

# **CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

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

**November 17, 2009**

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2009, an Adjourned Regular Meeting was held on November 17, 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:

<b>Directors:</b>	<b>Richard W. Atwater</b> <b>Charles K. Beatty</b> <b>Kathleen M. Ross</b> <b>Judy L. Tejada</b> <b>Vasken K. Yardemian</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>Christy Scott, Program Specialist</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 Yardemian opened the meeting by asking Director Atwater 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 November 17, 2009, be adopted as presented.**

### **PRESENTATION**

Director Tejada presented Certificates of Appreciation and award plaques to Directors Yardemian and Beatty for their many hours of dedicated service to the District and the community. Next, Director Tejada presented Directors Yardemian and Beatty with a Resolution from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich for their hard work and contribution to the community.

Frank Beyt was present on behalf of the Crescenta Valley Town Council to present certificates and to recognize Directors Yardemian and Beatty for their consistent participation and efforts to better the Crescenta Valley area.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anne McNeil, a District resident, was present to ask for the Board's consideration for a provision of recycled rain barrels at a reduced rate for customers, and next she asked if residents could decide on their own how to conserve 20% of water instead of adhering to the District's guidelines.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Director Atwater, and seconded by Director Tejeda, 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 November 3, 2009.**

**That payment of demands against the Crescenta Valley Water District on or before October 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 Seventy Eight Thousand, Two Eighty Nine Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$778,289.11), which is composed of the individual items set forth herein.**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Montrose Christmas Parade** – Mr. Erdman asked for the Board’s consideration and motion for the District to participate in the 2009 Montrose - Glendale Christmas Parade and provided a staff report for the Board’s review which gave a background of the community event. He said the District has participated in this event for the past five years and it includes many community dignitaries such as, the fire department, marching bands, sports teams, and veterans. He added that the cost of the event is approximately \$1,500 which includes the expense for the trailer rental, hay, decorations, disposable items and food.

Following discussion:

**It was moved by Director Beatty, seconded by Director Ross, and carried by a 4-0-1 vote (Director Tejeda abstained) to approve the District’s participation in the 2009 Montrose - Glendale Christmas Parade.**

**Fire Hydrant Installation at 3230 Henrietta Avenue** – Mr. Erdman asked for the Board’s discussion related to a request from Mr. Zaven Gorjian, homeowner at 3230 Henrietta Avenue to reconsider the placement of a fire hydrant. Mr. Lee provided several documents for the Board’s review which included a staff report which offered three options for the possible fire hydrant relocation, a letter from Mr. Gorjian, and a diagram showing the three (3) new fire hydrants installed in the area. President Yardemian opened this item for public comment. Mr. Gorjian’s brother was present on his behalf and read a letter written by Mr. Gorjian that stated his objection to the fire hydrant placement in front of his home and requested that the Board consider a different location. Hearing no other comments, President Yardemian closed the public comments. After the Board’s review of the three options to handle the situation, it was decided by the Board to choose Option 1 that leaves the fire hydrant as originally installed and authorized an amendment to provide landscaping between the fire hydrant and the house for screening.

Following discussion:

**It was moved by Director Atwater, seconded by Director Beatty, and carried by a 5-0 vote directing the General Manager to proceed with Option 1, leaving the fire hydrant at the original location with an amendment to provide landscaping between the house and the fire hydrant at a total cost not to exceed \$250.**

**Adjustments Related to Water Usage by Customers During the Station Fire** - Mr. Erdman asked for the Board's discussion and motion regarding the District's practice of granting relief for customers related to above normal water usage in areas affected by the Station Fire. Mr. Erdman provided a memorandum for the Board's review explaining the protocol taken to apply adjustments to the three customers that requested relief on their water bill. After much discussion, it was decided by the Board to refer this item to the Policy Committee to develop a policy for relief during times of emergency.

**2009 Water Legislative Package** - Mr. Erdman asked for the Board's discussion on recently signed Senate Bills – SB7X 1 Delta Governance / Delta Plan; SB7X6 Groundwater Monitoring; SB7X 7 Statewide Water Conservation; and SB 7X 8 Water Diversion and Use/Funding and provided an ACWA Outreach Advisory regarding the bills for the Board's review. Director Atwater reported that this is the most significant water legislation since 1978 and has broad bi-partisan support statewide for this legislation and said that geographical opposition still exists. On another note, Director Atwater said it will take a collaborative effort within the agencies to modernize our infrastructure to get more water out of our communities to target a 20% reduction by 2020. Director Atwater suggested that the District hold strategic discussions with the CVTC about water issues and work toward developing other sources of water in the area.

**Discussion on CVWD Burn Area Response Planning** – Mr. Erdman asked for the Board's discussion on activities by CVWD, County of Los Angeles, Public Works Department and the City of Glendale with respect to the aftermath of the Station Fire. Mr. Gould gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation showing an update on the crew's burn area recovery efforts and showed how the district facilities were affected by mudslides during an intense 20 minute storm on the evening of November 11th.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Information items included three articles by the Glendale News Press; one on the recent District election and two articles pertaining to a high water bill which was rescinded by Glendale Water and Power. The Los Angeles Times printed two articles; one regarding the recent water package legislation, and another showing the highlights of the legislation; an article by Reuters regarding a new technique by an Israeli firm that monitors water leaks, and also included was the 2009 Comprehensive Water Package by the California Department of Water Resources.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT**

There were no written items.

### **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 November 17, 2009**

Cash Accounts	\$	251,488
National Financial Securities Corp.	\$	1,078,027
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	\$	220,098
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$	3,404,373
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 provided a memorandum summarizing the details of the District's CIT investment and the CIT Bankruptcy Reorganization Plan and what the District could expect in regards to distribution of assets. He said that on December 8, 2009 this matter is scheduled to be heard in court with hopes of approval to distribute assets. Mr. Mitchell said that given the information received by the District's financial advisors, they recommend that the District hold the new investments and stock for a period of 6 months to 1 year to determine what the new market value of these instruments are before taking any action.

**GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr. Erdman provided two memorandums; one of which was omitted from the last Board meeting dated October 27, 2009 that outlined damages related to the recent mudslides. In his current report dated November 13, 2009, Mr. Erdman discussed the status of District wells and potential affects on our groundwater supplies. He also reported that he met with FMWD General Manager, Ms. Nina Jazmadarian, who reported that CVWD is 29% under our FMWD allocation and added this is good news and attributes this savings to the community's conservation efforts.

**DISTRICT ENGINEER**

Water Production – For the period of November 1 through November 15, 2009, water production averaged **4,067,458** gallons per day, which is **9.3% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2008. This is **10.1% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years over the same period and **7.5% less** than the Phase I conservation baseline from May 1, 2001 through November 15, 2001.

<b>Rainfall: November 1 – 15, 2009</b>	<b>0.19"</b>
<b>2009-2010 Season to Date:</b>	<b>2.27"</b>

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

**Rainfall Update** – 0.19" for November 2009; 2.87" average rainfall for November; Rainfall total for the year is 2.27", which is 21% less than average from October thru November.

**Report on Administrative and Field Operations:**

**Wells:** Current well capacity – 2.5 MGD; Well 9 – Pulled pump, found testing for bacteria, Videotaped well casing, saw bio film buildup on casing, preparing RFQ for Well Rehab, Approval from CDPH. Well #5 Out of service – MTBE, Wells #15 Out of Service low water level, Well #10 is back in service.

**Booster Pumps:** All booster pumps in service. Reviewed preliminary technical report for Eagle Canyon MCC.

**Construction Projects:** None.

**Water Quality:** pH Study continues monitoring for additional year before installing equipment.

**LADWP / CVWD Interconnection:**

- Still on hold, waiting for State funding.

**MTBE Update:**

- Verdugo Basin MTBE Task Force, next meeting 12/9/2009. Shell Station/CV Tow Application for funding and 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 draft Letter of Commitment (LOC) for \$1.1 Million. Meeting with companies on renting GAC treatment system. Meeting with GWP on Site Plan and completed CEQA documentation.
- MTBE levels in Well 7, Mills & MW4 are below 1 ppb.
- Well 5 MTBE level at 56 ppb - Continue to be out of service.

**Field Maintenance and Operations update for November 1 - 15, 2009:**

- Miscellaneous lateral leaks and repairs.
- Work at reservoir sites.
- Installed new drain valve at Edmond #2.
- Valve exercise program – continue to exercise water valves.
- Sewer maintenance continues cleaning and CCTV of sewer mains.

## **WATER CONSERVATION**

No report.

## **ATTORNEY**

Mr. Bunn reported on the Water Package Legislation and said that for the first time policy includes a law to the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta eco-system restoration along with the other significant item being the 20% reduction by 2020 water conservation is law. He said the policy also includes changes to the Urban Water Management Plan which extends the deadline by six months.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Engineering Committee** – Director Ross reported that the Committee met on November 14, 2009 and had a good discussion regarding well levels and the status of rehabilitation projects and thanked Mr. Gould for the valuable information for the Committee's review.

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

**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 said the Committee had not met.

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

**Foothill Municipal Water District Report** - Director Atwater provided two handouts regarding Foothill Municipal Water District's Storm Water Capture and Recharge Projects and Water Recycling Projects and discussed the details along with the challenge of financing the projects.

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

- Director Atwater congratulated the two incoming Directors and said he looks forward to working together on important water issues and encouraged Directors Beatty and Yardemian to continue their involvement.
- Director Beatty said it has been a joy to work as a Director and thanked Staff for their help learning water issues which enabled him to communicate the issues to the residents in our community. He welcomed and congratulated new Directors Erickson and Bodnar.
- Director Ross reported that she was contacted by a resident on Pineglen regarding a hydrant issue related to their wall. She added that her Boy Scout Merit Badge meeting will be held in December.
- Director Tejada congratulated the incoming Directors and said she looks forward to working together.
- Director Yardemian – No report.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

No action taken during closed session.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 9:25 p.m., it was moved by Director Atwater, seconded by Director Ross, and carried that the meeting be adjourned to December 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

### **APPROVED:**

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Kathleen M. Ross  
President

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Ron L. Mitchell  
Secretary-Treasurer