

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 22, 2008

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2008, an Adjourned Regular Meeting was held on January 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the District office at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, California, with President Richard W. Atwater 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 A. Yardemian**

Attorney:

Thomas S. Bunn III

General Manager:

Dennis A. Erdman

Secretary-Treasurer:

Ron L. Mitchell

District Engineer:

David S. Gould

Others Present:

**Mark Hass, IT Administrator
Julian Lee, Capital Improvement Manager
Kellen Boyce, Systems Operator**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Beatty, seconded by Director Tejada, and carried unanimously that the Agenda for the Adjourned Regular Meeting of January 22, 2008, be adopted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to a question asked regarding holding the public hearing on the water rates on the same day as the primary election, it was moved by Director Beatty, seconded by Director Yardemian, and carried unanimously that the public hearing on water rates remain as scheduled for February 5th at 6:30 p.m., and will be continued on February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for those who could not attend on the original date.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Beatty, seconded by Director Tejada, and carried to approve the Consent Calendar which contained the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2008.

That payment of demands against the Crescenta Valley Water District on or before December 31, 2007, 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 Nine Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Three Hundred Forty Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$956,342.50), which is composed of the individual items set forth herein.

ACTION CALENDAR

Public Hearing on Wastewater Rates – President Atwater opened the public hearing and welcomed those in attendance. The Board heard comments regarding to the wastewater rate increase and answered questions asked by the attendees. Mr. Bunn commented that the vote tonight will affect the wastewater rate for the next 12 months only. Hearing no further comments, President Atwater closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 678 – Mr. Erdman asked the Board’s consideration and motion to adopt Resolution No. 678 revising Appendix H of the District’s Rules and Regulations, Rates and Charges for Sewer Service. He provided the Board and staff with a spreadsheet that outlined three different rate increase options for their consideration and the current year and future consequences of each rate increase option. Mr. Bunn commented that although the spreadsheet provides data for the next five years the vote is only for the rate increase for this year. Mr. Mitchell said that staff recommends option three.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Tejada, and seconded by Director Yardemian and carried to adopt Resolution No. 678 revising Appendix H of the District’s Rules and Regulations increasing wastewater rates by \$7.00 per month by the following roll call vote:

AYES: **Director Atwater**
 Director Tejada
 Director Ross
 Director Yardemian

NOES: **Director Beatty**

Project E-733P – Mr. Gould asked the Board’s consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to DeSigio Construction for the installation of a 12-inch water main on the 4500-4700 blocks of Ocean View Boulevard at a total cost of \$118,668. He said that staff has worked on several projects with DeSigio Construction with good results and minimal change orders. Mr. Gould also asked the Board to approve an addendum to the CEQA Negative Declaration due to the addition of ammonia to the chlorination station.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Tejada, and seconded by Director Ross, and carried by a 5-0 vote to authorize General Manager to award the contract for the construction of a 12-inch water main on the 4500-4700 blocks of Ocean View Blvd to J. DeSigio Construction at a total cost of \$118,668 and to approve an addendum to the CEQA Negative Declaration.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items included an ACWA Washington Report, a San Gabriel Valley Tribune article regarding the water shortage. Also, Glendale News Press and Crescenta Valley Sun printed articles regarding the district's proposed sewer rate increase.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT

No written items.

REPORTS OF PERSONNEL

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Investment Portfolio Summary – as of January 22, 2008

Cash Accounts	\$ 291,912
Bear, Stearns Securities Corp.	\$ 23,755
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$1,096,696
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	\$ 59,921
CIT Group	\$1,500,000
CIT Group	\$1,000,000
Federal Farm Credit Bank	\$1,450,000
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$1,000,000
Countrywide Financial	\$ 500,000

Mr. Mitchell presented the Cash and Investments portfolio and reported that Countrywide, one of the District's investments, was recently purchased by Bank of America.

GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Erdman reported that he attended the last CVTC meeting and briefly discussed the proposed water and sewer rate increases and responded to customer inquires as to the affect it will have on their individual bill if adopted.

DISTRICT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of January 1, through January 20, 2008, water production averaged **3,472,729** gallons per day, which is **13.7 % less** than the daily average production of the same period, 2007. This is **10.4% less** than the daily average production of the previous five years in the month of January and **5.4% less** than the Phase I conservation baseline from May 1, 2001 through January 20, 2001.

Rainfall: January 1 – January 20, 2008	5.81”
2007 – 2008 Season to Date	10.07”

Administrative and Field Operations – Mr. Gould discussed the following items:

- Showed graphs on rainfall totals from 1970-71 through 2007-08 and commented that rainfall levels are 4% below annual average to date.

- Operations - Glenwood System will be out of service for 5 days next week while replacing the manhole, cleaning the fore bay and other general maintenance.
- AWWA CA-NV Spring Conference will be held April 21-24 in Hollywood and is looking for volunteers to help out to show exhibits.

WATER CONSERVATION

No report.

ATTORNEY – Mr. Bunn reported that dentists voted to approve fluoride in bottled water.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering Committee – Mr. Gould reported that a meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2008.

Finance Committee – Mr. Mitchell reported that a meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2008.

Employee Relations Committee – Mr. Gould reported that a meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2008.

Policy Committee – President Atwater said that a meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2008.

Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee – Mr. Beatty reported that the committee met on Monday, January 21, 2008 and the details will be available at the next board meeting.

Ad Hoc LAFCP Committee – Director Ross reported that the committee reviewed the draft LAFCO preliminary report and said there is no recommendation at this time.

DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORTS

Director Tejada reported that she attended the ACWA Energy Conference and heard discussions regarding rebates available to water agencies from SCE for alternate fuel services, and that the Gas Co. has money to test natural gas engines and pumps. Mr. Erdman commented that he is meeting with an SCE representative next week to discuss these issues and said that FMWD and Cal Tech are looking at solar power alternatives for funding. Next, Director Tejada reminded the Board and staff that MWD is sponsoring a Colorado River Trip on May 1, 2008.

Director Beatty reported that he attended the Montrose Chamber of Commerce mixer and volunteered the District to write an article in their newsletter, and added that he is in charge of the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony and is asking to have it aired on Charter Cable.

President Atwater thanked staff and Board for their discussion during the public hearing.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 8:12 p.m., it was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Yardemian, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned to February 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard W. Atwater
President

Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer