

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

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**\* 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 in the evenings. 530-357-2121

**Water Usage In Acre Feet  
March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020**

Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-
March	101.9	112.3	+10.4
April	142.98	155.5	+12.52
May	324.7	278.7	-46.0
June	594.8	474.23	-120.57
YTD	1,164.38	1,020.73	-143.65

*Figures reflect Meter readings at Whiskeytown Dam, less the water diverted to Centerville CSD.*

**\*\* GREEN RATE IS BACK \*\***

If you plant large gardens and typically use over 109 usage during the summer months, come down to the office and apply for the Green Rate! It lowers the water rate after the use of 109. If you're not sure about the amount of water you normally use, call the office and we will let you know if the Green Rate will be beneficial to you or not!! Happy Planting!!!



**Weather Observations  
June 2019**

Rainfall Totals	2017	2018	2019
MTD	.23"	0.0"	0.0"
YTD	25.82"	13.56"	26.80"

**Monthly High & Low Temperatures**

High	105	Low	93
Avg. High	78	Avg. Low	68



\* Lawns and gardens require only 5 millimeters of water per day during warm weather. Less is needed during spring, fall, or cool weather.

\* Water lawns every three to five days, rather than for a short period every day. In warm weather, apply 5 millimeters of water for each day since the last watering.

\* Water during the cool part of the day, in the morning or evening. Do not water on windy days.



**HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE COMMUNITY CLEANUP**

Date: September 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019 Monday-Friday,  
7:00am to 3:30pm

Place: Anderson Landfill @ 18703 Cambridge Road, Anderson, CA 96007



\*Participants may dispose of the following:

- \*Normal household waste
- \*Furniture
- \*Mattresses
- \*Scrap metal
- \*Household appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator, etc.)
- \*E-waste (TV, CRT monitor, computer, etc.)

Only one pick-up truck sized load or equivalent allowed per household. Large trailers or other **oversized loads will not be taken**. Waste from businesses will not be allowed.

Participants **MUST OBTAIN** a DISPOSAL VOUCHER which provides specific disposal information from the:

**Clear Creek Community Services District**  
5880 Oak Street, Anderson, CA 96007

**Waste Management has the right to refuse loads** based on size and/or content. NO HAZARDOUS or LIQUID WASTES, BATTERIES, FLUORESCENT BULBS, TIRES, CONCRETE, DIRT OR LARGE LOADS OF GREEN WASTE ACCEPTED.

Sponsored by the Happy Valley Pride Committee  
Call 357-2416 for more information.

"This District is an Equal Opportunity Provider"



# Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

Johanna Trenerry, Chairwoman  
Irwin Fust, Vice Chairman  
Doug Evans, Director  
Virginia Bassham, Director  
Mark Engel, Director



## Managers

Kurt Born, General Manager  
Richard Cascarina, Assist. Manager

## \*\*Board Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2019 \* Next Meeting August 21, 2019 \*\*

**DIRECTORS:** Johanna Trenerry, Doug Evans, Virginia Bassham and Mark Engel

**STAFF:** Kurt Born, Christy Roberts

**AUDIENCE:** Carl Franklin, Dennis Possehn and Maurice Grandquist

**CONSENT/AGENDA:** A motion was made by Director Evans and seconded by Director Bassham to approve the minutes from June 19, 2019, paid bills from 6/25/19 - 7/10/19 and the June 2019 Financial Statements. Director Engel stated he did not get the financial statement and he will abstain. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**CCI/Rates ~ Ordinance 2019-04 Rate's and Fee's:** General Manager Born stated this is the typical annual CCI increase, which was 2.3% this year and does not keep up with the cost of doing business. Most people don't realize that we've done these since 2008 because they are so insignificant. Director Engel stated that it's a concern that it is perceived we are doing double increases and that is not a healthy perception. Director Engel stated if the state takes over, we will not be discussing the rates we will be hearing what the new rates are. Mr. Born stated the increase is 2.3% across the board, so the Domestic/Ag rate, it adds .46¢ to the monthly minimum and each tier after that adds .02¢. The programming to put in an increase was done years ago. Mr. Born stated with this, it also includes the Backwash Recycle Project at .38¢ per customer. Mr. Born stated that as of now we don't know where we are going with the WIIN Act, so the customers are not going to pay that fee yet. Director Evans made a motion and Director Bassham seconded, the motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

**Formation of Volunteer Ad-Hoc Committee – Dennis Possehn:** Chairwoman Trenerry asked Dennis Possehn to come to the podium to speak. Mr. Possehn asked the Board Members, where do we go from here to make improvements to the budget for the District? Mr. Possehn stated it would be advisable to appoint a Financial Committee of volunteer professionals. This Committee would only be temporary to make formal suggestions to the Board ranging from budgets, insurance and operations. Mr. Possehn asked the Board Members to make a motion to form a Committee. General Manager Born advised Dennis that since their last conversation, he has been in contact with a Rural Development Specialist, who provides rural communities with technical assistance in the areas of Financial Management and Board training. He specializes in rate studies for small utilities as well as implementing rate increases with the Prop 218 process. He has more than 25 years' experience in the industry as a Contractor, Manager, Board Member, Operator, has an MBA in Finance and is a Project Management Professional. He has both D2 and T2 licensing and is a Certified Clerk of the Board. He works for RCAC and he has agreed to help the District. We have applied for Prop One funding to pay for this very 'in depth' rate study and the financial analysis of the District. Mr. Born stated through these Prop One funds we are also seeking funding for the 10" line replacement. There is approximately 35,000 feet of 10" line that we need to replace, which will all be paid for by this Prop One funding if everything goes as planned. Director Bassham asked how much it would cost for his services? Mr. Born stated there would be no cost, it would be Prop One funded which means the State will pay for the analysis to be done; otherwise it would cost between \$30,000-\$60,000. Director Bassham asked Mr. Born if Prop One was a grant? Mr. Born stated, yes, it's a 100% grant and if he is successful with this, it would cost the customers and the District zero dollars. Mr. Born stated he has already submitted for the grant to the State and is waiting to hear back. After a lengthy discussion, Director Bassham stated to Mr. Possehn that this was a great suggestion and she feels that for now our best bet is to go with the gentleman at the RCAC especially getting the funding and with the State's help to get us financially healthy again. Director Bassham stated that it was good to see that people do care at the meeting and that Mr. Possehn is an asset to this District and always has been. Director Engel stated that the end result of that meeting was that we could have passed the rate increase but the reason it wasn't passed is because this Board is an advocate for the rate payers and we are elected to serve you and the legitimate concerns from public; one of which were they wanted a professional review. Our job is oversight and we want the job done right and we want the increase to be palatable and ensure that this District survives.

**Safe Drinking Water Solution:** General Manager Born stated the State was going to make us collect this by charging our customers a water tax, then give what we had collected back to the State. The JPIA advocated against it; it was thankfully defeated and they found another solution to provide funding for the disadvantaged communities of California and it is no longer a concern. Director Engel stated this was also a topic at the ACWA conference and so again this is the mass application that you get with the ACWA/JPIA, this was a big win and the taxpayers should know about it.

**California Air Resources Board:** General Manager Born stated that both of our recent submissions to the McConnell Foundation and Win River were rejected for the funding of the dump truck. In light of these events I wrote a letter in protest to Mary Nichols requesting to sit on their Board so I can let them know how I feel about this and that we cannot afford a new truck. I was contacted by the person heading up the CARB Committee and he said that I made the list, so I will be going to Sacramento to sit on their Board and be a voice letting them know if they want this, they need to pay for it.

**WIIN Act:** General Manager Born stated we are required to complete an Ability to Pay Study to determine whether or not our agricultural customers can afford to pay full contract price, or if they can receive the Federally subsidized lower rate. They have to qualify us for those agricultural rates. In the WIIN Act the TMR document states that if you are able to pay for your construction costs and pay this off, they consider us as also being able to pay full price for the agricultural rates and what that means is the agricultural rate is taken away. Mr. Born asked if this is their way of eliminating Ag and it costing the farmer more, which means the store pays more and so on making rising costs across the board? This is a tough spot we are in because if we go with the WIIN Act they say we get water in perpetuity and all these benefits but then your giving up Ag rates. Director Engel asked if the cost of the water will be 5 times as much? Mr. Born stated yes. Director Bassham asked if they are trying to shut us down and try and control everything? Mr. Born stated that this raises a lot of other questions. Chairwoman Trenerry interjected and stated this is the 5<sup>th</sup> draft revision she's received so far. Chairwoman Trenerry stated that on page 16 it states M&I allows for 2,000-acre feet of water per year and the contractor shall implement the best management practice by a certain time frame. Mr. Born stated they want to implement more Regulatory Regulations after the 2,000-acre feet. Director Engel stated its going to continue to get worse and the State of California intends to know where every drop of water in the State is, where it's coming from and where it's going. They are going to control the water. Chairwoman Trenerry stated they have also added verbiage in the contract stating that any participating contractor is required to keep a reserve fund for use by the United States Government. Chairwoman Trenerry stated one positive note is they are getting rid of the tiered pricing. Mr. Born stated that the biggest point is, what do we want to do with the WIIN Act? There is more on the table here than there was a month ago. Mr. Born stated to the Board Members that there is so much more to the WIIN Act and it's critical that the Board realizes how it will have a direct affect our customers and especially agricultural customers. There are things we will gain going with the WIIN Act such as water in perpetuity and no more contracts but you're getting rid of Ag, in which this District was formed. Director Bassham stated that they don't care and they don't care where you came from, it's about where it's going.