

# **CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

## **ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**February 16, 2010**

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2010, an Adjourned Regular Meeting was held on February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the District office at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, California, with President Kathleen M. Ross presiding.

At roll call, the following Directors and staff members were present:

<b>Directors:</b>	<b>Richard W. Atwater</b> <b>James Bodnar</b> <b>Kerry Erickson</b> <b>Kathleen M. Ross</b> <b>Judy L. Tejada</b>
<b>Attorney:</b>	<b>Thomas S. Bunn III</b>
<b>General Manager:</b>	<b>Dennis A. Erdman</b>
<b>Secretary-Treasurer:</b>	<b>Ron L. Mitchell</b>
<b>District Engineer:</b>	<b>David S. Gould</b>
<b>Others Present: (Staff)</b>	<b>Julian Lee, CIP Manager</b> <b>Mark Haas, Manager Technical Services/IT</b> <b>Larry Byers, Plant Superintendent</b>

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Ross opened the meeting by asking Director Bodnar to lead the Board, staff, and the public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**It was moved by Director Tejada, seconded by Director Bodnar, and carried by a 5-0 vote that the Agenda for the Adjourned Regular Meeting of January 19, 2010, be adopted as amended to delete the Presentation Section.**

The presentation of the District's draft financial statements was deleted because all Board members had attended the presentation made at the Finance Committee and there was no member of the public who requested the presentation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Harry Swope, a District resident, expressed concern regarding the danger from mudslides and debris flows across an easement road into the canyon during stormy weather and said this situation is a risk to life and property to residents. Mr. Swope requested that the District research the placement of the road that leads to the District's Pickens Reservoir. President Ross directed Mr. Erdman to continue to work with Mr. Swope to resolve this issue.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**It was moved by Director Tejada, and seconded by Director Atwater, and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar which contained the following items:**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 5, 2010.**

**That payment of demands against the Crescenta Valley Water District on or before December 31, 2009 the same having been approved by the General Manager, Dennis A. Erdman, and heretofore paid, be ratified and approved subject to audit, in the aggregate sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$724,879.00), which is composed of the individual items set forth herein.**

### **ACTION CALENDAR**

**Project E-790** – Mr. Gould asked for the Board’s consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with AECOM to provide professional engineering services for the design of a new Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) water treatment system at Well #5 for a cost not to exceed \$102,000. He provided a staff report for the Board’s review which outlined the details of the project along with a copy of the proposal from AECOM for engineering services. Mr. Gould said there are sufficient funds available to cover the cost of the project.

Following discussion:

**It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Tejeda, and carried by a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with AECOM for engineering services for the design of a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) water treatment system at Well #5 for a cost not-to-exceed \$102,000.**

**Project E-874** – Mr. Gould asked for the Board’s consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with AES Water Inc., for the installation of seismic sensor systems at Edmund #2 and Shields reservoir sites for a cost not to exceed \$41,193. Next, he requested the Board to consider approval of an additional estimated cost of \$35,000 to cover the expense for telemetry equipment, telemetry programming and communications. He provided a staff report for the Board’s review which outlined the details of the project and said that the Engineering Committee reviewed the details of this project and it was their recommendation to proceed with the procuring and installing of these protective measures. Also, he requested to find said project exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Following discussion:

**It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Tejeda, and carried by a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with AES Water Inc., for seismic sensor systems at Edmund #2 and Shields reservoirs, telemetry equipment, telemetry programming and communications for a cost not-to-exceed \$85,000 and also to find said project exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**

**LAFCO Special District Representative** – Mr. Mitchell asked for the Board’s consideration and motion to cast a District vote for the office of Special District LAFCO Representative and Special District LAFCO Alternate. It was decided by the Board to table this item to the March 2, 2010 board meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Information items included three articles by the Glendale News Press; one regarding new District water rates, another one pertaining to FMWD's proposed \$20 million bond, and an article on a GWP recycled water project. The Sacramento Bee printed an article on El Nino for this winter, the Intelligence Report printed an article regarding attempts to control weather, the Crescenta Valley Weekly had an article concerning FMWD's meeting on their proposed \$20 million bond, an email from ACWA regarding their upcoming Regional Implementation Workshops and a location update, and a flier from the Water Education Foundation about an upcoming Colorado River Tour.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT**

There were three written items which included an ACWA-JPIA letter regarding the 2010 Executive Committee Election Notice, a flier regarding an AIAA San Gabriel Valley Section Dinner Meeting with speaker Mr. Richard Atwater, and correspondence between Mr. and Mrs. Glynn and the District for the Board's review.

### **REPORTS OF PERSONNEL**

**SECRETARY-TREASURER** – Mr. Mitchell did not have a Summary of Cash and Investment report however, he did remind staff and the Board that the Crescenta Valley Library will hold their dedication ceremony on January 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

### **GENERAL MANAGER**

No report.

### **DISTRICT ENGINEER**

Water Production – For the period of January 1, 2010 through January 17, 2010, water production averaged **3,421,235** gallons per day, which is **14.6% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2008. This is **8.7% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years over the same period and **20.5% less** than the Phase I conservation baseline from May 1, 2001 through January 17, 2002.

<b>Rainfall: January 1-17, 2010</b>	<b>2.97”</b>
<b>2009-2010 Season to Date:</b>	<b>10.48”</b>

**Administrative and Field Operations** – Mr. Gould provided a staff report that discussed the following:

**Rainfall Update** – 2.97” for January, 2010; 4.95” average rainfall for January; Rainfall total for the year is 10.48”, which is 2% less than average from October thru January.

### **Report on Engineering:**

**FMWD – Parcel Tax/Engineers Report:** Met with ULARA Watermaster on recharging the Verdugo Basin and the Adjudication. Staff met with Engineering Committee to discuss a preliminary review of the report. Staff is planning to provide analysis by February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting.

**Edmund #2 – Risk and Cost Analysis:** Staff completed its preliminary analysis that was discussed the Engineering Committee meeting. Aerial Topography completed and finalizing property boundaries.

**Report on Administrative and Field Operations:**

**Wells:** Current well capacity – 2.7 MGD; Well #9 – Out of Service. General Pump completed work and chemical treatment, the results from the bacteriological sampling was not favorable. Staff is preparing for the next round of chemical treatment, the goal is to get the Well back in service by the end of January, 2010. Well #5 is out of service due to MTBE.

**Booster Pumps - Status:** All booster pumps in service. Construction plans being finalized for Eagle Canyon MCC.

**Construction Projects:** Ramsdell/Mayfield Mixing Station – Staff met and preparing plan to repair the vault in April, small leak have been temporarily repaired.

**Water Quality:**

**MTBE Update:**

- Verdugo Basin MTBE Task Force, next meeting 1/13/2010. MTBE levels at 2384 Foothill and 3045 Foothill is decreasing on-site. Working on closure of site at 3200 Foothill. No reports on the other RP sites.
- MTBE Grant – starting on design. MTBE levels in Well #7, Mills, and MW4 below 1 ppb. Well #5 MTBE level at 39 ppb and continues to be out of service.

**Field Maintenance and Operations update for January 1-19, 2010:**

- Miscellaneous lateral leaks and repairs at Stevens, Foothill Blvd., Vicwood and Markridge.
- Storm Preparation - Removed debris at Eagle Canyon Reservoir, removed fire hydrant on Rock Castle, relocated K-rails at Edmund #2.
- Maintenance at Glenwood Plant and other sites.
- Valve exercise program – continue to exercise water valves.
- Sewer maintenance continues cleaning and CCTV of sewer mains.

**WATER CONSERVATION**

No report.

**ATTORNEY**

No report.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Engineering Committee** – Director Ross reported that the Committee met on January 12, 2010 and discussed many topics such as, well levels and nitrate levels for 2009, the FMWD’s Engineer’s Report, Well #5 GAC Treatment Plant Engineering Services, and discussion on preliminary cost and risk analysis for Edmund #2 Reservoir site. Director Ross thanked Mr. Gould for his detailed report which provided a myriad of information.

**Finance Committee** – Director Tejada reported that the Committee met tonight and Mr. Chris Brown from Charles Z. Fedak and Company gave a presentation of the draft financial statements for fiscal year 2008-09.

**Employee Relations Committee** – Director Bodnar reported the Committee had not met.

**Policy Committee** – Director Tejada reported that the Committee had not met.

**Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee** – Director Erickson reported that the Committee had not met however Ms. Scott would like to schedule a meeting before February 2, 2010.

**Foothill Municipal Water District Report** - Director Atwater reported on the last FMWD Board Meeting and that the directors discussed plans for water resource development by FMWD, and said that more detail of the proposed projects is planned for future discussion.

### **DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORTS**

- Director Atwater submitted a letter of resignation from the Board to the staff and Board due to the District Attorney's opinion of incompatibility of office with Foothill Municipal Water District and the District.
- Director Bodnar reported that he attended the FMWD Board Meeting on January 11, 2010.
- Director Erickson reported that he attended the La Canada Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee meeting on January 13, 2010 and said that one of the topics discussed is a plan to have a conservation program which will focus on irrigation issues and to inform the public on the water supply before the summer months. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2010.
- Director Ross reported that she attended the FMWD Board Meeting on January 11, 2010 and said that it was interesting to hear other agency directors' comments.
- Director Tejada extended her gratitude to staff for their efforts during the storm event.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

No action taken during closed session.

### **BOARD MEMBER'S REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion on how to proceed with filling the vacancy on the Board of Directors.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 10:05 p.m., it was moved by Director Tejada, seconded by Director Bodnar, and carried that the meeting be adjourned to February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

### **APPROVED:**

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Kathleen M. Ross  
President

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Ron L. Mitchell  
Secretary-Treasurer