



# Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

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



Clear Creek CSD Office  
will be closed on Monday,  
May 28th, 2018 in honor  
of Memorial Day! If you  
have a water emergency  
please call 530-357-2121.

## Managers

Kurt Born, General Manager  
Richard Cascarina, Assist. Manager  
James Paul, Superintendent

## \*Minutes from April 18, 2018 ~ CCCSD Board Meeting\*

**Directors In Attendance:** Johanna Trenerry, Irwin Fust, Virginia Bassham, Doug Evans and Mark Engel

**Staff In Attendance:** Kurt Born, Rick Cascarina, Jim Paul, Roxanna Sanford, Cary Brown & Christy Roberts

**Audience:** Don & Sandy Winters, Tammy Cole, Harry Weldin, & Mike Battles

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 21, 2018, March 2018 Financial Statements and paid bills from 3/9/18-3/30/18. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Water Allocation/Ordinance 2018-14:** Manager advised that he had spoken with Rich Robertson with USBR about our water allocation. He advised they should be in at any time. We still haven't heard any updates. The 4,209 acre feet we have at this time will be fine. If our numbers come in higher and other areas of the State continue to be low, we could sell water to Orland-Artois Water District. After a discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to give the Manager approval to sell excess water to other Districts if possible.

**Green Rate:** Manager recommends that we put the Green Rate in affect sooner this year as it was a success last year in hopes of it providing more revenue to the District. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to put the Green Rate in affect for the May meter readings.

**New USBR Rates & Financial Impact to Our District:** General Manager stated that with the rate increases on the water, we have to make adjustments. The Ag rates have gone up for CCCSD by 36% and Domestic (M&I) have gone up by 10.8%. We will have to raise rates a little in order to offset the hike. We are hoping to have more accurate numbers to bring back to the BOD meeting next month.

**Backwash Recycle Project Rate Fee:** General Manager advised that we had talked about maybe being able to combine the Filter Plant Repayment Fee with the Backwash Recycle Fee and still keep it at \$7.55. After looking at everything, we will not be able to do this. The figures are exactly where they need to be. If our sales of new services go up, then maybe we can do this but not at this time. Until we get the final cost of the Project, we cannot figure out the repayment cost to the customers. We would also like to thank all of our employees involved with this Project and the great job they have been doing.

**SB 272 California Public Records Act:** Manager advised that the largest part of our costs are for Regulatory, \$449,600.65 a year. All of these are requirements from the Federal and State Government. Manager stated that the SB 272 is that we are to supply a list of all of our vendors and what they supply to us. This is to be on file in hard copy for anyone to come into the office and review and has to be posted to our website.

**Request for Legal Representation:** Manager advised that he sent letters to several law firms and has not heard back from any of them. He recommended that we use Reese, Smalley, Wiseman & Schweitzer since Rachel McVean works for them and she is familiar with CCCSD as she worked with Walt McNeill. She recently went to work with this Firm. Director questioned a retainer fee? Manager advised no, that it is a "as needed" basis. Director asked that we ask Rachel to attend next months BOD meeting so everyone could meet her. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to use Reese, Smalley, Wiseman & Schweitzer for our future legal representation.

**Disadvantaged Communities Fee Reductions:** Manager advised that Assistant Manager had attended the April WRMS meeting and during the meeting they had discussed Disadvantaged Communities annual fee reductions. These reductions are only available to financially disadvantaged community water systems. Manager did certify and file for the reconsideration of the reduction in fees.

### **OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION:**

**Staff Reports:** Assistant Manager advised that March water usage was 102 acre feet and we scheduled 139 acre feet. We have 198 acre feet scheduled for April and estimate about 200 acre feet being used. Assistant Manager and our new Accountant will be meeting with retiring Accountant on Monday to start the transition. We have been working on the Retro billing for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 and Backwash Recycle Projects costs for Centerville to reimburse CCCSD. Adoption of the Audit and State Health Department costs from Steve Watson should wrap up the billing. The nasty flu went through the office affecting Skip, Roger, Jim, Cary and I. Some of us had to take a few days off work because of it. Assistant Manager gave Christy a tour of the District Facilities and Filter Plant. New water loss requirements from DWR (more Regulatory Requirements). The field crew has been working on maintenance of meters and replacing a few line setters that started recently leaking. Roberto and Toby painted the PRV station on Happy Valley Rd. They are also installing 2" section valves on these lines to lessen the need of shutdown in case of a leak. A fire hydrant was recently damaged and is being repaired.



## PUBLIC OUTREACH

At the April Board of Directors meeting the topic of rates were discussed at length. The primary concern is that the cost of doing business has outstripped the annual CCI rate increases that have averaged between 2.6% and 3.4% for the last several years. This year alone we are now paying for an increase in the water we purchase from Reclamation at an overall increase of 46.84% between Ag and Domestic water. This year the CCI rate adjustment is only 2.8% which leaves a deficit of 44.04% of total water costs.

The Board of Directors also discussed the increase in regulatory costs associated with operations and maintenance of the District. For 2017 those costs exceeded \$449,000.00 in expenses. These are imposed by both the Federal and State law makers and regulators creating new and ridiculous regulations we have to abide by. If we fail to comply, the fines are far worse than the actual compliance costs. A decade ago these costs were half of what they are today. The District has been absorbing those additional costs for many years with very small increases in your monthly water bills.

A change is coming and in order to maintain this district with the same level of service our customers enjoy today we *must* make adjustments beyond the normal CCI (2.8%-3.4%) rate increases. NO ONE likes increases in rates, but the facts remain that the cost of providing your water service exceeds what our customers pay. Please, send your remarks and comments to the district office. Be nice, and factual. Any input is helpful and appreciated.

### \*\*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. Not sure 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!



### Water Usage In Acre Feet March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019

Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-
March	71.3	101.9	+30.6
YTD	71.3	101.9	+30.6

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

### Weather Observations March 2018

Rainfall Totals	2016	2017	2018
MTD	9.77"	4.09"	3.61"
YTD	23.36"	21.47"	8.81"

### Monthly High & Low Temperatures

High	83	Low	29
Avg. High	71	Avg. Low	42

### "Water Wisely Tips"

Water the base of your plants, not the leaves.

### \*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.

Please call 357-2121.

### \*\*\*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, energy, and money. Visit the website @ [www.cimis.water.ca.gov](http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov).

## MOSQUITOES

CAN BREED IN JUST A CAPFUL OF water

1,000,000+ FROM A POOL

100+ FROM A CUP

Protect yourself from mosquitoes and the diseases they carry by following the 4 D's

**DRAIN** ✓

all standing water

**DEFEND** ✓

yourself by using EPA approved repellent

**DRESS** ✓

in long sleeves and pants when mosquitoes are active

**DUMP** ✓

Avoid outdoor activities at DUSK & DAWN

DRAIN OR DUMP ALL CONTAINERS IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME

Shasta Mosquito & Vector Control District  
[www.shastamosquito.org](http://www.shastamosquito.org)

19200 Latona Road  
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## Happy Valley Strawberry Festival

**Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Come & Enjoy Family Fun and Entertainment  
Famous & Generous Servings of  
Sweet Strawberries, Ice Cream & Shortcake

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Pancake Breakfast \* 7:00am-9:30am by Happy Valley 4-H Club  
Strawberry Festival \* 9:00am-5:00pm  
Strawberry Shortcake \* 10:00am-4:00pm

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**Classic Car Show**  
**National HOG Motorcycle Show**  
Arts and Crafts Booths \* Safari Club International  
Horse Rides \* The Tractor Club \* Petting Zoo

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West Valley High  
School corner of  
Happy Valley Rd &  
Gas Point Rd



**FREE Admission**  
**FREE off Street**  
**Parking**

For more information [www.happyvalleystrawberryfestival.com](http://www.happyvalleystrawberryfestival.com) • Call 530-357-5449  
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\* Car Show Info 530-339-0706 • Motorcycle Show Info 530-941-3364  
Purchase Advance Tickets • Country Market, Valley Market & Happy Stop

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