

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 2, 2010

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Adjourned Regular Meeting of January 19, 2010, a Regular Meeting was held on February 2, 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:

Directors:

Richard W. Atwater
James Bodnar
Kerry Erickson
Kathleen M. Ross
Judy L. Tejada (Arrived late)

General Manager:

Attorney: Thomas S. Bunn III
Dennis A. Erdman

Secretary-Treasurer:

Ron L. Mitchell

District Engineer:

David S. Gould

Others Present: (Staff)

Larry Byers, Plant Superintendent
Christy Scott, Program Specialist
Mark Hass, Manager Technical Services/IT
Natalie Bellissimo, Water Conservation
Dean Wiberg, FMWD Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ross opened the meeting by asking Director Atwater to lead the Board and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Atwater, seconded by Director Erickson, and carried by a 4-0 vote that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2010, be adopted as amended to move the FMWD Report after the Action Calendar section.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Natalie Bellissimo gave a slide presentation on the District's turf rebate program which included a brief overview of the program, examples of completed projects and the positive conservation results for the District and the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Danette Erickson reported that Arbor Day is scheduled for March 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta and invited all Board members and staff to attend.

Mr. Harry Swope, a District resident, expressed concern regarding the flood and mudslides from the recent storm in the upper Canyonside area and the danger caused by the placement of the District's easement road. He provided the Board with a letter from the residents of Upper Canyonside Road along with several photographs. Mr. Brian Hodge, a District resident, stated that the Upper Canyonside area is a dangerous situation and that the temporary repairs that the Brkich Construction is currently undertaking is

making a bad situation worse. Mr. Steve Pierce asked what the timeframe is for the repairs on Canyonside Road. Hearing no other comments, President Ross closed the public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Atwater, and seconded by Director Erickson, and carried by a 4-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar which contained the following items:

Approval of the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Board Meeting held on January 19, 2010.

Authorize attendance by Mr. Gould at the AWWA Spring Conference to be held March 29-April 1, 2010 in Hollywood, CA.

ACTION CALENDAR

Amendment to Section 4.11 of the District's Rules and Regulations – Mr. Bunn provided a staff report for the Board's review and requested the Board to adopt a revision to the District's District's Rules and Regulations pertaining to placement of items on the agenda.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Atwater, and carried by a 4-0 vote to adopt a revision to Paragraph 4.11 of the District's Rules and Regulations that any Board member shall have the right to have an item placed on the agenda.

Discussion of Board Vacancy – Mr. Mitchell provided the Board and staff with a proposed timeline and a letter of Notice of Vacancy relative to the upcoming vacancy from the resignation of Director Richard W. Atwater. After much discussion and review of the timeline, it was decided by the Board to move forward with the schedule provided. Mr. Mitchell asked the Board to direct any questions that may have to him via email.

Access Road to Pickens Tunnel and Reservoir – Mr. Erdman asked for the Board's consideration and motion to authorize him to enter into an agreement with Brkich Construction and Paveco Company to perform work at the Pickens Canyon reservoir and tunnel access road for a total cost not-to-exceed \$35,000. Mr. Erdman provided a memorandum for the Board's review outlining the details of the project and gave a slide presentation to help illustrate the condition caused by the flood. He said he has authorized this work to proceed under the "emergency conditions" provision of the General Manager's expenditure authorization (up to \$25,000) and requested the Board to ratify this action and authorize an additional \$10,000 for additional unforeseen work. He added that the District will ultimately seek reimbursement from CALEMA for any items that qualify for recovery. It was the consensus of the Board to refer this item to the Engineering Committee for their review and an evaluation for a long term solution.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Tejeda, and carried by a 5-0 vote to ratify the General Manager's action, and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Brkich Construction and Paveco for repairs to the road leading to Pickens Canyon Reservoir at a cost not-to-exceed \$35,000.

Foothill Municipal Water District Report – Director Atwater provided the Board and staff with several reports; an FMWD local, reliable water supply program document, a FWC (Foothill Water Coalition) report on water supply reliability, and an article concerning the White House fiscal year 2011 budget. He discussed the various issues regarding the Foothill area and its current state of water supply and said that the MWD board will make a decision on April 13, 2010 on both the rate increase and drought allocation. Director Atwater added that the FMWD website has several informative reports for review if anyone is interested. Mr. Dean Wiberg, FMWD Director, echoed the same and said that FMWD will continue to publish information in the local paper, newsletters, etc. to help disseminate the message to Foothill area residents.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items included a Glendale News Press article regarding GW&P recycled water project, the Los Angeles Daily News printed an article about storm water capture, and a MWD News Release regarding the Southland's imported water supplies in spite of the recent storms.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT

One written item was received by the District from Upper Canyonside residents regarding the risk of flood and debris which was discussed earlier in tonight's meeting.

REPORTS OF PERSONNEL

SECRETARY-TREASURER – Mr. Mitchell provided the Summary of Cash and Investment report which contained the following items:

Investment Portfolio Summary – as of February 2, 2010

Cash Accounts	\$	69,596
National Financial Securities Corp.	\$	2,054,830
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	\$	162,897
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$	2,492,836
CIT Group (29)	\$	71,427
CIT Group (29)	\$	107,141
CIT Group (29)	\$	107,141
CIT Group (29)	\$	178,569
CIT Group (29)	\$	249,996
CIT Group (29)	\$	169,070
U.S. Treasury (39)	\$	1,000,000
Federal Farm Credit Bank (42)	\$	1,000,000

Fund Balances at November 30, 2009

Water	\$	5,272,389.14
Wastewater	\$	3,505,036.65
Capital Improvement Fund	\$	2,591,477.87

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Federal Farm Credit investment was sold and the District realized a \$3,000 net capital gain, which was reinvested into another Federal Farm Credit investment. He said that the

Budget vs. Actual Comparison report, as requested in January, will be provided at the next board meeting. Next, Mr. Mitchell reported that the draft Financial Statement should be received by next week and that a copy will be provided for the Board's review before the February 16th Board meeting and that it will be placed on the agenda for final acceptance. Concluding, Mr. Mitchell reported that the new customer bill format was completed and that the bills went out last week with a minor problem to the senior discount item, which has since been corrected.

GENERAL MANAGER

No report.

DISTRICT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of January 1-31, 2010, water production averaged **3,084,664** gallons per day, which is **19.1% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2009. This is **17.5% 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 31, 2002.

Rainfall: January 1-31, 2010	7.93"
2009-2010 Season to Date:	15.44"

Administrative and Field Operations – Mr. Gould provided a memorandum and discussed the following:

Rainfall Update – 7.93" for January 2010; 4.95" average rainfall in January; Rainfall total of 15.44" is 44% more than average for October-January.

Report on Engineering:

FMWD – Parcel Tax/Engineers Report: Staff met with FMWD, Glendale and Watermaster on recharging the Verdugo Basin and the Adjudication.

Edmund #2 – Installation of Seismic Valves: Staff completed requests for quotes for telemetry system. Seismic sensors and valve actuators ordered. Crews to start installation of concrete pads and conduits the week of February 8th. Goal to complete installation and telemetry system by March 23rd.

Pickens Canyon Reservoir - Roadway Repair: Staff met with Mr. Magorien and Mr. Byrum for site review and recommendations to interim conditions repairs.

Proposition 50 – Interconnection with LADWP: CVWD received a letter from CDPH that Proposition 50 funding will be reinstated and requested a timetable to complete the project. Staff will contact CDPH about status of the letter of commitment.

Report on Administrative and Field Operations:

Wells: Current well capacity – 2.7 MGD; Well #9 is out of service and Staff is preparing for next round of chemical treatment. Goal is get well back in service by end of February 2010. Well #5 is out of service due to MTBE.

Booster Pumps: All booster pumps are in service. Construction plans finalized for Eagle Canyon MCC.

Construction Projects: Ramsdell / Mayfield Mixing Station – Staff met and plans to repair the vault in April.

Water Quality.

LADWP / CVWD Interconnection:

- CDPH Funding Agreement on hold; waiting for State funding.

MTBE Update:

- Verdugo Basin MTBE Task Force will meet on March 24, 2010.
- MTBE Grant – Meeting AECOM on February 3, 2010 to start design.
- MTBE levels in Well 7, Mills, and MW4 below 1 ppb.
- Well #5 MTBE level at 58 ppb and continues to be out of service.

Field Maintenance and Operations update for January 19-31, 2010:

- Miscellaneous lateral leaks and repairs on Community and Foothill.
- Storm Recovery – removed debris at Eagle Canyon, Shield and Edmund #2 Reservoirs.
- Maintenance at Glenwood Plant and other sites.
- Valve exercise program – continue exercising water valves.
- Sewer Maintenance: Continues cleaning and CTTV of sewer mains.

WATER CONSERVATION – No report.

ATTORNEY – No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering Committee – Director Ross reported that the Committee had not met however a tour was scheduled for Friday, February 6th at 8:00 a.m. with Mr. Gould and Directors Bodnar and Ross to evaluate the Pickens Canyon Reservoir area for damages caused by the recent storm.

Finance Committee - Director Atwater reported that the Committee had not met.

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 met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 and discussed many topics such as; a turf rebate for a customer, list of District events for 2010, current rebates, rain barrels, waterless car wash products, summer intern program, orange alert system, and conservation with the local school district.

DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORTS

- Director Atwater – No report.
- Director Bodnar – No report

- Director Erickson – No report.
- Director Ross – No report.
- Director Tejada – No report.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing (§54956.9)

The Board met in Closed Session and it was moved by Director Atwater, seconded by Director Bodnar, and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve an amendment to legal services agreement with Miller, Axline and Sawyer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 8:53 p.m. it was moved by Director Tejada, seconded by Director Erickson, and carried that the meeting be adjourned to February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kathleen M. Ross
President

Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer