

## 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 April 21st, 2021\*\*Next BOD Meeting ~ May 19th, 2021\*\*

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

STAFF: Kurt Born and Kristen Thomas

**AUDIENCE:** We were unable to retrieve the list from Zoom. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

**OPEN TIME:** Director Engel expressed his appreciation of the CCCSD Staff, BOD and Community members. Vice Chairman Fust urged the public again to go onto the clearcreekcsd.org website and sign up for alerts so you know when there are water emergencies.

CONSENT/AGENDA: After a discussion about a missing portion of the March minutes, wherein a motion was made, and then rescinded that didn't make it into the March minutes because it was inaudible, a motion was made by Director Miller and seconded by Vice Chairman Fust to approve the minutes of March 2021 and February 2021 financial statements. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

Schedule Evening Meeting for May CCCSD BOD Meeting: After a lengthy discussion in regards to keeping the meeting COVID safe, it was decided that there will be a ZOOM, evening meeting for the CCCSD BOD on May 19th, 2021. At that point we will see how many people show up and go from there on future meetings. A motion was made by Chairman Fust to have an evening meeting in May, Director Miller seconded the motion, it was voted on with 4 ayes and 1 nay. Full details of this conversation can be seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

Auditing Services ~ RFP: A very lengthy discussion was had in regard to when the District would need the RFP back by in order to complete the 20/21 Fiscal Year Audit and there were a couple of questions in regard to how far out our reach has to be to be compliant. District Manager is going to look into how local we can keep CCCSD auditing services and get back to the BOD. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fust to send out the RFP and have them back by July 31, 20201 in order to review proposals and have an Auditor in place by fall to complete the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Audit. Director Miller seconded the motion with the understanding that legal counsel needs to take at look at the RFP before sending it out, as it appears to be a legal document. The motion was voted on an unanimously approved. Full details of this conversation can be seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

Explanation and Adoption of Proposed Ordinance 2021-03: All BOD read the Ordinance and stated that they agree it looks fine. Vice Chairman Fust advised again that we are in drought. Per the Ordinance, customer's should not be watering after dawn and before dusk. Water restrictions have been cut to 55% for Domestic and 5% for Ag. Director Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-03. Director Bassham seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved. Full details of this conversa-

tion can be seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

WINN Act ~ Lawsuit: A discussion was had in regard to the new lawsuit being pursued on The Bureau of Reclamation and it's 92 CVP Contractors. There is a lot to the lawsuit and some what looks to be bigger concerning issues with one contractor in particular. The BOD had a discussion and placed their concerns about being a part of this lawsuit and it was agreed upon that General Manager would look into it further, reach out to other CVP Contractors and get their outlook on this and have an Attorney take a look at the lawsuit and give their opinion. Chairwoman suggested that we still move forward with the WINN Act, knowing that no matter what we have to pay it off by 2030. Sandy Winters suggested that when General Manager reaches out to other CVP Contractors, that he reach out to the Board of Supervisors too and see if they have any thoughts. Full details of this conversation can be seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

PROP 218 Rate Structure ~ CAC Report/Update: Irwin and Murray spoke in length regarding the changes made to the their rate increase proposal. They will tweak the numbers a little when the 2020 Audit is complete. The report needs to be sent to the District Lawyer for her review and then it will be discussed further at the next BOD meeting in May. Full details of this conversation can be

seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

Letters from Fickes: Mrs. Fickes had addressed some concerns into passing the CCI Ordinance. General Manager Born went over Ordinance 2008-10 that he had found with the BOD and customers attending the meeting. Mr. Born stated he wanted to be able to show this to the Attorney and see what her thoughts were on this. After further discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Fust to take the 2008-10 Ordinance to our Attorney for review to see if it is legal or not. The motion was seconded by Director Miller, voted on and unanimously approved. Full details of this conversation can be seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

Trinity PUD Fee: The Trinity PUD fee increase to .12cents is being questioned by Mrs. Fickes and there seems to be some confusion in regards to the CVP Fee and the PUD Fee. Chairman Fust tried to explain the two to the customers. There are two documents floating around, in which some have that there was going to be no increase on the PUD and some have that it went up .09cents. The main issue at hand is whether or not the increase was legal. After a brief discussion, it was decided that not only would Manager Born have

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our attorney look at this but they would bring this item back to the May BOD meeting for further discussion. Full details of this conversation can be seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

Statement of no confidence: Mrs. Fickes wrote a letter of No Confidence in the BOD. Chairwoman asked if anyone wanted to make a statement, Chairman Fust stated, well you see why? Sandy Winters advised that she never realized she was being billed for a restoration fee. She was aware of the CCI increase because she listed to several meetings over the years and knows the CCI wasn't always imposed. Sandy asked if there was a way for customers to see that on their bill and Manager Born advised, that is something we are working on, line iteming every charge on the bill. Sandy advised that would be really helpful.

Questions/Public Comments: Chairman Fust had questions in regard to the Activity Reports. He advised of the questions he had and then stated he would be talking with General Manager in regard to these questions and as to why the report is always changing. A further discussion was had in regard to getting a bookkeeper in to do the books and a full audit being done. Line item for line item. There is an RFP being sent out to inquire on a new Auditor to make sure it is done this way from this point forward. Full details of this conversation can be seen on the minutes once approved by the BOD in the May 2021 BOD Meeting.

Mrs. Fickes addressed the CCI again and advised the BOD that they have lost confidence in them and their ability to oversee the District's business. She advised further that they feel that some of them need to retire or resign and get off the Board because they aren't being part of the solution, they are part of the problem. Complete minutes of all items discussed will be available after May BOD meeting, where the minutes will be approved.

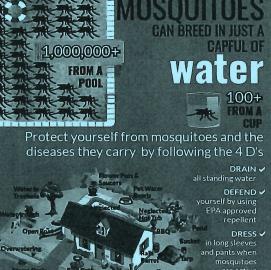
PIBBS is hiring servers, must be 18 years old. Turn in your resume at 5219 Happy Valley Rd

# MAJOR DROUGHT!!!!! \*\*WATER RESTRICTIONS IN AFFECT\*\*

STAGE 4 ~ We MUST CUT BACK NOW!! We have used approximately 20% of our allocation for the year already and we are only 2 months into our allocation of 55% for Domestic & 5% for Ag customers. We know it's scary up here and we all want to keep it green but if we use all of the allotment now, we will be pumping in the summer months from the wells that cannot keep up with demand the way it is now. LET'S ALL DO OUR PART and cut back on our water

usage. We as a District cannot afford \$320.00 an acre foot for the water being pumped through the wells during the summer months.





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## Water Usage In Acre Feet March 1,2021 to February 28, 2022

Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-
March	141.9	132.4	-9.5
YTD	141.9	132.4	-9.5

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

#### Weather Observations March 2021

#### Monthly High & Low Temperatures

High	80	Low	33
Avg. High	64	Avg. Low	42

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

Rainfall Totals	2019	2020	2021
MTD	7.68"	0.00"	2.59"
YTD	11.27"	2.83"	9.42"

# \* Sign Up For Alerts From The District \*

Please go to <u>clearcreekcsd.org</u> and sign up for our text message or email alerts so we can keep you updated on any CCCSD main line breaks, temporary water outages & drought information.

#### \*\*ROADSIDE CLEANUP\*\*

May 8th at 8:00am, meet at the Community Center. There will be coffee and munchies. Trash bags will be provided. For more information call, 530-357-2416

#### \*\*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\*\*

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
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Visit the website @ www.cimis.water.ca.gov.