Vice Chairman Fust stated that in prior meetings about seeking grants for what we are doing in our District and I have to give a lot of credit to Skip in looking for these grants. If these come to fruition, it will help a lot of these problems in our District and that is really good. Mr. Born stated that we finally got our first reimbursement check from FEMA and can see light at the end tunnel with this project. Director Engel stated, so Skip just to be clear here, this is just authorizing you to act without repeated approvals from the Board, correct? Mr. Born stated that there will be other ordinances that he will bring to the Board throughout this process. Vice Chairman Fust made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-05 and Director Engel seconded. Motion was voted on and approved.

**Replacement of Dump Truck:** General Manager Born stated that the dump-truck is a risk factor now and is not drivable. We cannot put an employee or the public in any harm, so that truck has been grounded. Even though it is carb compliant, the carb restrictions and the clutch going out have rendered it useless. We need to get it replaced. We are currently looking at used trucks that are carb compliant, that have relatively low miles and have been through safety checks. I am bringing this to the Board to see if you are okay with moving forward or not. Mr. Born stated that RCAC said they will finance equipment loans with low interest rates, so we are following their guidance and looking at other places for the best vehicle. Mr. Born stated that the reason we are looking at used trucks is because the dump-truck does not get driven everyday and for the most part it sits. Mr. Born stated that the longer we sit on our hands and we end up having to go and rent something, then the expenses could be a lot bigger than if we just had a dump-truck here. Chairwoman Trenerry stated that she agrees with Skip and would vote to go and get one. Vice Chairman Fust stated that he agrees. Mr. Born stated that at this point, everything is an option. First thing we need to do is find the vehicle, then look at options. He understands the need and they can all agree but as Board Members we need to meet our responsibility to the District and to rate payers when making a decision on this. Mr. Born stated, if the Board is more comfortable with bringing this back to July's meeting, I would be willing to do that. Chairwoman Trenerry asked, so if there is a leak we would have to rent a dump-truck? Mr. Born stated yes, so far things have been calm but we are going into the high flows of the year. Vice Chairman Fust stated that his suggestion is to put this off for a month and take a look at the lease option that was presented to us and when July comes we will have a better idea of what price range we are looking at. Mr. Born stated he is fine with it. Chairwoman Trenerry stated, just to clarify that if something happens in the middle of the night, you will not be able to rent one right away, will you? Mr. Born stated no, it will have to wait until the rental places open in the morning and it would be shut down for the night. Director Engel stated he is very motivated to securing a really good vehicle for the District for this purpose. If you find the right truck, you can always call a special meeting if necessary. I hope that by July's meeting we have a few solid candidates for the District to approve or purchase at that time. Director Engel made a motion to replace the dump-truck and Director Bassham seconded. Motion was voted on and approved.

**ASADRA Capitalization Additional Assistance Available – BW Ponds:** General Manager Born stated he submitted the ASADRA Capitalization grant in 2019 for an additional two million dollars for pond repair; we are going to chase this grant also to help with the Backwash Pond repair and get the ponds back where they need to be. This Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 when I originally applied for this, I was unsure of FEMA and things were back and forth and so this was kind of a backup. We are now going to do this in addition to FEMA funds. Director Engel stated, for clarity on his part, FEMA does not affect ASADRA and ASADRA does not affect FEMA, correct? Mr. Born stated, absolutely not, that was one of the first things he checked to see if there would be any conflict between the two. The information for ASADRA grant specially states that it does not affect any funds being received from FEMA. Mr. Born stated he can already tell the project is going to be very expensive and long. This ASADRA grant will help pay for things we were not expecting and is a backup for FEMA. Director Engel stated that we have had several discussions on this and he really appreciates the proactive situation you've taken. Mr. Engel stated he really valued Mr. Born as the General Manager, the leadership he has provided and the aggressive steps taken in dealing with all of this stuff. Mr. Born stated one thing he has learned, is to never say no and do not give up. FEMA denied this once and told me we did not meet the requirements and wanted me to sign-off and I flat out said no, I'm not signing off on this and I want our ponds repaired. Mr. Born thanked Director Engel for his comments.



## ~ Happy Valley Fire Department BBQ ~



Due to COVID-19 the annual BBQ has been canceled. If you have any questions you can call the fire department at 530-357-2345

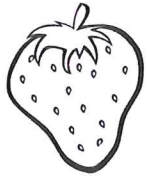


### Water Usage In Acre Feet March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020

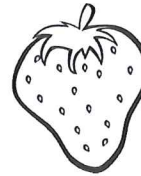
Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-
March	112.3	141.9	+29.6
April	155.5	188.2	+32.7
May	278.7	298.2	+19.5
YTD	546.5	628.3	+81.8

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

## ~ Happy Valley Strawberry Festival ~



Due to COVID-19 the Strawberry Festival has been postponed to September. We will keep you updated as soon as we hear



### Weather Observations May 2020

#### Monthly High & Low Temperatures

High	97	Low	49
Avg. High	73	Avg. Low	61

\*Year to Date Rainfall Totals are from

Rainfall Totals	2018	2019	2020
MTD	.28"	3.39"	0.00"
YTD	6.11"	16.53"	3.90"

## ~ The Office Lobby Is Open ~

Come in  
**We're  
OPEN**

Hours of operation are  
Monday– Friday  
8-12 and 1–5.

To maintain social distancing, we are only allowing one person in the lobby at a time and ask that you please use the hand sanitizer provided.

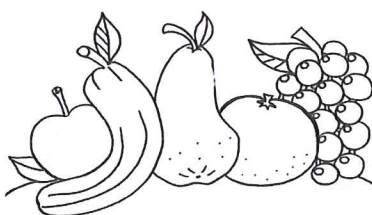
**CLOSED  
FOR LUNCH  
12:00 - 1:00 PM**

(We are sorry  
for the inconvenience)

### \*CIMIS\*

The California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) is a program unit in the Water Use and Efficiency Branch, Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that manages a network of over 145 automated weather stations in California. CIMIS was developed in 1982 by DWR and the University of California, Davis (UC Davis). It was designed to assist irrigators in managing their water resources more efficiently. Efficient use of water resources benefits Californians by saving water, energy, and money. Visit the website @ [www.cimis.water.ca.gov](http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov).

## ~ Due To Cut Backs By The Bureau, We Unfortunately Won't Be Able To Offer Green Rate This Year ~



### Water Saving Tips:

Wash your car with a trigger nozzle on the lawn so that you water and fertilize the grass at the same time.

### \*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