

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 22, 2009

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2009, an Adjourned Regular Meeting was held on September 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., 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. Tejeda 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 Christy Scott, Program Specialist Larry Byers, Plant Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Beatty, and carried by a 5-0 vote that the Agenda for the Adjourned Regular Meeting of September 22, 2009, be adopted as presented.

PRESENTATION

Local resident Johnny Blood, an Eagle Scout candidate gave a presentation to the Board and staff on the landscape project he managed at the Rosemont Reservoir. His PowerPoint presentation included a description of the project relative to water conservation and the drought tolerant plants used on the project. Mr. Blood thanked the District staff and the community for their help on this successful project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kerry Erickson asked Staff if they were intending to apply for FEMA reimbursement for costs associated with the Station Fire, to which Staff indicated that they were collecting the appropriate costs and plan on submitting an application.

Mr. Steve Pierce, Crescenta Valley Town Council president thanked the District for their involvement in Johnny Blood's Rosemont Reservoir project and applauded staff for their effort on the Station Fire. He reminded the Board and staff that a Candidate Forum will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at Dunsmore Community Park and invited all members to attend. Hearing no other comments, President Yardemian closed the public session.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Ross, and seconded by Director Beatty, 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 September 8, 2009.

That payment of demands against the Crescenta Valley Water District on or before August 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 Eight Hundred Twenty Three Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$823,294.44), which is composed of the individual items set forth herein.

Authorize attendance by Mr. Mitchell at the 2009 CALPERLA Conference to be held November 4-6, 2009 in Monterey, CA.

ACTION CALENDAR

Discussion to Amend the Water Conservation Alert System – Mr. Erdman asked for the Board's consideration and discussion to amend Appendix G of the District's Rules and Regulations regarding residential and commercial outdoor irrigation use from the existing 2 days per week to 3 days per week. Mr. Erdman said that this item was reviewed by the Policy Committee and there was much discussion regarding the upcoming winter season, which typically is low water usage, declining groundwater well levels and the cost of imported water.

President Yardemian opened this item for public comment. Several comments were heard from the public. Mr. Erickson commented that the change to three days per week for irrigation use would send the wrong message to the community and Mr. Gibson echoed the same sentiment. Mr. Pierce commented that he felt that most customers have grown accustomed to irrigation two day a week as it should remain the same. Hearing no other comments, President Yardemian closed the public session.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Atwater, seconded by Director Ross, and carried by a 4-1 (Director Beatty dissenting) vote to continue with the existing program as outlined in Appendix G of the District's Rules and Regulations and review the policy when updated water supply and rainfall information is available.

Water Financial Rate Planning Services – Mr. Gould asked for the Board's consideration and motion to authorize the General Manger to enter into an agreement with Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM) to perform financial planning services relative to water rates for a cost "not-to-exceed" \$15,800. Mr. Gould provided a staff report that discussed the financial planning services task list that would be provided by Mr. Grant Hoag and his team at CDM relative to a FMWD pass-through cost and updating the tiered water rate structure.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Atwater, seconded by Director Ross, and carried by a 5-0 vote to

authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Camp, Dresser & McKee Inc., (CDM) for financial planning services relative to water rates at a cost "not-to-exceed" \$15,800.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items included several Glendale News Press articles; which included a community commentary regarding the District's performance during the Station Fire by Director Yardemian; District's policy pertaining to hydrant flushing by Mr. Erickson, and a response letter by Director Yardemian; an announcement of an upcoming candidate's forum; and an article regarding the MNR Construction lawsuit. Also included were articles from the Mountain View Voice regarding gray water solutions and the Los Angeles Times on the recent water pipe failures in the City of Los Angeles.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT

The Board reviewed a letter from District customer Mr. Justin Smith regarding a request to revise the sewer charge to a volume based charge as opposed to the current flat fee.

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 22, 2009

Cash Accounts	\$	280,948
National Financial Securities Corp.	\$	920,907
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	\$	169,095
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$	2,483,014
CIT Group (29)	\$	1,000,000
Federal Farm Credit Bank (41)	\$	1,000,000
U.S. Treasury (39)	\$	1,000,000
U.S. Treasury (40)	\$	1,500,000

Fund Balances at June 30, 2009

Water	\$	5,652,915.35
Wastewater	\$	3,726,208.68
Capital Improvement Fund	\$	2,709,748.64

Mr. Mitchell reported that the District purchased a new Federal Farm Credit Bond for \$1,000,000 which has a yield of maturity of 1.271%. Next, he provided a report to the Board regarding the District's bond investment in the CIT Group. Mr. Mitchell also reported that the auditors have completed their field work for the FY 08/09 audit and a preliminary draft report should be available for discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting. Lastly, Mr. Mitchell reminded the Board that he will be out of office for the next two weeks and any questions should be directed to the General Manager.

GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Erdman reported that a Burn Area Emergency Response Team has been formed by Los Angeles County and said the District is involved in these meetings to gather information and to take appropriate action necessary as it relates to potential mudslides in the community in the aftermath of the Station Fire.

DISTRICT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of September 1 through September 19, 2009, water production averaged **4,757,470** gallons per day, which is **12.2% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2008. This is **21.3% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years over the same period.

Rainfall: September 1 – 19, 2009	0.00”
2008-2009 Season to Date:	15.15”

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

Rainfall Update – 0.00” for September 2009; 0.49” average rainfall for September; Rainfall total for the year is 15.15”, which is 36% less than average from October thru September.

Report on Administrative and Field Operations:

ULARA – Quarterly Meeting: Working on a RFP for new attorney for the Watermaster’s office and discussed the effects of the draft Public Health Goal (PHG) of 0.60 ppb for Hexavalent Chromium.

Wells: Current well capacity – 2.9 MGD; Well 9 - staff is working with CDPH and Daniel B. Stephens on plan to put the well back into service.

Booster Pumps: All booster pumps in service.

Construction Projects:

- **Pipeline Construction began at Frances and Pennsylvania:** Contractor uncovered a 6 foot diameter rock, which was removed and has installed 800 feet of mainline on Frances.
- **Eagle Canyon Motor Control Center (MCC) - Design:** Staff sent out a request for proposal for design services to five (5) consultant firms and staff is planning to award a design contract at next Board meeting.

Water Quality: pH Study finalized with CPDH and from the results, staff is proceeding with getting design costs for the installation of caustic soda treatment to raise pH in system. Groundwater Rule – staff preparing a plan for submittal to CPDH by October 15, 2009.

LADWP / CVWD Interconnection:

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

MTBE Update:

- Verdugo Basin MTBE Task Force met on September 9, 2009. Shell Station/CV Tow application still waiting on State funding. Request closure of 3200 Foothill - Reviewing with independent environmental firm.
- GAC Treatment Grant – Reduced to \$1.2M; Nitrate plant costs ineligible for funding. Reviewing options of instating GAC treatment system at the Well 5 site to lower costs.
- MTBE levels in Well 7, Mills plant and MW4 are below 1 ppb.
- MTBE levels at Well 5 rose to 57 ppb and continue to be out of service.

Field Maintenance and Operations update for September 1 - 19, 2009:

- Miscellaneous lateral leaks on Orange, Mountain, Fairmount, Ramsdell, Harmony, Freeman and Goss Canyon.
- Reservoir Maintenance at Shield Reservoir Road. Repaired communications at Shield Reservoir due to fire damage.
- Site assessment of reservoir sites and roadways for repairs from fire damage.
- Sewer maintenance continues cleaning and videotaping of sewer mains.

Mr. Gould also reported that he will be attending the AWWA CA/NV Section Fall Conference from October 5 - 9 and will be out of the office. Any questions should be directed to the General Manager.

WATER CONSERVATION – Ms. Scott provided a staff report outlining items discussed at the Community Relations Committee and Water Conservation Committee held on September 12th. Topics discussed included an update on MWD Rebate Program, ET (Smart) Irrigation Controller give-away program, landscape upgrades along the Main Office parkway, managing customer’s existing irrigation controllers, watering time limit per station, and an updating of the water conservation alert system. Ms. Scott also provided a report on the 2009 Summer Intern program costs.

Mr. Scott also indicated that she will be attending the Water Smart Innovations Conference from October 6 - 9 and will be out of the office. Any questions should be directed to the General Manager.

ATTORNEY – Mr. Bunn reported that Legislature ended their session and said that all the bills related to the comprehensive water package failed. He added that Legislature did pass the “Retrofit on Water Fixtures” bill and a number other bills relative to the water industry failed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering Committee – Mr. Gould said the Committee had not met and that a meeting is scheduled on October 1, 2009.

Finance Committee – Director Tejada reported that the Committee met on September 21st and the items discussed were reported earlier in tonight’s meeting.

Employee Relations Committee – Director Ross reported the Committee did not meet.

Policy Committee – Director Beatty reported that the Committee met today as discussed earlier in tonight’s meeting during the Action Calendar.

Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee – Ms. Scott reported that the Committee met on September 12, 2009 and items were reported under staff report for Water Conservation.

DIRECTOR’S ORAL REPORTS

- Director Atwater reported that he will be traveling to Washington DC on October 27th and 28th to discuss satellite federal funding for recycling plants for the Altadena, La Canada, and La Crescenta areas.
- Director Beatty commended District personnel on a great job during the Station Fire and also for preparing for flood potential.
- Director Ross – No report.
- Director Tejada – No report.

- Director Yardemian reported that he attended the ACWA Communications Committee. Mr. Yardemian also talked with Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) about a customer water usage survey that WVWD has implemented utilizing information for a water meter data logger. He said that the logger is installed on a water meter and it measures water daily water usage and the data is provided to the customer to assist with water conservation.

CLOSED SESSION

No action taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 9:00 p.m., it was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Atwater, and carried that the meeting be adjourned to October 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Vasken A. Yardemian
President

Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer