CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

2700 Foothill Boulevard
La Crescenta, California

Agenda for the
Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Crescenta Valley Water District
to be held on January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Posted: January 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Any written materials distributed to the Board in connection with this agenda will be made available at the same time for public inspection at the District office located at the above address.

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda

Public Comments

At this time the public shall have an opportunity to comment on any non-agenda item relevant to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. This opportunity is non-transferable and speakers are limited to one three (3) minute comment.

Foothill Municipal Water District Report

1. Report on activities at Foothill Municipal Water District.

Consent Calendar

1. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 11, 2012.

Action Calendar

The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item as each item is considered by the Board prior to action being taken. This opportunity is non-transferable and speakers are limited to one two (2) minute comment.

1. **PERS Side Fund** – Discussion and possible action in regards to funding the PERS Side Fund debt.
2. **Purchase of Used Meter Reading Vehicle** – Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase a used meter reading vehicle from Municipal Maintenance Equipment at a cost not to exceed $20,000.
3. **Worker's Compensation Insurance** – Discussion regarding the District's worker's compensation insurance program and ways to reduce costs and prevent injuries.

Information Items

Written Communications to District

Staff Reports

Secretary-Treasurer

1. Cash and Investments –January 8, 2013.

General Manager

1. Administrative Report.

District Engineer

1. Water Production Report –December 2012
2. Report on Administrative and Field Operations.

Program Specialist

1. Report of Water Conservation issues.

Attorney

1. Report on legal and related matters relevant to the District.

Reports of Committees

Engineering Committee

1. Consideration of engineering issues affecting the District.

Finance Committee

1. Consideration of finance issues affecting the District.

Employee Relations Committee

1. Consideration of employee relations issues affecting the District.

Policy Committee

1. Consideration of policy issues affecting the District.

Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee

1. Consideration of issues affecting the District.

Director's Oral Reports

Report on issues, meetings, or activities attended by Directors.

Closed Session

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§54956.9)**
  - Crescenta Valley Water District vs. Exxon Mobil et al.

Board Members' Request for Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 11, 2012

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Adjourned Meeting of November 22, 2012, a Regular Meeting was held on December 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, California, with President Kerry D. Erickson presiding.

At roll call, the following Directors and staff members were present:

Directors:	**James D. Bodnar** **Kerry D. Erickson** **Kenneth R. Putnam** **Kathleen M. Ross** **Judy L. Tejeda**
Attorney:	**Thomas S. Bunn III**
General Manager:	**Dennis A. Erdman**
Secretary-Treasurer:	**Ron L. Mitchell**
District Engineer:	**David S. Gould**
Others Present:	**Mark Hass, IT Manager** **Christy Scott, Program Manager** **Wendy Holloway, Customer Accounts Supervisor** **Larry Byers, Superintendent**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Erickson opened the meeting by asking Director Ross to lead the Board and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
It was moved by Director Tejeda, seconded by Director Bodnar and carried by a 5-0 vote that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2012 be adopted as presented.

CLOSED SESSION
No Reportable Action

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT – Mr. Erdman reported that there is a Manager's Meeting tomorrow, December 12, 2012. There will be a discussion on the peer review by Canon regarding the emergency generator issue. The FMWD Board Meeting will be held on December 17, 2012.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Tejeda, seconded by Director Ross and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the following items:

Minutes of the Adjourned Board Meeting held on November 22, 2012.

Payment of demands against the Crescenta Valley Water District on or before November 30, 2012 the same having been approved by the General Manager, Dennis A. Erdman, and heretofore paid, be ratified and approved subject to audit, in the aggregate sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen Dollars, and Thirty One Cents (724,815.31)

ACTION CALENDAR

Board Reorganization – President Erickson asked for nomination for the office of President of the Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

Director Ross placed the name of James D. Bodnar in nomination for the office of President of the Board of Directors for 2013. Director Erickson seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, President Erickson declared the nomination closed. Director Bodnar was elected unanimously as President of the Board for 2013 by a 5-0 vote.

President Erickson asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

Director Tejeda placed the name of Kenneth R. Putnam in nomination for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Directors for 2013. Director Erickson seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, President Erickson declared the nominations closed. Director Putnam was elected unanimously as Vice-President of the Board for 2013 by a 5-0 vote.

President Bodnar asked for preferences for committee assignments to be e-mailed to him and he will announce them at the January 8, 2013 meeting.

Relief from a High Water Bill – Mr. Mitchell discussed that at the last meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed staff's revision of Mr. Kim's bills for water consumption for the 3 billing periods at tier 2 rates. The Board asked that the 3 bills be recalculated to charge normal rates for consumption up to their 3 year average and then bill then excess consumption at tier 2 rates. The total excess consumption over the 3 year average is 174 units. The 3 original bills equal $3,157.85, and the revised bills for the 3 billing periods total $2,363.90. This results in a total reduction of $793.95, and since staff has already applied $300.00 credit to Mr. Kim's account, leaves an additional relief of $493.95. Ms. Aileen Kim addressed the Board to request the additional relief.

Following discussion:

> **It was moved by Director Putnam, seconded by Director Ross and carried a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager's to grant an additional credit of $493.95 to Mr. Kim's bill.**

Relief from a High Water Bill – Mr. Mitchell discussed a letter sent to the District for relief from a high water bill. Ms. Anoush Karapetyan is a tenant at 3300 Brookhill since May 1997, and said that the landlord had re-landscaped the property with new sod that requires watering 3 times per day. This re-landscape coincided with very warm temperatures during the billing cycle and resulted in usage for the period of 161 units and a bill of $1,412.39. The tenant has never used more than 18 units of water in any billing period. Ms. Karapetyan said she did not have any input into the decision to re-landscape and the landlord is holding her responsible for paying the bill. Staff feels that billing the excess consumption at tier 2 rates is fair.

Following discussion:

> **It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Tejeda and carried a 4-1 vote (Bodnar) for staff to charge the customer at tier 3 rates for usage over her 3-year average and set up a amortization schedule.**

Relief from a High Water Bill – Mr. Mitchell discussed that on November 6, 2012, Mr. Edmund Gregory delivered a letter requesting relief from his October 15, 2012 billing in which he discovered a leak in a backyard toilet that had a leaking flapper. Staff granted a standard leak adjustment which amounted to $226.78. On November 26, 2012, Mr. Gregory delivered another letter to Mr. Erdman asking that he would like his case presented to the Board for additional relief. Staff recalculated Mr. Gregory's bill based upon charging normal rates for consumption for his 3 year average and then bill the excess at tier 2 rates. Staff feels that no additional credit is due as he has already been granted an adjustment of $226.78 based upon the standard leak adjustment policy which is $42.43 more than if we billed the excess consumption at tier 2 rates. During discussion, Mr. Gregory stated that he is happy with the adjustment he has received and is not requesting any addition relief. No action was taken.

Resolution No. 708 District Investment Policy – Mr. Mitchell asked for the Board's consideration and motion to adopt Resolution No. 708 outlining the District's Investment Policy for 2013. The current Investment Policy is modeled after the state and Staff has consulted with legal counsel regarding any changes made by the legislature in the last year. Mr. Bunn informed Mr. Mitchell that the legislature has not made any changes during the year. President Bodnar stated that the Finance Committee had met and would like to give Mr. Mitchell additional authority to invest up to 50% of the portfolio in securities with up to a 10 year maturity.

Following discussion:

> **It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Tejeda and carried a 5-0 vote to adopt Resolution 708 with the change that allows up to 50% of portfolio can be invested in securities greater than 5 years by the following roll call vote:**

AYES:	**Director Bodnar** **Director Erickson** **Director Putnam** **Director Ross** **Director Tejeda**
NOES:	**None**

8-Inch Water Main Replacement on the 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Street – Project E-911 – Mr. Gould asked for the Board's consideration and motion to advertise for bids for Project E-911. The District is proceeding with its water main pipeline replacement program for FY 12/13 that includes replacement of the 3000-3100 block of Santa Carlotta and the 4900 block of Cloud Avenue. This project is a portion of an overall 3-year water main replacement program to improve water supply reliability in that area. Mr. Gould said that the 3100 block of Santa Carlotta is a private street. The design is complete for the pipeline project and is ready for advertising for bids. It is staff's recommendation to authorize the General Manager to advertise for bids and to find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.

Following discussion:

> **It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Tejeda and carried a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager to advertise for bids for Project E-911, 8-inch Water Main Replacement on the 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Street and find said project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.**

Purchase and Installation of Small Portable Emergency Electrical Generators – Project C-917 – Mr. Gould reported that from November 30, 2011 to December 5, 2011 the District experienced a 5-day power outage due to high winds which resulted in the loss of the SCADA/Radio Communication systems at each reservoir site. The System Operators were going out to each site a number of times per day to determine reservoir levels. Staff did an assessment of the SCADA/Radio Communication system and CVWD facilities to determine the number of small portable electrical generators that would be needed. There are a numbers of manufacturers that have small portable electrical generators that meet the minimum requirements. Staff put together a request for quote to purchase 20 new small portable electrical generators that were sent to several suppliers in the area as well as checking prices at large retail stores. This project was previously discussed with the Engineering Committee and it was the Committee's recommendation to proceed with the purchase and installation of the portable generators. It is staff's recommendation to authorize the General Manager to purchase twenty (20) Yamaha EF2000iS portable generators from Pasadena Yamaha.

Following discussion:

> **It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Tejeda and carried a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager to purchase Twenty (20) Portable Electrical Generators for Project C-917 at a cost of $42,600.**

Director Tejeda excused herself and left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Worker's Compensation Insurance – Director Bodnar reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the District's worker's compensation insurance program and ways to reduce cost and prevent injuries. The Director's requested more information on employee injuries and staff is preparing a report to be brought back at the next meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS – AWWA: Election 2012, what does it mean for water? San Francisco Huffington Post: Sewer Truck falls into sinkhole in the street. Crescenta Valley Weekly: Volunteers working at the Rosemont Preserve. Forbes: Americans willing to pay more for water. Glendale Newspress: Review of CVWD Financial Statements. LA County Clean Water: Prop 218 notice over parcel tax for County Flood Control.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT – Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce sent a letter thanking the District for providing a generator for the Taste of the Foothills event. LAFCO sent a letter to inform the District of the re-adoption of the Sphere of Influence.

REPORTS OF PERSONNEL

SECRETARY-TREASURER – Mr. Mitchell provided the Summary of Cash and Investment report which contained the following items:

Investment Portfolio Summary – as of December 11, 2012:

Cash Accounts	$532,141
Great Pacific Securities	
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	$110,886
Local Agency Investment Fund	$2,282,084
Federal Farm Credit (78)	$500,040
Federal Farm Credit (79) Sold	
Federal Farm Credit (81)	$1,014,080
US Treasury (82) Sold	
Federal Farm Credit (83)	$502,845
US Treasury (84) New	$500,780
Federal Farm Credit (85)	$603,414
Federal Farm Credit (86) New	$997,100
Federal Farm Credit (87) New	$499,870

Fund Balances at September 30, 2012	
Water	$4,766,379.92
Wastewater	$3,239,996.25

Mr. Mitchell reported on the Fiscal Year 2012/13 Budget report versus Actual Budget report.

GENERAL MANAGER – Mr. Erdman reported on the following employee anniversaries: Dennis Maxwell at 7 years, Robert Woods at 7 years. He also reported on his attendance at the ACWA-JPIA Fall Conference and activities.

DISTRCIT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of November 1 through November 30, 2012, water production averaged 116.2 million gallons per day, which is **13.2% more** than the daily average production of the same period in 2011. This is **2.8% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years.

For the period of December 1 through December 8, 2012, water production averaged 26.0 million gallons per day, which is **12.5% more** than the daily average production of the same period in 2011. This is **8.5% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years.

Rainfall: November 1 – 30, 2012	**2.05";**
for December 2012	**1.20"**
Season-to-date:	**4.54"**

Administrative and Field Operations – Mr. Gould provided a memorandum and discussed the following:

Rainfall Update – 2.05" for November 2012; 1.20" for December. Rainfall total for 2012-13 is at 4.54".

Report on Engineering:

CIP Projects – PRS at Montrose & Raymond & Pipeline – Complete. Pipeline 3000 & 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta – Advertise for Bids. Ocean View Chlorination Station – Final Design – Advertising for Bids January 8, 2013.

Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Application – Application under review. Announcement – Mid January 2013.

Glendale – No Report.

FMWD Issues – Emergency Generators. 8-day MWD shutdown – Set for February 21, 2013.

ULARA – No Report.

Water Meter Replacement Program – Replaced 290 meters.

Report on Administrative and Field Operations:

Well Status – Current well capacity – Average 3.2 MGD. Well 12 – Construction complete – Sampling Well.

Booster Pumps – Booster 23 at Rosemont Reservoir – Complete.

Glenwood Nitrate Plant – No Report.

Water Quality – No Report.

Mills Plant – No Report.

Reservoirs/Booster Stations – No Report.

MTBE Update – MTBE levels in Wells below 1ppb.

Field Maintenance and Operations update for November 18 – November 30, 2012

Water lateral leaks & repairs

- 2636 Foothill
- 2760 Sharon
- 2218 Honolulu
- 2514 Upper Terrace
- 3135 Paraiso Way
- 2843 Harmony

- 2328 & 2357 Janet Lee

Water Main Leaks – No Report.

Fire Hydrant Replacement – No Report.

Developers Projects – No Report.

Valve Replacement – No Report.

General Maintenance – Valve Exercising Program. New Irrigation Meter – Encinal/Pennsylvania

SCADA/Telemetry System – No Report.

Sewer Maintenance – Continue with sewer cleaning.

WATER CONSERVATION – Ms. Scott reported that there have been many inquiries on the toilet, washer and turf rebate program since the Pipeline went out. There will be no water conservation classes until April 2013. Working on Water Quality reports for Department of Health Services.

ATTORNEY – Mr. Bunn reported on legislation passed this session. Metal theft bills passed and signed by the Governor. One bill to set a deadline to establish MCL for Chromium 6 died. The Rainwater Capture Act of 2012: Homeowners do not have to obtain a water rights permit to collect water off the roof. Landscaper's contractors can install rainwater collection systems as long as the rain water goes out to landscaping and is not attached to a structure.

Right to Water bill passes and signed by the Governor. Days after the bill was passed the residents of Maywood demonstrated calling for the new law to be implemented to get clean water immediately. Also, the legislature passed a bill authorizing a sewer collection agency can pass though water treatment costs like on water side.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering Committee – Director Putnam reported that the Committee met on December 4, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. They discussed the following: Well Levels, Well Production and Nitrate Levels, FMWD's Emergency Electrical Generator Project, Update on Water Meter Replacement Program, FY 2012/13 Capital Improvement Projects Program.

Finance Committee – Director Bodnar reported that the Committee met on December 10, 2012 at 3:30 pm. They reviewed the following: Investment Policy for 2013, Worker's Compensation Program, PERS Side Fund, and First Quarter 2012-13 Budget vs. Actual Report.

Employee Relations Committee – Director Erickson reported that the Committee had not met; however a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Policy Committee – Director Ross reported that the Committee had not met; however a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee – Director Bodnar reported that the Committee had not met; however a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

DIRECTORS ORAL REPORTS

Director Ross – Reported that she had full energy audit in conjunction with a solar project and there is a rebate you can get with the state. They also placed a "Lady Bug" showerhead that shuts off hot water when a certain temperature is reached. This shower head had issues related to her inline water heater.

Director Bodnar – Reported on the AWWA courses he is taking online. He has completed Emergency Communication course that was written by Justin Bailey of FMWD. He likes the new CVWD Pipeline and the use of Nixel system. The State Water Project Allocation is currently at 30% which results in 600,000 acre feet for Southern California.

Director Erickson – Reported that he replaced his heating/ac system with an efficient system and found a lot of moisture is pulled out of the furnace. He also reported that on Saturday he and Director Bodnar were at the CVTC freeway off ramp clean-up event. He reported on his attendance at the ACWA-JPIA Conference. There were 1,700 attendees. Some of the classes he attended were Health Care Reform: future cost of health care. New Generation Reshaping America: How to communicate with the new generations. Financing and dealing with rating agencies. Multiyear rate increases. PERS Actuary Reform Updates. Storm water and Urban water capture. Richard Atwater was a presenter.

Director Putnam – Reported on county stormwater issues. Projects that could be funded with funds from parcel taxes.

Director Tejeda – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 10:20 p.m., it was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Erickson and carried by a 5-0 vote that the meeting be adjourned to January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED

James D. Bodnar President	Ron L. Mitchell Secretary-Treasurer

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Item No. 1
January 11, 2013

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron L. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Subject: **PERS Side Fund**

ACTION ITEM:

1. **PERS Side Fund** – Discussion and possible action in regards to funding the PERS Side Fund debt.

BACKGROUND:

The District contributes to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. CalPERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. CalPERS act as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public agencies within the State of California. The contribution rate for plan members in the CalPERS, 2.0% at 55 Risk Pool Retirement Plan is 7% of their annual covered salary and is paid by the District. Also, the District is required to contribute the actuarially determined remaining amounts necessary to fund the benefits for its members.

In 2005, CalPERS established Risk Pools (Pool) where miscellaneous groups were separated from safety related groups. At that time actuarial valuations were used to determine the funding status of each member of the Pool and Side Funds were created for those that were under-funded to make all agencies in the Pool equal in terms of funding status.

The District was determined to be under-funded by $855,192 and was given the option to pay this amount or to spread out the payments over 20 years with an interest rate equal to the CalPERS expected rate of return on investments which was 7.75% at that time. These payments have been made as part of the monthly contribution remittance to CalPERS and the annual totals are reflected in the attached analysis.

As of June 30, 2012 the District has paid $112,141 in principal and $486,741 in interest for a total of $598,884 on this debt. Over the next 12 years the District is scheduled to pay the remaining $743,050 in principal and $357,722 in interest totaling $1,100,769.

Recommendation

Staff met with the Finance Committee on December 10, 2012 to discuss this issue and it was reported to the full Board at the December 11, 2012 meeting. It was the recommendation of the Board to have staff prepare this agenda item and bring it back to the January 11, 2013 meeting for more discussion and possible action to use reserve funds to satisfy the debt immediately and consider options to replenish the reserve funds used to bring the reserves back to desired levels.

Prepared & Submitted by:

Ron Mitchell

Ron L. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Dennis A. Erdman

Dennis A. Erdman, General Manager

Crescenta Valley Water District
PERS Side Fund Analysys

	6/30/Year	Side Fund Balance	Principal	Interest	Payment	Interest Rate
1	2005	(855,192)	3,014	63,739	66,753	7.75%
2	2006	(852,177)	5,500	63,423	68,923	7.75%
3	2007	(846,678)	8,251	62,911	71,163	7.75%
4	2008	(838,426)	11,291	62,184	73,475	7.75%
5	2009	(827,135)	14,645	61,218	75,863	7.75%
6	2010	(812,490)	18,340	59,989	78,329	7.75%
7	2011	(794,150)	22,403	58,471	80,875	7.75%
8	2012	(771,747)	28,697	54,806	83,503	7.75%
			$ 112,141	$ 486,741	$ 598,884	
9	2013	(743,050)	33,381	52,564	85,945	7.50%
10	2014	(709,669)	38,558	49,966	88,524	7.50%
11	2015	(671,110)	44,204	46,976	91,179	7.50%
12	2016	(626,907)	50,355	43,560	93,915	7.50%
13	2017	(576,552)	57,053	39,680	96,732	7.50%
14	2018	(519,499)	64,341	35,294	99,634	7.50%
15	2019	(455,159)	72,265	30,358	102,623	7.50%
16	2020	(382,894)	80,877	24,825	105,702	7.50%
17	2021	(302,016)	90,231	18,642	108,873	7.50%
18	2022	(211,786)	100,384	11,755	112,139	7.50%
19	2023	(111,401)	111,401	4,102	115,503	7.50%
20	2024	-				
			$ 743,050	$ 357,722	$ 1,100,769	
	Total costs		$ 855,191	$ 844,463	$ 1,699,653	

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Item No. 2
January 8, 2013

To: Board of Directors

From: Dennis A. Erdman, General Manager

Subject: **Purchase of a Used Meter Reading Vehicle**

ACTION ITEM:

1. **Purchase of Used Meter Reading Vehicle** – Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase a used meter reading vehicle from Municipal Maintenance Equipment at a cost not to exceed $20,000.

BACKGROUND:

A few months ago, our meter reader's vehicle, Unit #23, caught on fire and was subsequently declared a total loss. The District submitted a claim for the loss and has been reimbursed $9,700 from ACWA/JPIA insurance.

Staff has been using our backup meter reading vehicle since the loss, but it is not reliable in the long term for meter reading. Staff has located a suitable replacement for this purpose from Municipal Maintenance Equipment located in Anaheim, California. The proposed substitute vehicle is a used "GO-4 Interceptor II". This is the same model as the vehicle that was destroyed. The proposed replacement is a 2006 model and the price is approximately $19,000. These vehicles sell new for around $28,000.

It is anticipated that the District will need a meter reading vehicle for at least five to seven years in the future, depending upon how long it takes to convert the water meters to some form of radio read capability. The useful life of the proposed 2006 GO-4 Interceptor II is estimated to equal, or exceed, this time period.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board authorize the purchase of a used 2006 GO-4 Interceptor II from Municipal Maintenance Equipment for a cost not to exceed $20,000. Funds for this purchase will come from the District's Capital Equipment budget. Proceeds from the insurance recovery will be used to offset a portion of the purchase price. Net budget impact is expected to not exceed $10,000.

Prepared & Submitted by:

Dennis A. Erdman, General Manager

Options

- Sliding rear window
- Air conditioning
- Rotating or strobe warning lights installation
- Lug wrench
- Back-up alarm
- Parts and service manuals
- Custom body panel colours
- Front bumper protector (nerf bar)
- AM/FM radio
- Arm rest
- Jack
- Grab handle
- Light bar bracket and switches

Specifications are subject to change without notice. These vehicles comply with the U.S. D.O.T. vehicle safety standards "motorcycles," as well as meet E.P.A. and C.A.R.B. standards.

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CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Item No. 3
January 11, 2013

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron L. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Subject: **Worker's Compensation Program**

ACTION ITEM:

1. **Worker's Compensation Insurance Program** – Discussion regarding the District's Worker's Compensation insurance program and ways to reduce costs and prevent injuries.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 11, 2012 meeting, the Board discussed the topic of the District's Worker's Compensation Insurance program. Director Bodnar said that the Finance Committee had met on December 11, 2012 and reviewed with staff a history of some of the more significant injuries that have occurred over the last few years that have caused our modification rate to rise drastically along with ways to reduce costs and prevent injuries.

The Board asked staff to provide more information in regards to the nature of the injuries reported and what activities were being performed when the injuries occurred. Attached is a summary of the injuries reported to ACWA/JPIA for the last 4 calendar years that includes the date of the injury, description of the injury, what activity was being performed when the injury occurred and the number of days off of work or on restricted duty.

Recommendation

Staff has no recommendation at this time. The Board could consider directing staff to gather information regarding types of wellness programs that are used at other agencies and what costs are associated with these programs.

Prepared & Submitted by:

Ron Mitchell

Ron L. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Dennis A. Erdman

Dennis A. Erdman, General Manager

Crescenta Valley Water District
Summary of Worker's Compensation Cases
Calendar Years 2009-2012

Year	Date of Injury	Description of Injury	Activity Being Performed When Injured	Days Away From Work	Days on Restricted Duty
2012	Feb 22	Right elbow strain	Picking up a cabinet and placing in the back of a truck		26
	Mar 9	Left arm strain/sprain	Closing the cam locks on the Vactor truck		1
	Apr 27	Head contustion	Lowering a T-bar onto a valve & hit head on the handle		0
	June 6	Acute back hyperextension	Removing a manhole cover when tool broke causing hyperextension	3	
	July 6	Twisted right knee	Lowering down a slope, his foot gave way and twisted his knee	158	(currently still off)
	July 18	Right elbow strain	Using a pry bar to remove a valve cap	81	
	Aug 9	Left hand bug bite	Was re-reading a meter and was bitten by a spider		12
	Sep 2	Heat stroke/exhaustion	Climbing out of a trench after making repairs and felt dizzy		
		8 Claims for Year			
2011	Feb 24	Left ankle sprain	Stepping between 2 parked cars and stepped on a rock		12
	Mar 15	Right ankle fracture	Walking on uneven sidewalk, tripped and fell fracturing ankle		20
	Apr 14	Conjunctivitis	Picking up spilled resin and rubbed his eye causing irritation		5
	Jul 5	Left wrist laceration	Cutting packing material-knife slipped and cut wrist		95
	Oct 3	Right knee/arm/gluteus contusion	Putting tools away on truck and lost balance and fell	5	
	Oct 19	Spider/insect bite on left wrist	Drawing water from a sampling station and was bit by a spider		28
	Dec 15	Right elbow strain	Lifting a metal vault lid & turned to put in place		16
		7 Claims for Year			
2010	Jan 11	Left hip & rib contusion	Filling fuel tank and slipped on wet steps hitting ribs and pelvis	7	21
	note:	Employee eventually was put off work again in Nov. 2011 and has not returned to date.		382	
	Feb 2	Poison oak	Gathering rocks from a hillside and was exposed to poison oak	5	
	May 4	Left wrist strain	Turning a pipe to continue welding and felt a pain in wrist	71	35
	July 21	Left middle finger contusion	Pinched finger in snap ring while changing bucket on backhoe	5	
	Aug 17	Right forearm strain	Lifting a meter lid and felt a pop in wrist		48
	Sep 13	Left forearm strain	Lifting a 5 gallon bucket of degreaser	2	108
	Sep 29	Strain/tear left tricep	Jackhammering pavement and felt pain while removing equipment	8	85
	Oct 7	Spider bite	Cleaning floor behind comptuers and was bitten by spider		0
	Dec 6	Lumbar strain	Excersing a 6" valve and felt a sharp pain in his back	24	
		9 Claims for Year			
2009	Feb 18	Right sciatica	Shoveling dirt when he felt tingling from waist to knee	316	180 (see note)
	note:	Employee continued on restricted duty into			

Year	Date of Injury	Description of Injury	Activity Being Performed When Injured	Days Away From Work	Days on Restricted Duty
		2010. On April 13, 2010 he was put off of work and was permanently separated on 10/10/10.			
	Mar 19	Right sciatica/right ankle sprain	During project inspection employee stepped on a rock and twisted ankle and wrenched their back	229	70
	note:	Employee continued on restricted/off work into 2010. Was put off work on 3/10/10 and was permanently separated on 6/30/10.			
	Apr 1	Left wrist sprain	Shifting his weight while welding under a pipe and hurt wrist		35
	May 14	Bug bite	Felt welts on forehead after working in a meter box		0
	May 19	Lumbar strain	Collecting samples and mis-stepped causing back to twist		90
	June 1	Left rib contusion	Standing on rear gate of truck reaching for a sign and slipped		23
	Sep 25	Strain right knee	Twisted back when stepping out of a porta-potty	32	
	Oct 5	Right rib contusion	Lost footing and fell backward into a trench	21	
	Oct 15	Left tricep strain	Climbing down from Komatsu and felt something pull in arm		148
	Dec 8	Right ankle sprain	Kneeled to read a meter and felt ankle pop out of place		14
		10 Claims for Year			

INFO ITEM

By Misty DUPLESSIS

When Life Scout Nico Pappas began to think of his Eagle Service Project for Boy Scout Troop 317, he envisioned creating a lasting impression for Glendale residents.

He came up with a plan and this Saturday and Sunday, the ninth grade student will be working on transforming a bare lot owned by the CVWD into a more pleasing place for residents.

"My project is planting native plants, installing a drip irrigation system, and landscaping the Pennsylvania Avenue off-ramp area. Currently on the property there is only a 'Welcome to La Crescenta' sign and a small tree," said Pappas.

With permission and guidance from the CVWD, Pappas set out to find drought resistant plants that were native to the area as well as aesthetically pleasing and practical.

Pappas got the idea for this project from a Scout councilmember who mentioned that someone had always wanted to have that area enhanced. The Scout visited the CVWD and attended town council meetings for inspiration.

Pappas' interest in landscaping has flourished throughout this project. He found that drawing out the plans for the project takes him through a thought process similar to laying out a blueprint when designing buildings.

Members of the community, as well as the CV Town Council and friends and family of Pappas, have lent support and plan to work alongside Pappas on the first weekend of January.

Donations of mulch, gravel, and tubing supplies for the drip irrigation system have been received from several neighboring businesses and Pappas welcomes the help of anyone who wants to volunteer their time for the project.

Former CV Town Councilmember Todd Thornbury expressed his support for the project on the Facebook site created by Pappas.

"Nico, I am very excited about your efforts to beautify this corner for your Eagle Project! This is really a big undertaking and when it is done you will have spearheaded one the biggest Eagle projects the Crescenta Valley has ever had! Great job," Thornbury wrote.

To get more information on how to help with the beautification process, visit Facebook site Troop 317 Nico's Eagle Service Project or email npeagleproject@gmail.com.

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Info item

Glendale completes Diederich Reservoir upgrade

Delays due to modifications and design issues add cost to water infrastructure project.

December 20, 2012|By Brittany Levine, *brittany.levine@latimes.com*

Glendale has finished upgrading its largest reservoir after getting ensnared by extra bills and a legal settlement.

The city spent $4.9 million on improving Diederich Reservoir, about $600,000 more than originally planned, due to several unexpected modifications to the project. And last week, officials agreed to a $300,000 settlement with the construction company that did the work.

The extra costs come as Glendale Water & Power endures a strict spending diet brought on by thin operating margins. But General Manager Steve Zurn said the project cost increases were still manageable.

"There are some unforeseen things that come with a project like this," Zurn said.

Glendale residents use about 28 million gallons of water per day, with about half flowing through the 57.5-million gallon Diederich Reservoir in North Glendale. Part of the improvements included fixing a nearly 60-year-old concrete pipe that brings water to the reservoir. A massive pipe failure could leave about half the city's homes without water.

When the project was first introduced to the City Council, the estimate was about $1 million less than the original $4.3 million construction contract. But as officials discovered there would be more complications, the costs increased.

The project began in February 2011 and didn't wrap up until August 2012, but there is still some minor work to complete connected to the city's final review of the project.

There were problems with existing infrastructure in the ground from other agencies, the impact of the dirt that covers the concrete chamber and more valves, pipe cutting and welding than originally expected.

Design issues also contributed to the delays. The general contractor claimed the city owed $600,000 for the delays in December.

Last week, officials announced the city would pay $300,000 to Vido Artukovich & Sons to settle the claim, the same day the City Council approved a $183,000 change order for the project.

According to the contractor settlement, Vido Artukovich & Sons agreed to cooperate in potential legal action brought by Glendale against the design consultant, but City Atty. Mike Garcia said in an interview this week that the city was still reviewing its options.

"It's still an open issue," Garcia said.

INFO ITEM

Conservation offers benefits, challenges for water and wastewater agencies

Lower water use by customers helps utilities save money but can reduce revenues and cause operational complications

This summer, WaterSense, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program, released an updated version of its specifications for new homes. Intended to reduce water use in new homes by 20%, the specifications include criteria for water-conserving toilets, showerheads, and other indoor water fixtures, in addition to criteria related to outdoor water use and homeowner education. The new specifications represent another advance in the long-running effort to conserve water in communities throughout the United States. For drinking water and wastewater agencies, the growing trend toward water conservation represents an opportunity to achieve greater efficiencies and savings while reducing costs associated with system expansions. However, water conservation can reduce utility revenues while also potentially leading to complications for wastewater collection and treatment systems. As a result, water and wastewater agencies must carefully evaluate the benefits and possible costs associated with increased water conservation.

Expanding the WaterSense program

Begun in 2006, EPA's WaterSense program involves a partnership with manufacturers, distributors, retailers, home builders, irrigation professionals, and utilities to promote the use of water-efficient products and practices. All told, EPA estimates that products labeled as part of the WaterSense program have helped consumers conserve 1.1 billion m^3 (287 billion gal) of water and $4.7 billion in water and energy bills between 2006 and 2011, the most recent year for which figures are available. Whereas the WaterSense program in general aims to encourage consumers to upgrade their existing water fixtures to make them more efficient, the specifications for new homes are intended to ensure that residences employ the most water-efficient products and practices from the beginning. Homes constructed in compliance with the WaterSense specifications can save a family of four up to 190 m^3 (50,000 gal) of water annually, compared to traditional homes, according to EPA.

Released in late August, EPA's *Version 1.1 WaterSense New Home Specification* takes effect Jan. 1. The "most significant change" in the new specification is its expansion to include residential units in certain multifamily buildings, said Veronica Blette, chief of EPA's WaterSense branch. By contrast, the original 2009 version only applied to new single-family homes. Furthermore, the new specification also requires that homes bearing the WaterSense label include certain high-efficiency showerheads, while landscapes of certified homes must be designed by means of a "water budget tool" developed by EPA, Blette said. The new specifications also were updated to include additional products that have become eligible for the WaterSense label since 2009.

To date, more than 150 homes in nine states have received the WaterSense label; most are located in California, Florida, and Texas, Blette said. Although apartments and condominiums are now eligible for inclusion, EPA does not have an estimate for the number of such units likely to be labeled as part of the WaterSense program. However, the recent trend toward greater construction of multifamily units could bode well for the program. "Because the multifamily sector is healthier than that for single-family homes in many parts of the country, we are hopeful that builders will incorporate WaterSense into their building plans," Blette said.

Some water agencies are taking an active role to encourage builders to construct new homes as part of the WaterSense program. For example, Colorado Springs (Colo.) Utilities (CSU) worked with a builder in 2011 to facilitate construction of the first home in the state to be certified as part of the WaterSense program, said Frank Kinder, CSU's senior water conservation specialist. Going a step further, CSU is launching a rebate program "to incentivize additional builders" to provide WaterSense-labeled homes, Kinder said. This program complements CSU's existing efforts to promote conservation by providing WaterSense-labeled showerheads to residential customers and offering highly efficient prerinse spray valves to commercial kitchens. Combined, the giveaways reduced water demand by approximately 121,000 m^3 (32 million gal) annually.

Continuing a long-term trend

Of course, water conservation is not new, and the WaterSense program is simply part of a larger, long-term trend that has seen declining rates of residential water use across the country. Such declines have occurred largely as a result of increased use of water-efficient appliances and fixtures, especially toilets. The article, "Residential water use trends in North America" by Thomas D. Rockaway, Paul A. Coomes, Joshua Rivard, and Barry Kornstein in the February 2011 *Journal AWWA*, reported the results of a study in which the authors found evidence of a "pervasive" decline in residential water use nationally and regionally. On average, a household in 2008 used 44,201 L/yr (11,678 gal/yr) less than an identical household in 1978, according to the study.

For its part, American Water Works Co. Inc. (American Water; Voorhees, N.J.) has seen an average annual decline in per-customer water consumption of 1% to 2% during the past decade, said Margie Hunter, project manager in the company's

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Engineering Asset Planning Department and chair of its conservation committee. Such declines reflect active conservation efforts in water-stressed regions, as well as passive conservation nationwide resulting from federal regulations requiring the use of more-efficient appliances and fixtures, she said.

Benefits and drawbacks for utilities

Undoubtedly, water conservation is a boon for society in general, conferring numerous benefits, both ecological and fiscal. For example, conservation efforts help preserve future supplies, maintain flows in rivers and streams for wildlife, and reduce costs for consumers. In many ways, water and wastewater utilities also benefit from water conservation. In particular, conserving existing water resources helps utilities become better positioned to deal with potential problems, Kinder said. "In changing supply scenarios, increasing costs, and drought uncertainty, efficiency allows for doing more with less," he said. "Essentially, efficiency maximizes the existing infrastructure through meeting additional customer needs through current pipes and pumps."

By obviating the need to acquire, treat, and convey new water supplies, a utility can experience significant savings, Kinder noted. At the same time, conservation enables utilities to benefit from reduced requirements related to energy and chemical consumption.

For wastewater agencies, decreased water use can result in something of a mixed blessing, said Steven Yeats, vice president and chief engineer at the engineering consulting firm Jones Edmunds and Associates Inc. (Gainesville, Fla.). "There will be benefits as well as impacts to wastewater collection, treatment, [and] disposal systems and to the biosolids treatment and disposal systems," Yeats said. Because of the highly variable nature of wastewater collection and treatment systems, any effects resulting from decreased flows will be site-specific. For example, a collection system experiencing low levels of infiltration/inflow might experience increased odors and solids deposition, Yeats said. On the other hand, an older collection system that was designed without adequate considerations for infiltration/inflow may benefit as a result of decreased flows.

As for wastewater treatment facilities, lower flows per customer enable utilities to serve more customers overall, Yeats noted. "However, the biological wastewater treatment systems and associated biosolids systems will likely need to be upgraded for higher organic loading rates than conventionally designed for," he said. Such upgrades may be needed because pollutant loads to treatment facilities remain essentially the same, even though influent volumes may decrease. But any upgrades must be evaluated carefully in light of anticipated decreases resulting from conservation.

"For utilities planning to serve a larger and growing water-conserving customer base with new collection and treatment facilities, a careful analysis must be made for the predicted reduced flows and higher organic and solids loadings," Yeats said.

Conservation's greatest effect on wastewater agencies may be financial. Because wastewater rates typically are derived on the basis of how much potable water is used by a customer, those customers who conserve water are paying less to have the same amount of pollutants removed from the wastestream and disposed of, Yeats noted. "In general, billing water and wastewater services based solely on potable water volume use, for example, may not capture the costs of these water-conserving customers properly," he said.

Water and wastewater agencies face a "conundrum" when it comes to the financial effects of water conservation, said Gary Naumick, senior director of engineering at American Water. Although water conservation provides clear benefits, the concomitant reduction in revenues means utilities have a harder time paying for fixed costs associated with such functions as customer service and water sampling and testing, Naumick said. Of course, declining revenues also complicate efforts to address challenges associated with aging infrastructure, he said.

Rate adjustments needed

Faced with such economic realities, water and wastewater agencies must become "more nimble and creative" as to how they set rates, said Adam Krantz, managing director of government and public affairs for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (Washington, D.C.).

EPA's Blette agreed. "Many utilities are challenged by their use of water-pricing models that rely on water sales to provide revenue rather than setting rates that reflect the full fixed costs of providing service," she said. "Utilities must undertake analysis to determine how their rate structures may need to be changed to avoid the potential for reduced revenue from less consumption."

*– **Jay Landers,** WE&T*

INFO ITEM

Dennis Erdman

From: Julie Ackman [julie@urbanwater.ccsend.com] on behalf of Julie Ackman [julie@urbanwater.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2012 3:55 PM
To: Dennis Erdman
Subject: Program Agenda Now Available For Urban Water Spring Conference!

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Conference Agenda Outline

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

12:00 p.m. – Registration, Networking & Exhibits

1:30 p.m. – Opening Remarks/Welcome to Palm Springs

Steve Bucknam, Chairman, Urban Water Institute

James Noyes, Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

1:45 p.m. – Opportunities and Threats of the Water/Energy Nexus

Douglas Kenney Ph. D., Senior Research Associate, Natural Resources Law Center
Director of NRLC's Western Water Policy Program, University of Colorado Law School

2:30 p.m. – One Water/One State

John Kingsbury, Executive Director, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

3:15 p.m. – Networking Break

3:45 p.m. – Recent Polling Results on Water/Energy Nexus

Adam Probolsky, Chairman & CEO, Probolsky Research LLC

4:30 p.m. – History of Water: *Water Began it All, a New Look at the San Gabriel Mission Water Supply*

Mike Hart, Former General Manager, Sunny Slope Water Company (Invited)

4:45 p.m. – Adjourn

5:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception

Thursday, February 21, 2013

8:00 a.m. – Registration, Exhibits, Networking & Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks

James Noyes, Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

9:15 a.m. – Report From The Public Utilities Commissioner

10:15 a.m. – Networking Break

10:30 a.m. – The Voice of the Consumer….Are We Being Represented Fairly?

Moderator: **Mary Aileen Matheis,** Board President, Irvine Ranch Water District

Fred Pickel, Ratepayer Advocate, Department of Water and Power (Invited)

12:00 p.m. – Lunch, Networking & Exhibits

1:00 p.m. – Keynote Speaker – AB 32/CAP and Trade…What Does it Mean for Water?

Mary Nichols, Chairman, California Air Resources Board

Implications of AB32 implementation on water rates.

2:00 p.m. – The Water/Energy Nexus, the Necessity for an Integrated Fuels Portfolio

Moderator: **Lisa Ohlund**, General Manager, East Orange County Water District

Charlie Wilson, Local Government Policy Manager, Southern California Edison

Steve Sciortino, Assistant General Manager Joint Services, City of Anaheim

Representative From Sempra Energy To Be Identified

Your agency has greened its energy supplies by installing solar panels on every piece of real estate you can find and you've replaced PRVs with regenerative Flow Control Valves and a turbine to recover embedded energy in your pipelines - but electrical rates are going up and green energy can't replace San Onofre's production yet...what to do? Listen to experts from SCE and Sempra Energy discuss what's coming, as well as the opportunities present in recent regulatory actions.

3:30 p.m. – Networking Break

3:45 p.m. – Panel Discussion – The Power of Creativity: Shared Services to Maximize Efficiency

Moderator: **Ed Means**, President, Means Consulting LLC

Mike Wallis, Director of Operations & Maintenance, East Bay Municipal Utility District

Paul Cook, General Manager, Irvine Ranch Water District

Debra Man, Asst. General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Joe Serrano, Policy Analyst, Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission

Utilities are under pressure to be maximally efficient in the delivery of water service. There are many creative examples of water utilities cooperating among themselves and contracting their services to reduce the cost of water service to their customers. This section of the program will feature speakers presenting case-studies and opportunities for such regional cooperation.

5:00 p.m. – Adjourn – Chairman's Reception

6:00 p.m. – Dinner on your own

Friday, February 22, 2013

8:30 a.m. – Registration, Exhibits, Networking & Buffet Breakfast with Chairman's Drawing

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9:30 a.m. – Opening Remarks

James Noyes, Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

9:45 a.m. – Keynote Speaker -Thinking Forward While Remembering the Past: A Legislative Perspective

Dave Cogdill, Senator, Retired

10:30 a.m. – Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – Can You Control the Cost of Water: Open Forum

Moderator: **Kevin Hunt**, General Manager, Municipal Water District of Orange County

12:00 p.m. – Adjourn

Program Agenda Is Subject To Change

NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS

INFO ITEM

Date: DEC 21 2012

Number: 12-12

Subject: 2013 State Water Project Allocation Increase to 40 Percent

From:

Carl A. Torgersen
Deputy Director
Department of Water Resources

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the allocation of 2013 State Water Project (SWP) water for long-term contractors from 1,251,721 acre-feet to 1,668,958 acre-feet. Based on recent precipitation, runoff, and current water supply conditions, SWP supplies are projected to be 40 percent of SWP contractors' 2013 requested Table A amounts, which total 4,172,396 acre-feet. Attached is the revised 2013 SWP 40 percent allocation table.

This allocation increase is made consistent with the long-term water supply contracts and public policy. DWR's new approval considered several factors including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, SWP operational constraints such as the conditions of the recent Biological Opinions for delta smelt and salmonids, and the longfin smelt incidental take permit, and 2013 contractor demands. DWR may revise allocations if warranted by the year's developing hydrologic and water supply conditions.

Based on this allocation increase, DWR will use the current long-term SWP contractors' 30 percent schedules to arrive at the new 40 percent schedules, unless contractors submit updated schedules. DWR will send the approved monthly water delivery schedules to the long-term SWP contractors.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Robert Cooke, Chief of DWR's State Water Project Analysis Office, at (916) 653-4313.

Attachment

2013 STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION
(ACRE-FEET)

SWP CONTRACTORS	TABLE A (1)	INITIAL REQUEST (2)	APPROVED ALLOCATION (3)	PERCENT INITIAL REQUEST APPROVED (3)/(2) (4)
FEATHER RIVER				
County of Butte	27,500	27,500	11,000	40%
Plumas County FC&WCD	2,410	2,410	964	40%
City of Yuba City	9,600	9,600	3,840	40%
Subtotal	**39,510**	**39,510**	**15,804**	
NORTH BAY				
Napa County FC&WCD	29,025	29,025	11,610	40%
Solano County WA	47,656	47,656	19,062	40%
Subtotal	**76,681**	**76,681**	**30,672**	
SOUTH BAY				
Alameda County FC&WCD, Zone 7	80,619	80,619	32,248	40%
Alameda County WD	42,000	42,000	16,800	40%
Santa Clara Valley WD	100,000	100,000	40,000	40%
Subtotal	**222,619**	**222,619**	**89,048**	
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY				
Oak Flat WD	5,700	5,700	2,280	40%
County of Kings	9,305	9,305	3,722	40%
Dudley Ridge WD	50,343	50,343	20,137	40%
Empire West Side ID	3,000	3,000	1,200	40%
Kern County WA	982,730	982,730	393,092	40%
Tulare Lake Basin WSD	88,922	88,922	35,569	40%
Subtotal	**1,140,000**	**1,140,000**	**456,000**	
CENTRAL COASTAL				
San Luis Obispo County FC&WCD	25,000	25,000	10,000	40%
Santa Barbara County FC&WCD	45,486	45,486	18,194	40%
Subtotal	**70,486**	**70,486**	**28,194**	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA				
Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	141,400	141,400	56,560	40%
Castaic Lake WA	95,200	95,200	38,080	40%
Coachella Valley WD	138,350	138,350	55,340	40%
Crestline-Lake Arrowhead WA	5,800	5,800	2,320	40%
Desert WA	55,750	55,750	22,300	40%
Littlerock Creek ID	2,300	2,300	920	40%
Metropolitan WDSC	1,911,500	1,911,500	764,600	40%
Mojave WA	82,800	82,800	33,120	40%
Palmdale WD	21,300	21,300	8,520	40%
San Bernardino Valley MWD	102,600	102,600	41,040	40%
San Gabriel Valley MWD	28,800	28,800	11,520	40%
San Gorgonio Pass WA	17,300	17,300	6,920	40%
Ventura County WPD	20,000	20,000	8,000	40%
Subtotal	**2,623,100**	**2,623,100**	**1,049,240**	
TOTAL	**4,172,396**	**4,172,396**	**1,668,958**	

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Information Item

County seeks parcel fee to pay for projects to combat urban runoff

A ballot measure would raise about $290 million a year for clean water programs. The fee would be levied on all 2.2 million parcels in the L.A. County flood control district.

By Abby Sewell, Los Angeles Times
January 3, 2013

A boom floating at the mouth of the Los Angeles River in Long Beach collects trash by the ton. After each rainstorm, the debris washes downstream toward the ocean — plastic bags, tires, mattresses, spray cans, a mannequin head.

Last year, the Los Angeles County contractor that operates the boom hauled more than 1,000 tons of garbage from the site. But many of the pollutants dumped into county waters by storm and urban runoff are invisible: pesticides, bacteria from animal waste, vehicle fluids and tiny pieces of metal and rubber washed off of roadways.

Most watersheds in the county do not consistently meet water quality standards, despite the fact that Los Angeles County and its flood control district spent more than $100 million last year on clean water programs, and cities spent millions more.

Now, county officials are pushing for a ballot measure that would impose a new parcel fee on property owners to raise about $290 million a year for initiatives to reduce storm and urban runoff pollution.

The fee would be assessed to all 2.2 million parcels within the flood control district, which encompasses most of the county except for portions of the Antelope Valley. It would range from $54 a year for most single-family homes to thousands of dollars for large commercial properties. The proceeds would be divided among municipalities where the properties are located, new watershed authority groups that would work on regional projects, and the flood control district.

Officials cited a variety of possible projects — including large-scale initiatives like the Dominguez Gap Wetlands in Long Beach, where runoff is treated and conveyed to a basin for storage and groundwater recharge, and smaller-scale measures like installing and maintaining catch screens to prevent trash from entering the storm drain system.

Some local government officials and environmental groups support the measure, while others are skeptical.

Suja Lowenthal, a Long Beach City Council member, said stopping storm water pollution requires a regional solution. "We as an individual city have probably tried everything possible to manage it on our own, and we just can't do it," she said.

On the other side, school districts have complained about the hit to their budgets should the measure pass. The Los Angeles Unified School District wrote to the county to express concerns about the estimated $4.8 million a year the district would have to pay at a time when schools "are making cuts to core educational programs."

Kerjon Lee, a spokesman for the county Public Works Department, said the flood control district is talking with school officials about ways to ease the impacts, including funding capital projects like parks on school sites.

On Jan. 15, the county Board of Supervisors could vote to move forward with an election on the measure unless it receives written protests from a majority of property owners first. The election would probably be conducted entirely by mail.

Notices and protest forms began going out to property owners in early December. Some property owners — and Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Don Knabe, who oppose the measure as a tax increase — complained that the notice contained no return envelope and looked like a piece of junk mail.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky pointed out that the notices were marked on the front "Official Notice to Property Owners of Public Hearing," and included the estimated fee that would be paid by each property owner.

Yaroslavsky said at a previous hearing on the proposal that it is "critically important" for the county to address the storm water issue on its own terms.

"If we don't do this ... we will have this imposed on us by a court, by a regulatory agency or by both," he said.

Municipalities have rarely faced penalties for violating regulations on storm water pollution. In the Los Angeles region, only the city of Torrance has been fined by the regional water board in the last 10 years for violating its storm water permit.

The county and cities will face new requirements under updated storm water regulations adopted by the regional water board in November, but it remains unclear how the new rules will affect enforcement.

Gary Hildebrand, assistant deputy director of the flood control district, said that if the proposed fee does not pass, the county and cities "will have to take a hard look at what's required... and what can be done with the funding available."

Meanwhile, the county is fighting a lawsuit brought in 2008 by a pair of environmental groups, charging that the flood control district had violated its storm water permit. The case is now before the U.S. Supreme Court. County officials said the lawsuit was not the impetus behind the proposed ballot measure.

Noah Garrison, an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, one of the plaintiffs in the case, said the group supports the storm water fee in concept. "But the devil's in the details, and what we really haven't seen is specific criteria" for the projects to be funded, he said.

Kirsten James, water quality director with Heal the Bay, an environmental group not involved in the lawsuit, said her organization supports the county measure.

Without it, she said, "Unfortunately, I think we'll see a lot of nothing happening.... I think some cities will take the gamble of enforcement versus not doing anything."

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Memorandum

DATE: January 4, 2013

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dennis A. Erdman

RE: General Manager's Report

CC: Management Staff

On Sunday December 30, 2012, CVWD's stand-by crew member, Bryan Jones, responded to a call of a sewer overflow at a multi family dwelling located at 2310 Del Mar. After evaluating the situation, Bryan called Dennis Maxwell who responded with the District's Vactor truck. The overflow was caused by a blockage in the customer's sewer lateral. Our crew set up the Vactor to intercept sewage overflow and direct it into the truck.

The property manager arranged for a "Roto Rooter" service to clear the blockage which took about two hours to complete. When the blockage was cleared, the roto-rooter serviceman left the site leaving the debris from the spill to be cleaned by the property manager. Dennis Maxwell assisted the customer to clean up solids and wash down the spill area, and apply disinfectant before leaving the scene. Total time for CVWD crew members for this incident was 6 hours plus 3 hours of Vactor use. The District has not billed customers for our services in similar circumstances in the past. If the Board desires to discuss whether a fee for services should be established for the future, staff will be glad to prepare a discussion item for a future agenda.

I'm pleased to report that Roy Spaulding returned to work on January 2nd after an extended medical absence. Thanks for the extra effort from Larry Byers and Ernie Diego who substituted for Roy and kept the plant coordination function going in Roy's absence. Rob Wood, who is currently recovering from knee surgery, reports that he expects to return to work later this month after he is cleared by his physician. The last of the medical absences is Richard Scott. His status is under review by Workers Compensation and there is no further information to report at this time. There were no lost time accidents last month and as of January 3, we have had 163 days without a lost time accident.

Employee anniversaries for January are Joe Huerta (27 years), Dave Spain (26 years) and David Rawlings (1 year).

As a follow up to discussions at the last CVWD board meeting, I attended a meeting at FMWD to discuss the report from Cannon Engineering on the emergency generator technical review. Krieger and Stewart, FMWD's consultant took note of the areas of concern and said they would make corrections where needed on technical issues raised. FMWD stated that previous decisions on generator location would not be reviewed. The matter will return for final approval of the plans, and authorization for staff to obtain bids, at the January FMWD board meeting.