

**Auditor Services – Request for Qualifications:** After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that General Manager would look into whether or not we can specifically look for a local Auditor, who has background in Water Districts and/or Special Districts. The Board made a motion to put out a RFP for a new auditor. **Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.**

**Prop 218 Rate Increase:** After another lengthy discussion, there was really no conclusion to the Prop 218 Rate Increase other than a potential meeting on March 31, to discuss it further as a group. There was no further action taken. To see all the minutes on this discussion, please check with the office after the April BOD meeting.

**Letters from Beverly Fickes-Personnel & Finance:** Director Bassham asked what action needed to take place from this letter from the CAC? Director Miller informed Director Bassham that Beverly isn't a part of the CAC, she has her own committee. After a discussion, Director Bassham let the audience know that her and Johanna would discuss the letter. She doesn't feel that there is anything to look into though, the District has cut employees by 8 since 2019, therefore, hugely cutting costs there. There has never been excess spending or misuse of vehicles or company funds, so don't feel as though there is anything to discuss there. If any Special Meetings are had, the public will be notified so they can attend but those meetings are just a discussion meeting. No action can be taken until the full BOD is together. We will try to have those meetings more often.

**Consolidation:** There is the possibility of consolidating with Igo-Ono, being a conveyance of the water, in which they would have to find the allocations. RCAC is trying to do a Feasibility Study to see if it is even feasible. Director Fust inquired about Igo/Ono CSD last month stating they want nothing to do with this. Mr. Born advised, it isn't us it is RCAC who is go-

<b>Water Usage In Acre Feet</b>			
<b>March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021</b>			
Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-
March	112.3	141.9	+29.6
April	155.5	188.2	+32.7
May	278.7	298.2	+19.5
June	474.2	466.1	-8.1
July	697.4	714.3	+16.9
August	650.9	659.6	+8.7
Sept	493.8	541.4	+47.6
October	334.6	415.5	+80.9
Nov.	259.6	201.0	-58.6
Dec.	122.8	140.0	+17.2
January	107.0	120.6	+13.6
Feb.	127.5	95.0	-32.5
YTD	3814.3	3981.8	+167.5

Figures reflect Meter readings at Whiskeytown

**Weather Observations**

<b>Monthly High &amp; Low Temperatures</b>			
High	73	Low	33
Avg. High	60.9	Avg. Low	38.6

\*Year to Date Rainfall Totals are from

Rainfall Totals	2019	2020	2021
MTD	7.68"	0.00"	1.93"
YTD	11.27"	2.83"	6.83"

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

Clear Creek C.S.D. would like to remind customers to please call the District Office any time water service needs to be turned off or on inside the meter box. This will ensure that District valves will only be operated by District employees, thus protecting the customer from charges incurred if valves are broken or meters are damaged. A field staff member is on-call during the weekends and

**\*\*CIMIS\*\***

The California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) is a program unit in the Water Use and Efficiency Branch, Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that manages a network of over 145 automated weather stations in California. CIMIS was developed in 1982 by DWR and the University of California, Davis (UC Davis). It was designed to assist irrigators in managing their water resources more efficiently. Efficient use of water resources benefits Californians by saving water,

**\*\*\*WATER ALLOCATIONS!!\*\*\***  
**WE ARE IN A DROUGHT**



The water allocations have been handed out and we will be in Stage 4 of the drought, which means **WE MUST CUT** our water use immensely. It is going to be a rough year!! We appreciate everyone's help in conserving water in every way you can.

**~ Sign Up For Alerts from the District ~**



**Happy Valley Citizen's Patrol**

**Help keep the Citizen's Patrol Car on the roads of Happy Valley**

The Happy Valley Citizens Patrol is the "eyes and ears" for the Shasta County Sheriff, reporting on suspicious incidents, doing welfare and vacation checks of residents and property and being available to help when needed. The members of the Happy Valley Citizens Patrol are all community volunteers who give of their time to help make Happy Valley a safe place.

**What you can do:**

- 1. Donate to the Happy Valley Citizen's Patrol.**  
(send donations to P.O. Box 1454, Anderson, CA 96007)
- 2. Volunteer to help patrol.**  
(contact Lieutenant Harry Weldin at (530) 339-0706)

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## District Manager

Kurt Born  
General Manager



## **\*\*Minutes from March 17th, 2021\*\*Next BOD Meeting ~ April 21st, 2021\*\***

**DIRECTORS:** Johanna Trenerry, Irwin Fust, Mark Engel, Virginia Bassham and Murray Miller

**STAFF:** Kurt Born, William Palmaymesa and Kristen Thomas

**AUDIENCE:** Tammy Cole, Beverly Fickes, Dennis & Donna Possehn, Cedric Twight, Nora Willson, Tammy Cole, Scott McVay, Sara L., John Moore and Johnathan Bank

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

**OPEN TIME:** Chairwoman Trenerry advised that Direct Mark Engel wished to speak.

Director Engel stated it has come to the attention of the Board that there have been some derogatory remarks made towards staff over on social media and perhaps another venue as well. I'm not going to go into detail here. I did not really research it to find out who said what, I just want to encourage people to behave civilly and remind everyone that there is no them and us, it's just us. Roughly half of the staff members are also customers. All of your Board Members are customers of this District and of course, as are you. We all have a vested interest in what happens here, getting it done and getting it done well. I would encourage you to temper your remarks and perhaps encourage your community members to do the same. Let's keep it civil folks. Working together we can get this done and get it done a lot faster.

Chairwoman Trenerry stated that she also requested to be on. Mark, I am dedicating this to you because of what you said two meetings ago. Mark Twain said "whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting. The fight will continue as long as water is allocated by politicians instead of the market." That was included in what you sent to us. The market should control it. Thank you for that.

**CONSENT/AGENDA:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fust and seconded by Director Miller to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021, paid bills dated 02/25/2021-03/10/2021 and the February 2021 financial statements. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election of Officers:** Director Engel stated I would recommend that we continue with the executive staff as we have in the past assuming that you and Vice Chairman Fust are both willing to continue. Chairwoman Trenerry states that she accepts. Director Bassham seconds the motion. It was voted on and unanimously approved.

**Committee Appointments:** Chairwoman Trenerry stated of course, executive would be Irwin and me. For finances; Virginia I would like you and Mark to be on that committee. The legislative; I was going to ask Irwin and Murray to be on that. Personnel would be Virginia and myself. The ACWA; Mark, we would like you to keep doing that since you have your foot in the door. Agriculture; I am asking Murray to be with me on the agriculture committee. The Steering committee is all of the Directors. Can I have an affirmative appointment for that please?

Director Engel advised that he is not sure that he would be the best for the finance committee. We have touched on it before but it is not really my area. If that is the vote of the Board, then I accept it but perhaps there is a better choice.

Director Bassham states I disagree Mark, I think that you bring a lot to the table. Chairwoman Trenerry agreed and states I think you do too, Mark. When you made the suggestion of how it should be based, you hit it right on the nail and that's why I thought about you being on it. You will dig and come up with ideas. Director Bassham agreed and added and you came up with a great rate study. Chairwoman asked Director Engel if he accepts? He stated yes, I will.

Director Miller stated just to clarify Madam Chairwoman, you suggested legislative and ACWA for me? Chairwoman Trenerry stated yes and agriculture. Director Miller advised that he resonates with legislative one, I'm just not as familiar I know what Mark has been reporting with the ACWA so I'm not sure if we need two people on there. Chairwoman stated that is ok, it was just in case something came up you could take his place. I really want you to work with me on agriculture because when you applied for the job, I think you had a good interest in agriculture, so I want to pursue some of the thoughts that you were thinking of, ok? Director Miller stated yeah, let's give it a go. Chairwoman Trenerry asked if she could have a motion to accept? Director Bassham stated she makes a motion to accept the assignments that Chairwoman Trenerry proposed. Vice Chairman Fust seconded the motion. It was voted on and unanimously approved.

**USB Water Allocations – Ordinance 2021-3:** General Manager Born advised that he would like to bring folks up to speed. The odds of Reclamation improving the current allocation does still exist, it could still get better however, it does not look like it. We will have to pump water, that water is going to be more expensive than it was last the time we pumped. You are looking at a little over \$300.00 an acre-foot to pump water now. I do not know any other way to get through this season, especially with the fire protection that is needed for the individual homes. 1,898 acre-feet is squat. We do not have a lot to deal with and it is going to be a really tough