



Crescenta Valley Water District Invites Public Participation in the Water and Wastewater Budget and Rate Discussion

On Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. the Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors will hold a public workshop on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and proposed water and sewer rates. The workshop will be held at the District office located at 2700 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta.

The District is continuing to address the financial challenges of reduced water sales, declines in local groundwater supply and increasing infrastructure replacement needs. The community has responded very well to the state water conservation mandate resulting in a 27% reduction in water sales in 2016. However, local water supplies also declined due to the drought which required an increase in expensive imported water supplies.

The District has reduced other operating expenses for two consecutive years and has used rate stabilization and other reserve funds to mitigate impacts to the water rates. However, funding for infrastructure replacement remains limited.

The District operates the water supply system with 88 miles of pipeline, 19 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 17 million gallons, 12 wells and 3 pump stations. The District's wastewater collection system has 70 miles of sewer pipeline which convey wastewater to the City of Los Angeles Wastewater Treatment Plants. CVWD, like many other utilities in Southern California, must address aging infrastructure, pipelines, wells, pumping plants, reservoirs and other hardware necessary to distribute water. Portions of the water distribution system are over 70 years old and in need of rehabilitation and repair.

Recognizing the importance of water supply reliability, CVWD has evaluated our community's water infrastructure and identified facilities requiring rehabilitation or replacement in order to ensure a safe and reliable water supply system now and for future generations. Over the next ten years the District's infrastructure funding needs are expected to be \$3 million annually.

The District currently funds all capital repairs and equipment and pipeline replacements with its water rate revenues. State grant funds are also utilized for qualifying projects, with \$690,000 in grant revenue expected next year. The District's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018 includes infrastructure funding of \$3.3 million which will require a water rate increase and additional use of reserve funds. Currently, there are no changes proposed to the current wastewater rates. The CVWD Board of Directors encourages

the public to attend the April 11th workshop. Information on the proposed budget will be posted on the District's website: CVWD.com.

A public hearing for proposed increases to current water rates is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th. Information for the public rate hearing required under proposition 218 will be posted on the District's website and distributed to District customers at least 45 days prior to public hearing.