

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 8, 2009

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2009, a Regular Meeting was scheduled to be held on September 1, 2009, however due to the Station Fire in La Crescenta the meeting was re-scheduled and held on September 8, 2009 at the District office at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, California, with President Vasken Yardemian presiding.

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

Directors:	Richard W. Atwater Charles K. Beatty Kathleen M. Ross Judy L. Tejada Vasken K. Yardemian
Attorney:	Thomas S. Bunn III
General Manager:	Dennis A. Erdman
Secretary-Treasurer:	Ron L. Mitchell
District Engineer:	David S. Gould
Others Present: (Staff)	Julian Lee, CIP Manager Mark Hass, Manager Technical Services/IT Larry Byers, Plant Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Yardemian opened the meeting by asking Mr. Byers to lead the Board and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Beatty, seconded by Director Ross, and carried by a 5-0 vote that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2009, be adopted as presented

PRESENTATION

Johnny Blood was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a scheduling conflict; however Director Ross said that he will be at the next Board meeting to give a presentation on the Rosemont Reservoir project.

Mr. Gould gave a slide presentation on the Station Fire and CVWD actions during this emergency. President Yardemian thanked Mr. Erdman for keeping him well informed and abreast of the events as they unfolded and commended the entire District staff for their courageous, professional, and outstanding response during this emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Steinphad asked why the District designated two days a week for watering lawns while other districts allow three days and asked the Board to consider an additional day along with an allowance for customers with large lots. President Yardemian deferred this item to the Policy Committee for their review.

Mr. Kerry Erickson asked staff how much water was used by the Fire Department during the Station Fire and if a FEMA reimbursement might be possible. Mr. Erdman said that an estimated 1.6 million gallons over the normal flow was used within a 24 hour period and added that this would be included in any FEMA request for reimbursement.

Regarding the Station Fire, Ms. Sharon Raghavachary voiced her opinion on the lack of information from Los Angeles County officials. She then commented on the District's water conservation ordinance and is concerned that the current two day watering rule can create a fire hazard, especially in the Briggs Terrace area. Hearing no other comments, President Yardemian closed the public session.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Ross, and seconded by Director Tejada, 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 August 18, 2009.

Authorize attendance by District personnel at the 2009 ACWA Fall Conference to be held December 1-4, 2009 in San Diego, CA.

Authorize attendance by Mr. Mitchell at the Utility Executive Workshop to be held October 22-24, 2009 in Indian Wells, CA.

ACTION CALENDAR

Vehicle Replacement – Mr. Byers asked for the Board's consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase a new small dump truck from Carmenita Ford at a cost of \$43,370 and declare the existing small dump truck (unit 13) as surplus for disposal. Mr. Byers provided a memorandum for the Board's review which presented four different options with respect to replacing Unit 13 such as, purchasing a used truck, leasing a truck, purchasing a hybrid truck, and purchasing a new truck. After much discussion, it was decided by the Board to direct the General Manager to purchase a new truck.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Atwater, and seconded by Director Ross, and carried by a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager to purchase a dump truck from Carmenita Ford at a total cost of \$43,370 and designate the old Unit 13 as surplus for disposal.

Schedule for Water and Wastewater Rate Increase and Proposition 218 Notification – Mr. Gould asked for the Board's discussion regarding the schedule for water and wastewater rate increase and the Proposition 218 Notification. Mr. Gould provided a memorandum for the Board's review outlining the background and explanation for the need for a rate increase including a FMWD pass through cost for water and City of Los Angeles pass through for wastewater. He also provided three different options showing meeting dates for the Board and Finance Committee to discuss the rate increase and Proposition 218 Notice. After much discussion with respect to the time needed for the Board's review and staff's ability to meet scheduling dates, there was a Board consensus to approve option three, public hearing on December 8, 2009 and approval on January 5, 2010.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items included several articles; the Glendale News Press printed one item regarding strict water rules, a commentary by a District customer regarding hydrant flushing, a La Crescenta Nursery and California native plants article, and another one on Johnny Blood's Rosemont Reservoir project. The Los Angeles Times had two articles regarding Chromium 6 standards, and an opinion by Emily Green about brown lawns, and an MSNBC News Release about Mayor Villaraigosa violating LA's watering laws, the Daily Bulletin had two articles one regarding drought policies, and a commentary by Director Atwater in support of regulating water softeners, and lastly an ACWA Advisory regarding Chromium 6.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT

The District received four written items; one from Mr. Steve Goldsworthy, a volunteer for the Sheriff's Department, another from CVTC President, Mr. Steve Pierce, and two from District customers Dr. Cynthia Livingston, and Mr. and Mrs. Erickson all thanking the District for their hard work and efforts during the recent Station Fire.

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 September 8, 2009

Cash Accounts	\$	520,388
National Financial Securities Corp.	\$	1,996,617
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	\$	114,095
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$	2,483,014
CIT Group (29)	\$	1,000,000
Federal Farm Credit Bank (37)	\$	- 0 -
U.S. Treasury (39)	\$	1,000,000
U.S. Treasury (40)	\$	1,500,000

Fund Balances at June 30, 2009

Water	\$	5,690,324.21
Wastewater	\$	3,689,569.29
Capital Improvement Fund	\$	2,709,748.64

Mr. Mitchell provided a report reflecting the timeline outlining significant events regarding the District's CIT Group investment for the Board's review and discussion. He said he will continue to update the Board as changes occur in the market as usual. Next, he reported that the Federal Farm Credit Bank (37) investment was sold and the District realized a net capital gain and will reinvest in a U.S. Treasury as soon as possible.

GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Erdman reviewed the events of the Station Fire and the District's response as discussed earlier in tonight's meeting and added the District's Emergency Operations Response Plan will be amended to include a Wildfire Section.

DISTRICT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of August 1 - 31, 2009, water production averaged **4,931,018** gallons per day, which is **11.8% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2008. This is **19.9% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years over the same period and **4.5%** less than the Phase I conservation baseline from May 1, 2001 through August 31, 2001.

Rainfall: August 1 - 31, 2009	0.00”
2008-2009 Season to Date:	15.15”

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

Rainfall Update – 0.00” for August 2009; average rainfall for July and 0.19” average rainfall in August; Rainfall total of 15.15” is 35% less than average from October-August.

Report on Administrative and Field Operations:

Wells: Current well capacity – 2.9 MGD; Well #9 is out of service due to Bac-T. Working with CDPH on plan and Daniel B. Stephens.

Booster Pumps: All booster pumps are in service.

Construction Projects:

- Held pre-construction meeting.
- Project delayed due to the Station Fire.

Water Quality:

- pH Study – Finalizing study with CDPH on results.

LADWP / CVWD Interconnection:

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

MTBE Update:

- Verdugo Basin MTBE Task Force met on September 8, 2009. Shell Station/CV Tow Application sent to the State. Request closure of 3200 Foothill and reviewing documentation with independent environmental firm.
- GAC Treatment Grant.
- Looking into Design/Build for GAC system.
- MTBE levels in Well #7, Mills and MW4 are below 1 ppb.
- Well #5 MTBE level at 43 ppb and continues to be out of service.

Field Maintenance and Operations update for August 15-31, 2009:

- Miscellaneous lateral leaks at the following locations; Prospect, Panorama, Rosemont, and Frances.
- Reservoir Maintenance at Ordunio Reservoir.
- Replaced Well level air bubbler system with new pressure transducers.
- Sewer Maintenance: Cleaned over 2,000 feet of sewer main, CTTV over 1,200 feet of sewer main.

Mr. Gould reported that he has been selected to receive the Section Leadership Award for service as Business

Administration Division Chair from the California-Nevada Section, American Water Works Association. The Board congratulated Mr. Gould for his efforts and hard work.

WATER CONSERVATION – No report.

ATTORNEY – Mr. Bunn reported that Legislature is considering a comprehensive water conservation package and some progress has been made but no further details at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering Committee – Director Ross reported the Committee had not met and scheduled a meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

Finance Committee – Director Tejada reported the Committee had not met and scheduled a meeting on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Employee Relations Committee – Director Atwater reported the Committee had not met.

Policy Committee – Director Beatty reported that the Committee had not met and scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee – Director Yardemian reported the Committee had not met and scheduled a meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORTS

- Director Atwater - No report.
- Director Beatty thanked staff for their hard work and for tonight's presentation on the Station Fire.
- Director Ross reported that she received a CityView Glendale Newspaper with conflicting information regarding water conservation and is worried that the conservation message may be confusing for District customers.
- Director Tejada – No report.
- Director Yardemian reported that he attended Johnny Blood's Rosemont Reservoir project presentation and said that he was impressed with his knowledge and hard work.

CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 9:05 p.m., it was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Beatty, and carried that the meeting be adjourned to September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Vasken A. Yardemian
President

Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer