

Newsletter

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Minutes from October 18, 2017 ~ CCCSD Board Meeting

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

Staff In Attendance: Kurt Born, Rick Cascarina & Roxanna Sanford

Audience: Brenda Konicek, Tammy Cole, Sandy Winters

OPEN TIME:

<u>Consent Agenda</u>: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 16, 2017 which resulted in 4 ayes and 1 nay. A motion was made and seconded to approve the August & September 2017 Financial Statements and paid bills from 08/25/17-10/10/17. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appropriations Tax Limit for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year ~ Ordinance 2017-12: General Manager advised that this Ordinance complies with Article XIIIB of the California Constitution requiring limitations on spending tax dollars collected by the Agency. The State Constitution requires all government entities to calculate the limit, which is done by our Auditor. This is an action item. A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2017-12 establishing limitation for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Vice Chairman explained the Appropriations Tax Limit in greater detail and the motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

Capacity Charges Rate Increase ~ Ordinance 2017-13: General Manager advised that this is an annual increase using the Construction Cost Index which is 3.7% this year. This was set into place by the 2007 Master Water Plan. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Manager would do more research and the Capacity Charge rate increase would be tabled for now.

Aging Distribution System: General Manager advised, we have had several main line breaks lately. They have been primarily on the 10" transite pipe line that exists throughout the system. He stated that he will do more research for applying for grant funding to replace these lines. Brenda Konicek stated there has been four breaks on Olinda Road. The last break was early in the morning and she couldn't reach the District Office and had to call 911. The Fire Department came right over. Manager agreed to check into why she was unable to reach our after hours service.

Paperless Billing: General Manager advised that after being able to research the internet billing program offered by our current software vendor, it was discovered that it will in fact give us the ability to provide those services as discussed at our August Board Meeting. Even if the customer doesn't want to pay using this method, they can at least view their current bill and have access to two years of billing history. It will also distribute an email to the customer with a link to the bill pay page. We can also generate reminders and shut off notices. There will be a convenience fee of \$3.95 each time you make a payment through this system. This is what the bank charges us. Tammy Cole said that the fee sounds like a big rip off. Manager advised that you can still see your account information like you do through other companies for free and just use another means of paying. Director asked what the cost will be to do this? Manager advised it will be a one time cost of \$3,600.00. A motion was made, seconded to go ahead with the paperless billing. There were 4 ayes and 1 nay.

New Webpage for Clear Creek: General Manager advised that he and Audie have been working on the new web page for the District. This one will link directly to whatever new form of e—bill-pay the BOD decides to use. It also allows us to keep the customer's updated a little quicker and will be valuable to the customer's who do not have Facebook. We can also set up alerts to go out to customer's via text messages on your cell phone as well as an email.

State Water Resources Control Board Rescission Notice: General Manager advised that we have received a letter from the local SWRCB, stating they are doing away with the permit to discharge. The final approval for this now lies with the SWRCB Board of Directors in Sacramento.

Lawsuit ~ Clear Creek VS USBR: General Manager advised an email had been recently received from Rachel at Walt's office that included Walt and the USBR's interactions in response to Walt's request of reconsideration. According the the email, Walt stated we are done with the briefing on the "reconsideration". Now, it is back in the Judge's hands to consider and give us a decision.

OPERATIONS & ADMINITSTRATION:

Staff Reports: General Manager advised that the 5 Year Rate Analysis is done but he has not had the time to review it yet. He will bring it to the BOD as soon as he has reviewed it.

Assistant Manager advised that the crew has been busy with routine maintenance and meter reading. There were nine main line ruptures and six service leaks this month. We sold the fork lift and backhoe and bought a Bobcat. The Filter Plant crew has been pressure washing the filters up at the plant. Jim took the Bobcat and cleaned up the rinse pond and pond 3. We had to repaint the facilities at the well fields due to graffiti. Jim & Jack have been working to uncover Station 144+50 on the Conduit which is difficult as it has to all be dug out by hand. Water scheduled for September was 3156 acre feet and we used 2874 acre feet.

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***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.

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 in the evenings.

Please call 357-2121.

Water Usage In Acre Feet March 1,2017 to February 28, 2018

Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-			
March	59.9	71.3	+11.4			
April	99.8	87.0	-12.8			
May	181.9	350.2	+168.3			
June	358.9	522.8	+163.9			
July	532.1	709.6	+177.5			
August	592.9	641.5	+48.6			
Sept.	484.5	492.0	+7.5			
YTD	2,310	2,874.4	+564.4			

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

Clear Creek CSD Office ~ Will Be Closed

Our Office will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017 in observance of Veteran's Day. Thank YOU Veterans and all who serve!!





Our Office will also be closed on November 23 & 24th, 2017 in observance of Thanksgiving! Hope you all have a great Turkey Day!

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

Weather Observations September 2017

Rainfall Totals	2015	2016	2017
MTD	.36"	0.01"	0.61"
YTD	3.44"	6.61"	7.39"

Monthly High & Low Temperatures

High 114 Low 74 Avg. High 92 Avg. Low 61

"Water Wisely Tips"

One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day! Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks.



JOIN THE 2017 HAPPY VALLEY FARM TRAIL

Applications are being accepted for the 2016 Happy Valley Farm Trail. Cost is only \$30, which includes the handout of 2500 maps, your farm on Happy Valley's Farm the site pictures on our Facebook page and ten feet of our silver and green perpant. May

Trail web site, pictures on our Facebook page and ten feet of our silver and green pennant. Maps are handed out at the Strawberry Festival and Shasta County Fair. They are also distributed throughout Redding, Anderson and Happy Valley and given to all of the Farm Trail customers. Our maps come out in January, so if you are interested please fill out the form below and mail a check for \$30 to Happy Valley Farm Trail, 17720 Shawn Drive, Anderson, CA 96007. For more information, please call Johanna @ 357-2416.

I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2017 HAPPY VALLEY FARM TRAIL!

Name:	 Address:		
Email:	Phone:	Best time to call:	

*The Farm Trail Association is NOT a part of the Clear Creek Community Services District!