

**** 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 |
| July | 818.5 | 697.36 | 121.14 |
| Aug. | 640.3 | 650.9 | +10.6 |
| Sept. | 528.7 | 493.75 | -34.95 |
| YTD | 3,151.88 | 2,862.74 | -289.14 |

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

**Weather Observations
September 2019**

| Rainfall Totals | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| MTD | .61" | .03" | .12" |
| YTD | 27.04" | 27.04" | 27.93" |

Monthly High & Low Temperatures

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|-----------|----|----------|----|
| High | 99 | Low | 41 |
| Avg. High | 87 | Avg. Low | 60 |

~ CCCSD ~ Reminders ~

- ** The office is closed between 12:00pm—1:00pm to allow our employees to have a non-interrupted lunch.
- ** You can pay your water bill on line at clearcreekcsd.org by using your book # and account # and the last four digits of the phone number you have on file with us. The online banking system does charge a fee of \$3.95 per transaction though and this has NOTHING to do with CCCSD. If you have questions about how to log in or your account information, please call the office.
- ** Please DO NOT turn on and off your own meter. If you have a leak and don't have your own downstream valve to turn your own water off, please call the office, 24hrs a day, someone is available to come assist you.
- ** All bills are due by the 20th every month (even if it lands on a weekend). Remember that our mail system is very delayed these days, so you may ask your bank to issue us a check by the 20th and they aren't always making it here by then. Penalties of 1.5% are charged to all accounts with a balance at 12:00pm on the 21st, giving you some leeway with getting payment in here.
- ** We will start testing backflows in November.
- ** Crop reports are due by December 2, 2019.



Clear Creek CSD Office will be closed on **Monday, November 11, 2019** in observance of **Veteran's Day**. We appreciate all who have served and continue to serve our amazing Country. The office will also be closed on **Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2019**, for the **Thanksgiving Holiday**. If you have a water emergency, please call 530-357-2121 and the on call guy will be able to assist you.



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



****** ATTENTION FARMERS **** POTLUCK DINNER ******



Did you grow an over abundance of food this year? Would you like to be able to sell that extra produce and use the money to assist in paying your bills. Come join the rest of the Community who participate in the Happy Valley Farm Trail on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 @ 6:00 PM for a potluck and learn about the local Farm Trail. Bring a dish made with some produce from your garden. If interested in joining us, please RSVP, Johanna at 530-357-2416 and she will provide you with the address.



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*Board Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2019*Next BOD Meeting November 20, 2019*

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

STAFF: Kurt Born & Christy Roberts

AUDIENCE: Steve Nelson, Scott McVay, James Griffith, Jonathan Bank and Tammy Cole

OPEN TIME: Scott McVay asked if employees are compensated for their time for training off-site? General Manager Born stated, yes typically training happens during the day and employees receive their regular pay for the day. James Griffith asked if the agenda is posted online? Mr. Born stated, yes and the reason it wasn't this month is because of the power outage, it did not get posted on the website. It was posted here at the office and at the 3 stores in Happy Valley.

CONSENT/AGENDA: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from August 21, 2019, paid bills from 8/26/19 - 10/10/19 and the August & September 2019 Financial Statements. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Capacity Charges Annual Rate Indexing – Ordinance 2019-06: General Manager Born stated this is the typical CCI increase which is really low at 1.7%. Capacity charges are something that we increase every year but we haven't seen any growth in Happy Valley. Mr. Born stated he has had several inquiries about new installations but we have not sold even one connection this year. Mr. Born stated that we have to keep up with these rising costs. 75% of new installation costs go into the Expansion and Modernization revenue account for improvements to infrastructure and the other 25% goes into the General Fund of Operations and Maintenance. Mr. Born stated that without these new installation sales, we have not been able to fund the Expansion and Modernization account for many years now. Mr. Born stated he would like to see some growth out here, even just half of what we used to see. We thrive on it and need it to survive. Vice Chairman Fust stated this District was formed as an Agriculture area and Commercial Agriculture has greatly fallen out here and maybe this District will change. Mr. Born stated it will change; Agriculture is becoming less and less common and we have to change with the times and the times are saying we are moving over to M&I and away from Agriculture. Audience stated that Bella Vista lost more than half of their Ag farmers because of Bureau of Reclamation coming in and saying the properties were not big enough and are not producing enough. Audience stated the Bureau of Reclamation is never at these meetings, they are never on these properties, they never meet with the Ag customers and all these Water Districts have to enforce for the Bureau of Reclamation and they are telling the small farmers, no, you can't do it anymore. Vice Chairman Fust stated that is exactly what is happening out here too. Director Engel stated we are seeing it and the Bureau of Reclamation has an agenda and it is not supportive of a small farmer. A motion made, seconded, was voted on and unanimously approved.

Shasta RED – Tierra Robles – BVWD: General Manager Born stated he talked with Steve Nelson again and he is seeking further Board action. Mr. Nelson stated he is just looking for Board action stating they are willing to work with and enter into an agreement with Tierra Robles and Shasta RED to negotiate a water deal to augment water to Bella Vista during a drought year. Director Engel stated there are no conflicts here other than we have to give priority to our customers here in Happy Valley but if we have water to sell, then we will sell it. Vice Chairman Fust stated that just for clarification here that what we are being asked for here today, is a Board action to enter into negotiations and come up with a contract between Shasta RED and Clear Creek CSD? Mr. Nelson stated that is correct. Director Bassham asked if we will have water during a drought to sell? Mr. Born stated the restrictions are different every year and one year he was able to sell water to a District down south that created revenue to for the District and it did not affect our customers at all. Mr. Born stated this would be on a case by case basis and of course the biggest criteria would be, that this will have no impact to our customers. Vice Chairman Fust stated the Cottonwood Estates, which will be a part of Clear Creek CSD, will also take priority over the Tierra Robles project. Mr. Born stated that our contract amount with Bureau of Reclamation has never been debated and the outcome of the WIIN Act will play a roll too.

Director Engel made a motion to allow General Manager Born move forward with negotiations with Shasta RED/Tierra Robles and their water needs and Director Bassham seconded. The motion was voted on an unanimously approved.

WIIN Act Update: General Manager Born stated the next local level negotiation is this Friday at the Keswick Dam Office Building and one thing the Bureau of Reclamation has made clear is that they want this done and so far this is the 10th revision of the contract. Mr. Born stated the ATP study will be difficult to approve and we will be covering all costs if Bella Vista does not participate. Mr. Born stated that if we go with the WIIN Act, the Bureau of Reclamation will see that you've paid your construction costs they will assume you can pay full price for Agricultural water which is actually more expensive than M&I water, so the cost of Ag water will actually be the opposite of what it is now and Agricultural water will be more expensive than M&I water and how do you tell that to Ag customers of 20-30 years? Director Engel stated if the ATP study is unsuccessful, we lose the subsidized Ag rate anyway and the likelihood of the ATP study being successful is less than 50%. Mr. Born stated we have to keep in mind the RCAC study we have going on too and they are saying all of our rates have to be the same. Mr. Born stated he needs to talk to RCAC about our rates and the reasons for the differences in Ag and M&I rates but if they say, no and that all rates have to be the same, then there will be some definite changes; which is where we are kind of headed anyway with the WIIN Act and all of these changes will have to tie in smoothly together. Mr. Born stated that he will get together with David Coxey at Bella Vista to get a firm answer about the ATP study. Director Engel stated, as we said earlier that the agenda of the Bureau of Reclamation is clear and they are doing away with Agricultural. Vice Chairman Fust stated that it ends at the end of the year according to the WIIN Act and we have to make a decision by then. Vice Chairman Fust stated that there is a bill in Congress to extend the WIIN Act and he asked Mr. Born to look and see what the status of that bill is. Mr. Born stated that he would. Vice Chairman Fust agreed that the ATP study doesn't look that great but it is the last stand we have for Agriculture in this District. Mr. Fust stated that he is willing to spend the \$40,000 for the ATP study and try it, then to raise the Agriculture rates from what they are now.

Request for Assistance from State Water Resources Board: General Manager Born stated that our data we presented within our software wasn't in the correct format that RCAC wanted. Cary is now having to manually correct the format and it's taking time and a lot of hand labor. Mr. Born stated he is going to call them next week regarding the Ag and M&I rates so they are more clear and how it works. Mr. Born stated that he is still working with RCAC on this.

California Air Resources Board: General Manager Born stated he attended a meeting in Red Bluff yesterday. He discovered a couple loop holes we might fall under, one is the number of miles the truck has operated in a year and the other is a company in San Diego being paid by CARB to do retrofits on trucks that used the Clear Air filtration system. That filtration system is what we were using and CARB took them off their list of acceptable products was because they were causing fires. Mr. Born stated that he called this new company that CARB is funding and asked about them coming here to fix our truck and they are supposed to get back to him and hopefully something positive will happen.

FEMA Backwash Pond Repair: General Manager Born stated he just talked with our FEMA representative again and they are taking a different approach to getting the funding we need. We are going to re-file the claim and it must be turned in by October 24, 2019. Mr. Born stated he is going to get together with our engineer, get the report together and get it resubmitted. Mr. Born stated this has been a very long project, that he is going to keep fighting for until we get the funding that we need.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

STAFF REPORTS: General Manager Born stated the field staff had the opportunity to utilize a vac truck, which is pretty much a vacuum cleaner on wheels and it's used to suck up ground water and mud. The use of a vac truck minimizes the hole size, backfill materials, employee time and equipment use. Depending on the type of leak, we are considering using this service from now on to save time and money.

Mr. Born stated the 144+50 project; everything is in place and ready to go, we just need the creek-bed to dry up and the cost savings to the District are huge because of how we are going to do this. Mr. Born stated the Filter Plant is running smooth and the flows are slowing down because of the weather. Pond #3 is empty now and ready for ash and sludge removal, which our insurance company is paying for, just like they paid for pond #2. Then the ponds will be ready for repair once the remainder of the sludge and debris is removed.