

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 3, 2009

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Adjourned Regular Meeting of October 20, 2009, a Regular Meeting was scheduled to be held on November 3, 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 (Absent) 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 (Absent)
District Engineer:	David S. Gould
Others Present: (Staff)	Christy Scott, Program Specialist 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. Gould 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 4-0 vote that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2009, be adopted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Erickson referenced the recent truck incident and asked what steps are taken by the District to verify and ensure that safety requirements are met when hiring contractors. Mr. Erdman said that all contractors must have a Contractors' License which includes safety requirements set by OSHA and a Risk Transfer provision is provided on all agreements and contracts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Ross, and seconded by Director Beatty, and carried by a 4-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar which contained the following item:

Approval of the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2009.

ACTION CALENDAR

Project E-790 – Mr. Gould asked for the Board’s consideration and motion to adopt an addendum to the Negative Declaration of environmental impacts for the construction of a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) water treatment system, Project E-790. Mr. Gould provided several documents for the Board’s review; a staff report which included a background for the project, a copy of Resolution No. 675, a copy of the Negative Declaration for the GAC water treatment system at the Mills Plant, and the addendum to the Negative Declaration for the proposed GAC water treatment system at Well No. 5 Site. He said that after Staff’s review with the assistance of AECOM it was determined that the least cost and best use alternative would be to install a smaller GAC treatment at the Well 5 site, and added that although the site location has changed, the environmental issues and mitigation measures that were certified in the original negative declaration remain the same. He discussed project funding and said he is still looking for grant funding from the state and the revised engineer’s cost estimate is for \$1.07 million dollars and the project should be completed with 6-8 months from the start date.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Tejada, and carried by a 4-0 vote to approve the addendum to the Negative Declaration of environmental impacts for the construction of a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) water treatment system (Project E-790).

Discussion on CVWD Burn Area Response Planning – Mr. Erdman reported that the City of Glendale held a public meeting on Winter Weather Preparation at Clark Magnet High School. He said that the meeting was well attended and Mr. Zurn reported that storm preparation is complete in the area, with exception of mounting cameras and lighting which will help to monitor mudslides and flood debris. Next, Mr. Erdman said that Los Angeles County Public Works still wants to clean out the Goss Canyon debris basin to provide increased capacity and continues to work with a land owner for access permission. Mr. Gould gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the crew’s burn area recovery efforts and the tasks that have been completed to protect facilities and discussed the remaining tasks yet to be completed. Lastly, Mr. Gould reported that he continues to communicate with the City of Glendale and LA County Public Works for better coordination and that BART (Burn Area Response Team) continue to meet weekly for updates and coordination.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items included an article regarding Exxon Mobil being found liable for contaminating New York City’s drinking water supply, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune printed an article on increased water prices, the Daily Breeze had an article about Manhattan Beach water and their sewer rates, an editorial in the LA Times, two articles in the Crescenta Valley Weekly by Robin Goldsworthy regarding the different watering rules between Glendale and the District and one regarding overall water consumption. The Malibu Times printed an article regarding water use reduction, an Inland Empire Agency Release regarding recycled water recharge, and a Glendale News Press article pertaining to the District’s upcoming director election.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT

The District received several written items; a letter from Lagerlof Senecal Gosney and Kruse regarding the Nomination of Candidate for a LAFCO Representative and a copy of letter to the Honorable David Dreier in support of the Water Protection and Reinvestment Act, and the Board reviewed two letters by Mr. Erdman to district customers regarding their adjusted rate to their water bills due to the Station Fire, and an email to Mr. and Mrs. Erickson regarding multi-family residential accounts.

REPORTS OF PERSONNEL

SECRETARY-TREASURER – Mr. Gould reported that Mr. Mitchell has been in contact with Great Pacific Securities regarding the CIT bond investment and the structured bankruptcy which is underway and said that this item will be discussed in more detail upon Mr. Mitchell’s return next week. Director Tejada requested that the Finance Committee meet next week to discuss this item.

GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Erdman reported on the status of the wells and the stress due to the prolonged drought we have experienced and said that the decline in well field productivity, coupled with the MWD allocation of water could result in the District going into a penalty rate for purchased water if we are not able to reverse the trend experienced over the past several months. He discussed the failing groundwater table, the status of several wells, and the importance of returning the wells back into service as soon as possible. Director Ross requested that the Engineering Committee meet to discuss this item.

DISTRICT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of October 1–31, 2009, water production averaged **4,151,760** gallons per day, which is **17.5% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2008. This is **19.1% 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 October 31, 2001.

Rainfall: October 1-31, 2009	2.08”
2009-2010 Season to Date:	2.08”

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

Rainfall Update – 2.08” for October 2009; 0.94” average rainfall in October; Rainfall total of 2.08” is 120% more than average from October-October.

Report on Administrative and Field Operations:

Wells: Current well capacity – 2.5 MGD; Well #9 is out of service due to Bac-T, Well #5 out of service due to MTBE levels, Wells #10 & 15 out of service due to low water levels.

Booster Pumps: All booster pumps are in service.

Construction Projects:

- Pipeline construction on Frances and Maryland – Entire project to be completed by 11/10/2009.

Water Quality:

- PH Study – Working on recommendations for installation of pH balancing treatment system.

- Groundwater Rule – Plan submitted to CDPH by October 15th.

LADWP / CVWD Interconnection:

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

MTBE Update:

- Verdugo Basin MTBE Task Force will meet on 1/15/2010. Shell Station/CV Tow Application for Funding – waiting on State funding. Request closure of 3200 Foothill and finalizing review of independent report.
- MTBE Grant – Revised location to Well 5. Submitted amended application, CDPH reviewing project and completed draft Letter of Commitment (LOC) for \$1.1 M.
- MTBE levels in Well7, Mills, and MW4 below 1 ppb.
- Well #5 MTBE level at 56 ppb and continues to be out of service.

Field Maintenance and Operations update for October 1-31, 2009:

- Miscellaneous lateral leaks and repairs.
- Work at Reservoirs sites.
- Valve exercise program – continue exercising water valves.
- Sewer Maintenance: Continues cleaning and CTTV of sewer mains.

Mr. Lee provided a staff report detailing the incident of the contractor's truck accident on Maryland Avenue and said the accident is under investigation by Glendale Police Department for inspection of any equipment malfunction.

WATER CONSERVATION – Ms. Scott reported that the Summer Intern Program came to a conclusion on October 30, 2009 and said it completed at \$1,600 under budget and that 15% of the customer base received communication letters regarding incorrect watering days and water runoff. Ms. Scott reported that the Smart Gardening Class hosted by the District was well attended and that plans for future classes are being considered. Lastly, Ms. Scott reported that we are continuing to promote MWD's rebate program, which is currently at 30% of their budget, and that there is an increased interest in the turf rebate program.

ATTORNEY – Mr. Bunn reported that the Department of Water Resources adopted a Model Water Efficient Landscape ordinance which will go into effect January 1, 2010 and said the enforcement will be given to the Building and Safety Department within the cities and counties. Regarding the Comprehensive Water Package, he said that negotiations are still alive and because the details are changing daily he cannot discuss the specifics however, he added that ACWA is in support of the bill.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering Committee – Director Ross reported that the Committee had not met however a meeting will be scheduled as soon as a date and time can be determined.

Finance Committee – Director Tejada reported the Committee had not met however a meeting will be scheduled as soon as a date and time can be determined.

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

Policy Committee – Director Beatty reported that the Committee had not met.

Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee – Director Yardemian reported the Committee had not met.

Ad Hoc Flood Planning Committee – Director Ross reported that the Committee had not met.

Foothill Municipal Water District Report – Mr. Erdman reported that the FMWD board meetings have been changed to meet on the third Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the same location. Next, he said FMWD is planning to do more community outreach to gain support for the proposed parcel tax to better communicate how the funds will be applied and the benefit for the community.

DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORTS

- Director Atwater – No report.
- Director Beatty requested that the days of watering be reconsidered next March.
- Director Ross - No report.
- Director Tejeda - No report.
- Director Yardemian – No report.

CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

BOARD MEMBER'S REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 8:05 p.m. it was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Beatty, and carried that the meeting be adjourned to November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Vasken A. Yardemian
President

Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer