

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

**2700 Foothill Boulevard
La Crescenta, California**

**Agenda for the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Crescenta Valley Water District
to be held on February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

Posted: February 1, 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 Adjourned Regular Meeting January 22, 2013.
2. Consideration to authorize attendance by Director Tejeda at the Water Education Foundation Executive Briefing to be held March 14-15, 2013 in Sacramento.
3. Consideration to authorize attendance by a Director at the ACWA Legislative Symposium to be held on March 5, 2013 in Sacramento.

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. **8-Inch Water Main Replacement on the 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Street - Project E-911** Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, J. De Sigio Construction, Inc. for the construction of pipeline replacement on the 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Street and Cloud Avenue from Paraiso Way to Santa Carlotta Street at a cost of \$363,640 and establish a contingency amount of \$36,000 (10% of contract) to cover the cost of unforeseen or additional work.
2. **Purchase of Hydro Excavator** – Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase a used trailer mounted Hydro Excavator from Pacific Tek for a total cost of \$20,135.
3. **FY 13/14 Water and Wastewater Budget** – Discussion on upcoming FY 13/14 Budget and Proposed Water Rates

Information Items

Written Communications to District

Staff Reports

Secretary-Treasurer

1. Cash and Investments –February 5, 2013.

General Manager

1. Administrative Report.

District Engineer

1. Water Production Report –January 2013
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
ADJOURNED MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

January 22, 2013

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2013, an Adjourned Meeting was held on January 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, California, with President James D. Bodnar 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. Tejada**

Attorney:

Thomas S. Bunn

General Manager:

Dennis Erdman

Secretary-Treasurer:

Ron L. Mitchell

District Engineer:

David S. Gould

Others Present:

**Mark Hass, IT Manager
Christy Scott, Program Specialist
Wendy Holloway, Customer Accounts Supervisor
Larry Byers, Superintendent**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bodnar opened the meeting by leading the Board and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Erickson, seconded by Director Ross and carried by a 5-0 vote that the Agenda for the Adjourned Meeting of January 22, 2013 be adopted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Michael Chonos spoke to the Board regarding large parcels and asked the Board once again to consider expanding the tiers for customers with large lots as he felt the current structure was unfair.

FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT – Mr. Erdman reported that he attended to FMWD Board meeting today and they passed a reimbursement resolution to recover funds for projects that would be repaid by bond proceeds. The Board approved to award the contract for the Emergency Stand-by Generators project to Krieger & Stewart Consultants. The FMWD Board gave approval for inspection of the Eastern Transmission pipeline during the MWD shutdown period.

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 Regular Board Meeting held on January 8, 2013.

Payment of demands against the Crescenta Valley Water District on or before December 31, 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 Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars and Twenty Two Cents. (754,460.22), which is composed of the individual items set forth herein.

ACTION CALENDAR

FMWD/MWD Shutdown – Ms. Scott reported on the scheduled FMWD/MWD shutdown on February 21 – 28, 2013. She discussed that the District does not anticipate any water supply difficulties during the shutdown, as past water demands in February have averaged 3.7 MGD and current daily groundwater production is 3.4 MGD and the Glendale Interconnection can provide 3.2 MGD, which will be for blending and any emergency conditions. Also, CVWD has been working with La Canda Irrigation District on providing water during this shutdown. The impact of the FMWD/MWD shutdown varies from agency to agency; however, the Foothill water agencies as well as Pasadena Water and Power have agreed upon a unified message to the community during the shutdown period. The Foothill Agencies will move to the Red or Critical Water Alert Condition and Pasadena Water and Power will be requesting their City Council to declare a water emergency. This will ensure that reservoirs and local supplies will not be drawn down and available for emergencies. The steps that the District will be taking towards Public Outreach are: Press releases, message on bills, article in the Pipeline, meet with Town Council, Display red flags and signs throughout the District service area, flyers at various locations, possibility of flyer in local elementary schools “Thursday Folders”, notice on District website, Nixel alerts, and possibly a message board (under discussion with FMWD).

During the Red or Critical Alert, no outdoor irrigation is permitted and residents are encouraged to conserve indoor water use. Besides no outdoor watering, critical alert restrictions include no hand-washing vehicles, filling swimming pools or spas during the eight days.

Storm Water Assessment Fee – Mr. Gould reported that the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District (LA County) is proposing to establish an annual clean water fee to fund the Clean Water, Clean Beaches Program that will be charged as a parcel fee. The purpose of the Clean Water, Clean Beaches (CWCBB) Program is to provide funding for projects and services to improve surface water quality, protect sources of drinking water supplies from contamination and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution. According to LA County, the CWCBB program could generate about \$275 million a year to clean up pollution runoff before it reaches local rivers, beaches, and parks. Staff reviewed the proposed parcel fee schedule and prepared a summary of CVWD parcels that could be assessed as part of the CWCBB Program. The District owns 26 properties with a total area of 24.2 acres. 14 properties are within unincorporated Los Angeles County and the City of La Canada-Flintridge and 12 properties are within the City of Glendale. CVWD does not pay property taxes on properties within the District’s boundaries; which is within Los Angeles County or the City La Canada-Flintridge. However, the District does pay taxes on properties outside of the District Boundaries which are located within the City

of Glendale. Staff used the CWCBC Program assessment formula to determine the possible annual cost to CVWD for the program. The cost could range from \$2,878 to \$9,122 annually based on how or if all the properties are assessed. Staff also reviewed the information to see if there is a possibility for CVWD to obtain funding for future storm water recharge programs. According to the information, funding would be available to cities, LA County and watersheds where they are collected. While CVWD or other water districts are not included, CVWD could partner with LA County and/or City of Glendale on storm water recharge project like the Crescenta Valley County Park project that we have been discussing over the last few years. It is Staff's recommendation to support the parcel fee for two reasons. The first is that goals and objectives of the CWCBC Program meets the needs of the District to protect the Verdugo Basin watershed and to provide possible funding for storm water recharge projects, which could reduce CVWD's cost for imported water. Second, is that the potential costs to the District are not high as compared to the possible return of increasing water storage within the basin.

Purchase of Used Meter Reading Vehicle – Mr. Erdman reported that a few months ago, the meter reader's vehicle, Unit #23 caught fire and was declared a total loss. Staff has been using the backup meter reading vehicle since the loss, but it is not reliable in the long term for meter reading. Since the last Board meeting, staff revisited the alternatives for our meter reading vehicle which included the Jeep vehicle used by the County parking enforcement officer and electric vehicles similar to the GO-4 Interceptor II. It was the opinion of the enforcement officer that the Jeep was not a reliable vehicle and required frequent maintenance. Staff feels that the electric powered Interceptor type vehicle would not be able to provide the power needed to climb the hills and may not be able to hold their charge for the entire day due to constant uphill drain. This left the gas powered Interceptor model as the preferred choice for the District. Staff has located a suitable replacement for our purpose from 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 \$35,000. The recommended replacement vehicle has 120 miles on the odometer. 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.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Erickson and carried by a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager to purchase a used meter reading vehicle from Municipal Maintenance Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

General Manager Compensation – President Bodnar discussed that back at the November 7, 2012 meeting a motion was made to give the General Manager an increase of 2.5%. The way the motion was written was that it effectively gave him the increase as of November 7, 2012 and not retroactive to July 1st as with other staff's cost of living adjustment. President Bodnar said the intent of the Board was to direct staff make the increase effective July 1, 2012.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Putnam, seconded by Director Tejeda and carried a 5-0 vote to make the 2.5% increase in the General Manager's compensation that was approved on November 7, 2012 retroactive to the pay period including July 1, 2012.

INFORMATION ITEMS – CVWD flyer regarding Community Meeting at 3100 Block Santa Carlotta. Newspress: CV Water dips into reserves to cover pension debt. Water Education Foundation: 1 day conference for California Water with Rich Atwater as one of the speakers. American Society of Civil Engineers: Water Funding – Where will we find it? Newspress: School districts balk at proposed county assessment for ground water runoff program. SGV Tribune: The PUC found that Edison and other utility providers violated power pole safety standards. SGV Tribune: Edison responds to PUC report on 2011 windstorm. Newspress: County supervisors put off vote on storm water cleanup fee. LA Times: CalPERS gains more than 13% in investment returns in 2012.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT – The Board reviewed a request from Building Industry Association, and legal counsel stated that this does not pertain to the District. Also, the District received an e-mail and 2 hand written notes regarding Natalie Bellissimo and the help she provided with their turf rebates.

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 January 22, 2013:

Cash Accounts	\$292,338
Great Pacific Securities	59
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	\$212,905
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$1,574,604
Federal Farm Credit (78)	\$500,065
Federal Farm Credit (81)	\$1,002,590
Federal Farm Credit (83)	\$500,845
US Treasury (84)	\$499,100
Federal Farm Credit (85)	\$601,014
Federal Farm Credit (86)	\$984,260
Federal Farm Credit (87)	\$498,005
US Treasury (88) NEW	\$751,230

Fund Balances at November 30, 2012

Water	\$5,030,189.39
Wastewater	\$3,272,239.61

Mr. Mitchell also reported that the PERS Side Fund payout figure has been received from PERS.

GENERAL MANAGER – Mr. Erdman reported that he and Ms. Scott attended the Coffee with COPPS in Montrose. He also attended the Crescenta Chamber of Commerce officer installation and Mary Pinola scholarship awards were given. FMWD had a meeting on January 16, 2013 regarding the MWD shutdown on February 21, 2013. After that, a meeting with member agency managers was held for a briefing on other FMWD items. On January 17, he attended the quarterly meeting of Infragard and the topic was on cyber security on your computers. Mr.

Erdman reported that we reset our “Days without a Loss Time Accident” calendar on January 14th after accumulating 175 days as our standby serviceman suffered a lost time injury when responding to a weekend call out.

DISTRICIT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of January 1 through January 20, 2013, water production averaged 62.3 million gallons per day, which is **18.4% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2012. This is **12.0% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years.

Rainfall: January 2013	0.22”
Season-to-date:	7.27”

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

Rainfall Update – 0.22” for January 2013. Rainfall total for 2012-13 is at 7.27”.

Report on Engineering:

CIP Projects – Pipeline – 3000 & 3100 Block Santa Carlotta – Bids Due January 30 – Community Meeting January 24 at 6pm. Ocean View Chlorination Station –Final Design. Ordunio Reservoir – Piping to LADWP – Starting Week of January 28.

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

Glendale – Tour of Nitrate Plant – January 25.

FMWD Issues – 8-day MWD Shutdown – Set for February 21 - 28, 2013.

ULARA – Administrative Committee Meeting – Status Quo

Water Meter Replacement Program – Replaced 556 meters. Rented Hydro-Excavator to Clean Meter Boxes. Complete Meter Replacement 1970-1977. Starting 1978 – 1980 from January – June 2013.

Report on Administrative and Field Operations:

Well Status – Current well capacity – Average 3.2 MGD.

Booster Pumps – No Report.

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 January 1 – January 20, 2013

Water lateral leaks & repairs

- 2741 Frances

- 5373 Ocean View
- 2333 Del Mar
- 3432 Encinal
- 2941 Mary
- 2417 Carol Park Place

Water Main Leaks – No Report.

Fire Hydrant Replacement – No Report.

Developer Projects – No Report.

Valve Replacement – No Report.

General Maintenance – Valve Exercising Program. Assist with Project at Encinal/Pennsylvania.

SCADA/Telemetry System – Installing small portable generators.

Sewer Maintenance – Continue with sewer cleaning.

WATER CONSERVATION – No Report

ATTORNEY – Mr. Bunn reported that the Municipal Storm Sewer (MS-4) permit that the county issued and most of the effect of that is on the cities within the county who are responsible for the quality of the storm water that gets into the storm drains. A portion of that does pertain to drinking water providers. We as a part of the providers have been working on negotiations with the terms of that permit. A settlement was made and the final version is to allow drinking water to be discharged without a permit; however, it must comply with AWWA guidelines and for large discharges over 100,000 gallons, you are required to notify the city before you discharge the water. Cities and the county must come up with rules and regulations that the drinking water providers are to follow.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering Committee – Director Bodnar reported that the committee met on January 18, 2013 and discussed Well Levels and Nitrate Levels, the FY13/14 Preliminary Capital Improvement Projects Budget. Also, there was discussion on a proposed cell tower at the Oak Creek Reservoir site and the status of the Water Meter Replacement Program.

Finance Committee – Director Tejeda reported that the committee met on January 22, 2013 and discussed possible use of settlement funds to supplement the District's Capital Improvement Program and also reviewed investments.

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

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

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

Emergency Planning Committee – Director Bodnar reported that the Committee had not met; however a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

DIRECTORS ORAL REPORTS

Director Ross – No Report

Director Erickson reported that CVTC is doing Arbor Day in mid April, and the theme is “Great Outdoors”. They want to recognize the youth participation on the Eagle Scout project, and they are thinking about asking the District if they could plant a tree at the Encinal/Pennsylvania lot.

Director Bodnar reported that he attended the CVTC meeting and liked seeing Mr. Erickson and Mr. Putnam there and said it’s nice to have a positive public image. The discussion of the outage went well. He also attended the Historical Society for Crescenta Valley and he listened to a talk on Montrose. He would like to have more historical information on the water of La Crescenta. Mr. Bodnar is also expressed his gratitude to the Eagle Scouts and the projects they do. He would like to see other types of projects done other than drought tolerant type of landscape.

Director Tejeda – No Report

Director Putnam reported that he attended the CVTC meeting and asked if they would put CVWD on their agenda on a regular basis. But he has had no answer yet.

CLOSED SESSION

No reportable Action

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 9:04 p.m., it was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Erickson that the meeting be adjourned to February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED

James D. Bodnar
President

Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer

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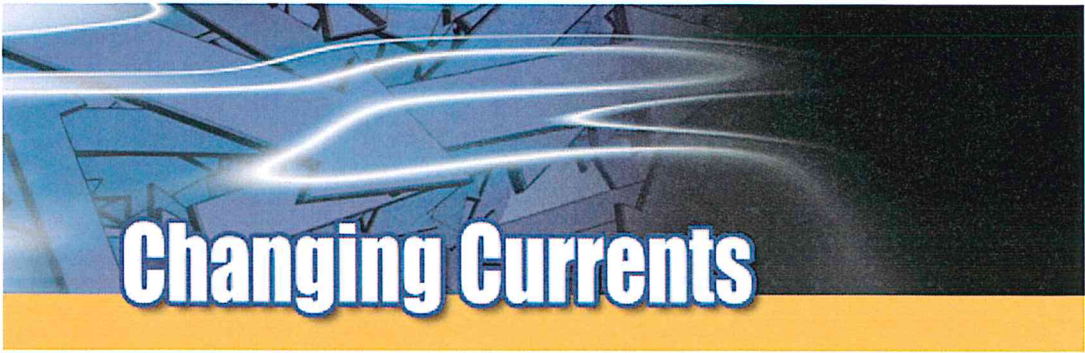
30th Annual

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

MARCH 14-15, 2013

DOUBLETREE HOTEL

SACRAMENTO, CA



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Water Education Foundation's 30th Annual Executive Briefing is designed to give the busy water professional information needed to make decisions affected by water policy in 2013. Attendees will hear about water-related activities in the California Legislature and plans for the Obama Administration's second term. A lot of attention remains focused on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta this year: the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is scheduled to release its public BDCP draft and the draft EIR/EIS. And the Delta Stewardship Council is expected to sign its Delta Plan in 2013.

Key issues and their complexities will be the focus of presentations and panel discussions comprised of elected leaders, state and federal officials, water district representatives, businesses, and the urban, agricultural, and environmental stakeholder groups. In addition to the Delta, the 2013 Executive Briefing will focus on:

- Water Issues in the California Legislature
- New Faces in the Obama Administration
- The Water/Energy Nexus
- Floods and Storm Emergencies: Responding to Natural Disasters
- California Agriculture: Current Issues and Future Challenges
- Stormwater and the 2Rs: Resource and Regulations
- Human Right to Water Legislation: What's Next?
- Desalination

When: Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15, 2013

Where: Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento

Cost: General registration for both days is \$275 for Foundation major contributors (\$100 or more annual contribution); \$375 for non-contributors. Thursday-only: \$200 for major contributors; \$250 for non-contributors. Fee includes coffee breaks, and lunch and a hosted reception on March 14.

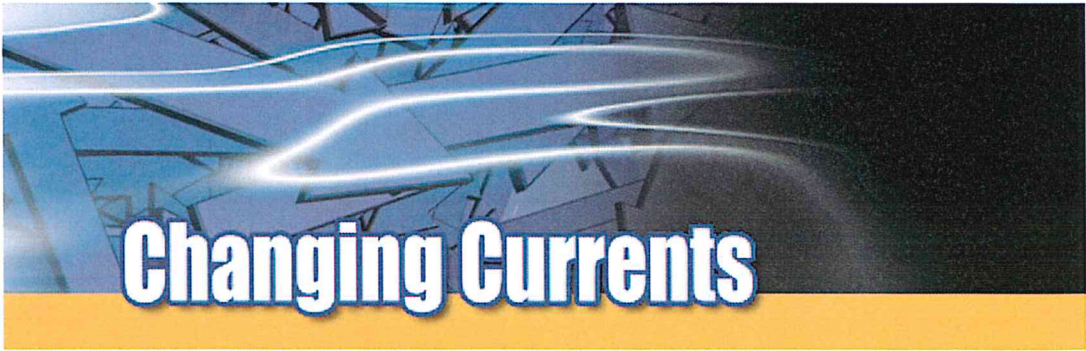


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AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:00 On-site registration and check-in**
- 8:45 Welcome**
Rita Schmidt Sudman, *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*
- 9:00 Legislative Update**
California Senator Fran Pavley, *Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water*
- 9:30 New Faces in the Obama Administration**
David Murillo, *Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region*
- 10:00 BREAK – View and Bid on Auction Items**
- 10:30 Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Update**
Jerry Meral, *Deputy Secretary, California Resources Agency*
- 11:00 Delta Stewardship Council**
Phil Isenberg, *Chair, Delta Stewardship Council**
- 11:30 California State Water Resources Control Board and Delta Flows**
Thomas Howard, *Executive Director, State Water Resources Control Board*
- 12:00 Lunch**
The Water/Energy Nexus
Martha Davis, *Executive Manager of Policy Development, Inland Empire Utilities Agency*
- 1:30 Floods and Storm Emergencies: Responding to Natural Disasters**
Lorrie Flint, *Research Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey*
Kelly Hubbard, *Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) Program Manager*
Raymond Riordan, *Chair, Steering Committee, California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN)**
Arthur Hinojosa, *Chief, Hydrology and Flood Operation Office, California Department of Water Resources FloodSAFE California*
Moderator: Rita Schmidt Sudman, *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*
- 2:45 BREAK**



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AGENDA (CONTINUED)

- 3:00 California Agriculture: Current Issues and Future Challenges**
Rich Matteis, *Administrator, California Farm Bureau* *
David Orth, *General Manager, Kings River Conservation District*
Tim O'Halloran, *General Manager, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District* *
Paul Buttner, *Manager of Environmental Affairs, California Rice Commission* *
Moderator: David Zoldoske, *Director, Center for Irrigation Technology, California State University, Fresno*

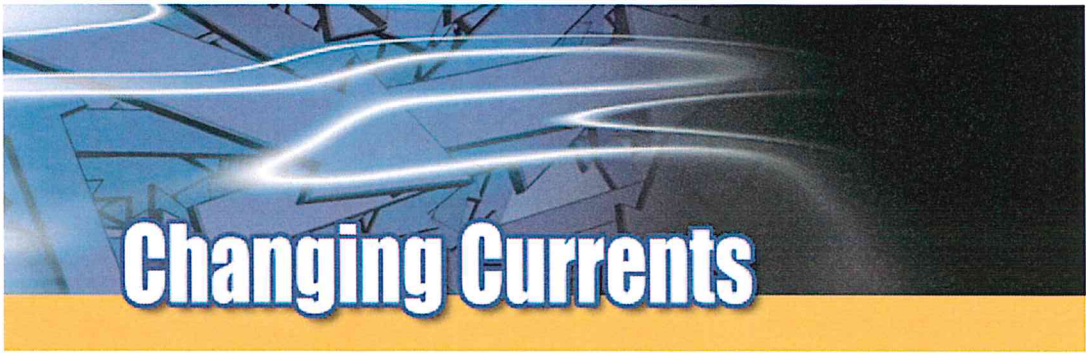
- 4:30 HOSTED RECEPTION** honoring Water Leader Alumni

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 8:30 Implementation of AB 685, Human Right to Water: What Does it Mean for Water Agencies**
Debbie Davis, *Community & Rural Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office of Planning and Research*
- 9:15 Desalination**
Peter MacLaggan, *Senior Vice President for Corporate Development, Poseidon Resources*
Ken Weinberg, *Water Resources Director, San Diego County Water Authority*
Heather Cooley, *Co-Director, Water Program, Pacific Institute*
Shawn Dewane, *President, CalDesal* *
Richard Mills, *Water Desalination Program Manager, California Department of Water Resources*
Moderator: Sue McClurg, *Program Director, Water Education Foundation*
- 10:45 BREAK / Silent Auction Wrap Up**
- 11:15 Stormwater and the 2Rs: Resource and Regulations**
Jonathan Bishop, *Chief Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board* *
Eugene Bromley, *Stormwater Coordinator, EPA Region 9*
Gary Hildebrand, *Assistant Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works*
Noah Garrison, *Project Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council*
Moderator: Celeste Cantú, *General Manager, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority*

- 12:45 Adjourn**

* *Invited*



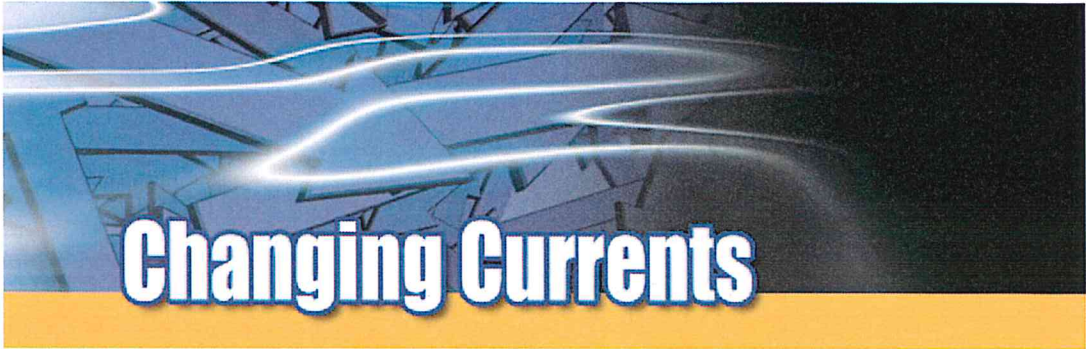
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Featuring a silent auction to benefit the
Foundation's Water Leaders Program.
Be prepared to bid on some fabulous items!

The mission of the Water Education Foundation, an impartial, nonprofit organization, is to create a better understanding of water resources and foster public understanding and resolution of water resource issues through facilitation, education and outreach.

OFFICERS: President, William R. Mills, Groundwater Consulting Engineer; Vice President, Scott A. Morris, Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard; Secretary, Gary Weatherford, California Public Utilities Commission; Treasurer, Michael T. Savage, CDM Smith

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ACCOMMODATIONS

WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION 30TH ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

Doubletree Hotel • 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento • (916) 929-8855

Shuttle transportation from Sacramento International Airport to the hotel is available via Supershuttle, 1-800-BLUE VAN. Car rental and taxi services also are available at the airport.

The Foundation has secured a limited number of rooms at a special \$84 rate, plus tax, per night. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Doubletree Hotel's reservation line, (916) 929-8855; be sure to mention the Water Education Foundation to secure the special rate.

REGISTRATION

WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION 30TH ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

Decision Points 2013 • March 14-15, 2013

Please register me ☐ \$275 (WEF major contributor of \$100 or more)
☐ \$375 (Non-contributor)
☐ \$200 (Thursday-only, WEF major contributor)
☐ \$250 (Thursday-only, WEF non-contributor)

Cancellation policy – full refunds (less a \$25 administrative charge) will be given if written notice is received by 5 p.m. March 4. Substitutions may be made at any time.

Faxed registrations will be accepted with purchase orders or credit cards.

Name _____

Job Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Lunch Choice: ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Vegetarian

☐ Check Enclosed Purchase order # _____

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Signature _____

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Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved for ACWA at:

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

For reservations call: (800) 233-1234

Identify yourself as an Association of California Water Agencies' Legislative Symposium attendee to receive this special rate.

Group Rate: \$179 (single/double)

The cut-off date to receive this special rate is **5 p.m. February 15**. Reservations made after that will be on a space and rate availability basis.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ACWA ADVANTAGE PRICING?

The following people are eligible for ACWA Advantage pricing:

- Any ACWA member organization's officers/directors.
- Any employee of an ACWA public agency member, or affiliate or associate organization's payroll.
- Any individual or honorary life member of ACWA.
- Any ACWA board member whose fee is paid by a member agency.
- Any state or federal administrative or legislative personnel in elective, appointive or staffing positions.
- Staff of ACWA/JPLA, Water Education Foundation and California Water Awareness Campaign.

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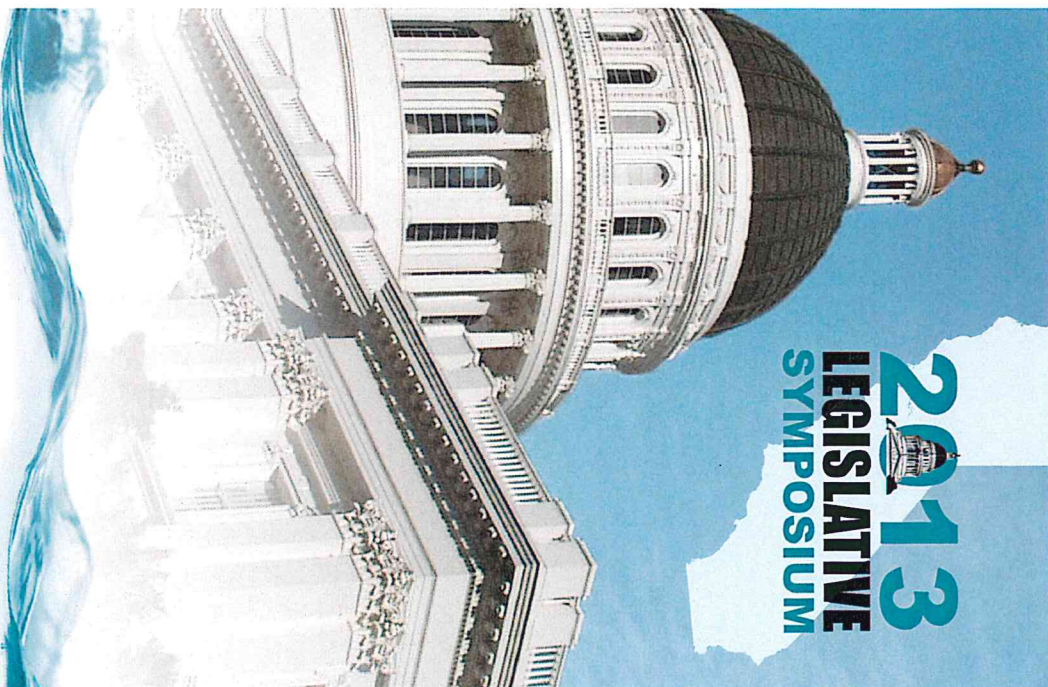
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Welcome

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Water Bond – Completing the 2009 Comprehensive Package

With the water bond now slated for the November 2014 ballot, some Legislators are suggesting that the size of the \$11.14 billion bond should be reduced, and the "pork" should be eliminated. Multiple bills have already been introduced in 2013 as vehicles to amend the bond. Panelists will discuss the latest developments on the water bond and where the discussions are headed.

10:45 – 11 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – Noon Revisiting AB 8?

The LAO released a primer on how property taxes are allocated in California. Among the proposals examined is a potential overhaul of the distribution formula which allocates property tax funding among cities, counties and special districts. What are the odds of that reallocation taking place? Who could win and lose and what is at stake? What are the ramifications of reapportioning the property tax? Join us for this candid and informative discussion.

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Program: A Discussion of 2013 Safe Drinking Water Legislation

Legislators and their key staff have been invited to join us for lunch.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. CEQA Reform Program

California adopted the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) over 40 years ago. The Act has become overly restrictive and created impediments to growth and job creation. Senate President pro Tempore Steinberg has committed to addressing CEQA reform this legislative session stating the need for a "more efficient and timely process." The panel will present the current challenges faced by public agencies, and others, under the current CEQA process, in addition to ideas being discussed for reform and modernization of the law.

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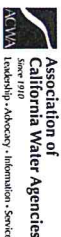
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CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: David S. Gould, P.E. – District Engineer
Subject: **8-Inch Water Main Replacement on the 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Street and Cloud Ave. from Paraiso Way to Santa Carlotta Street**
Award of Contract, Project E-911

Action Item No. 1
February 5, 2013

ACTION ITEM:

1. **8-Inch Water Main Replacement on the 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Street - Project E-911** Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, J. De Sigio Construction, Inc. for the construction of pipeline replacement on the 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Street and Cloud Avenue from Paraiso Way to Santa Carlotta Street at a cost of \$363,640 and establish a contingency amount of \$36,000 (10% of contract) to cover the cost of unforeseen or additional work.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

CVWD is proceeding with its water main pipeline replacement program for FY 12/13 with the replacement of old pipelines on the 3000 Block of Santa Carlotta Street between Cloud Avenue and Ramsdell Avenue, the 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Street, which is a private dead-end street and the lower portion of the 4900 Block of Cloud Avenue from Paraiso Way to Santa Carlotta Street (See attached project location map).

DISCUSSION:

On December 12, 2012, the Board authorized the General Manager to advertise for bids for the subject project. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on January 22, 2013, which was attended by seven (7) contractors. CVWD specifications indicate that only contractors who attend this meeting are allowed to bid on the project.

On January 30, 2013, at 2:00 PM, the District opened and read the following bid proposals for this project:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Low	J. De Sigio Construction	\$363,640
2	GRFCO, Inc	\$367,200
3	J. A. Salazar Construction	\$413,000
4	E & R Construction	\$446,320
5	Brkich Construction	\$455,120
6	John Malloy Construction	Did Not Submit Bid
7	Mike Bubalo Construction	Did Not Submit Bid

J. De Sigio Construction of Baldwin Park was the apparent lowest responsible bidder for the project. The engineer's estimate was \$373,000 and the low bid was 2.5% lower than the engineer's estimate. Staff has worked with J. De Sigio Construction on many previous projects such as 12" water main transmission on the 4500, 4600 & 4700 Blocks Ocean View Boulevard, 8" water main replacement on the 2700 Block of El Caminito and the 8" water main replacement on 3400 Block of Maryann, 3400 Block of Community, 3400 Block of Prospect, 4200, 4300 & 4400 Blocks of New York, & 4300 Block of Maryland. Staff is familiar with J. De Sigio Construction personnel and has worked well with them in the past.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation to award the contract for the subject project to the lowest responsible bidder, J. De Sigio Construction at a cost of \$363,640 and to establish a contingency amount of \$36,000 (10% of contract) to cover the cost of unforeseen or additional work.

A pre-construction meeting will be set as soon as the contract is awarded, the agreement is signed, and insurance documents have been delivered. We anticipate construction beginning the first week of March, 2013, which is after the FMWD/MWD shutdown and completed by the middle of May 2013. Ms. Christina Olmedo will be the project manager and field inspection will be determined later.

Staff held a Community meeting on January 31, 2013 to discuss the project and the construction schedule to minimize any inconvenience to the residents. In addition, staff will be sending out letters to residents informing them of the upcoming construction, posting a description of the project and a construction schedule on CVWD's website and sending out a press release to the local newspaper about the upcoming project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

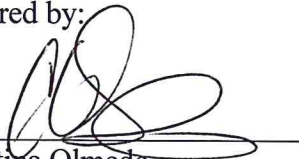
The Board had previously found this project to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. This exemption covers the repair of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY:

There are sufficient funds available in the following accounts for the project:

Account Description	Amount
FY 12/13 Water CIP– Water Distribution –Remaining as of 12/1/12	\$455,795
Transfer – Reservoir Site Imp. – Pickens Canyon	\$43,000
Revised Total	\$498,795
Contractor Costs	<\$363,640>
Unforeseen or additional work	<36,000>
Additional costs such as material purchase by CVWD, soils engineer, engineering & inspection labor costs & contingency	<\$87,500>
Total Estimated Cost	\$487,140
Amount Remaining in Water CIP – Distribution System	\$11,655

Prepared by:



Christina Olmedo
Assistant Engineer

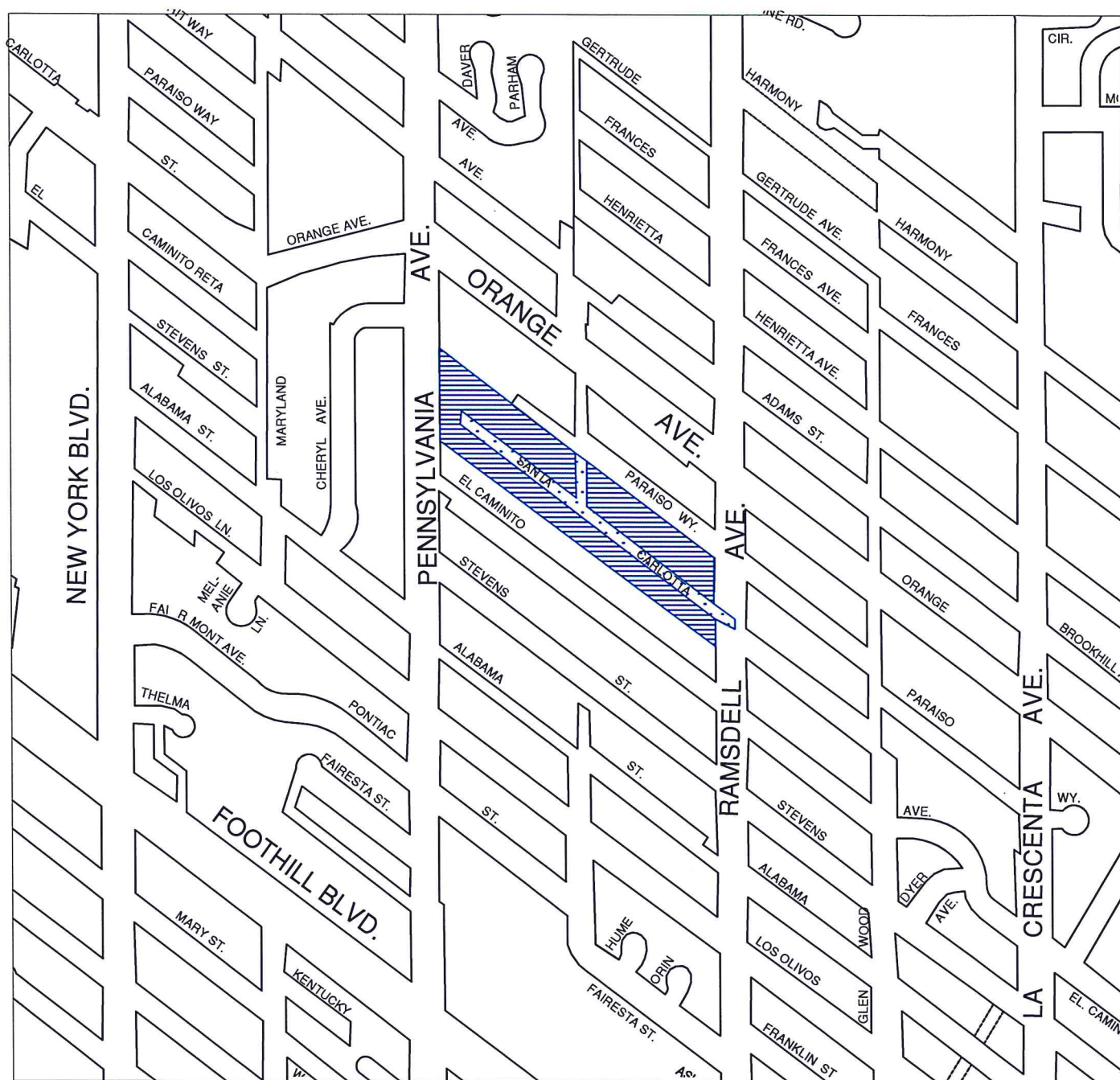
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David S. Gould, P.E.
District Engineer

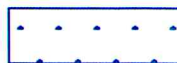
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1. 3000 & 3100 Blocks of Santa Carlotta Location Map



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PROJECT LOCATION



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CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PROJECT LOCATION MAP

8-INCH WATER MAIN INSTALLATION ON THE 3000-3100 BLOCKS OF SANTA CARLOTTA STREET AND CLOUD AVE. BETWEEN PARAISO WAY AND SANTA CARLOTTA STREET, PROJECT E-911

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: David S. Gould, P.E. – District Engineer
Subject: Purchase of used PV-350 Trailer Mounted Hydro Excavator

Action Item No.2
February 5, 2013

ACTION ITEM:

1. **Purchase of Hydro Excavator** - Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase a used trailer mounted Hydro Excavator from Pacific Tek for a total cost of \$20,165.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Water Meter Replacement Program, field crews have been using the Vactor truck to clean the meter boxes of debris. This method has shown to reduce the time to clean the meter boxes and increase the amount of meter boxes that can be cleaned during a work day. In addition, the Vactor truck has been used to excavate dirt and debris during water service replacement to minimize the trench size and decrease time to excavate the trench. The field crews also have found that the utilization of the Vactor truck as a vacuum excavator prevents underground infrastructure damage.

However, the increased use of the Vactor truck creates more wear and tear on the truck and increases maintenance costs. The Vactor truck was purchased new in 2007 and typically a Vactor truck needs to be replaced every 8 – 10 years. With the increase in use for excavation, the Vactor truck would have to be replaced sooner than anticipated.

Staff had seen a number of hydro excavators and vacuum trucks at past AWWA conferences which are used for the purpose of excavating dirt or heavy debris by a powerful suction vacuum and with hydro jetting.

Companies such as Ditch Witch, Vac-Tron Equipment and Pacific Tek offer a variety of hydro excavators that are either

trailer or truck mounted and have been used throughout Southern California.

Each company utilizes a high output vacuum system that picks up dirt and debris and stores it in a tank for disposal. Also, the units can

be mounted on a trailer, on the back of a pick-up truck, or on a specialty truck. See example pictures.



DISCUSSION:

Staff contacted Ditch Witch and Pacific Tek about renting a hydro excavator unit for a month to see if the equipment could be used effectively by the crews. Pacific Tek had a PV-350 Hydro Excavator available for use at a cost \$3,500 for the month. Ditch Witch also has a smaller rental unit for \$2,500 per month. Staff went with Pacific Tek and the field crews started to use the hydro excavator in January to clean the meter boxes.

The unit provided to CVWD was a used Pacific Tek – PV-350 with a standard (525 CFM) vacuum unit with the following features:

Trailer Mounted
High Output 25HP & 525 CFM / 15" of vacuum drive system
4" Dia. pickup hose and non-conductive tube w/ handles
Skid built unit allows removal from trailer as one piece
Custom trailer with "V" tail, cut out for clean dumping



2-part Epoxy finish, inside & out w/ urethane top coat
350 Gallon tank capacity
"Zero-Leak" submarine type dump hatch
1-piece 10 micron washable filter
13 HP Water Jet with 100 gallon tank

A 2-man crew was able to clean out 105 meter boxes while working 4 hours each day over a 5-day period. In addition, the sewer Vactor was available to clean sewers at the same time.

Staff asked for feedback from the field crews on using the Pacific Tek PV-350 Hydro Excavator as an alternative to the Sewer Vactor Truck and the following is their feedback:

- The hydro excavator uses less fuel and water than the Vactor truck.
- The hydro excavator does not require specialized operating skills as with the Vactor truck and all CVWD field personnel could operate the hydro excavator with minimal training.
- The hydro excavator doesn't generate organic matter in the waste like the Vactor truck. The waste from cleaning out meter boxes or valve cans with the Vactor truck contains organic matter that must be disposed at Scholl Canyon Landfill, which is much more expensive than our routine landfill disposal.
- The hydro excavator takes up less space and is easier to maneuver in tight spaces. The smaller unit can be used in confined spaces, residential neighborhoods and alleys.
- The hydro excavator also increased CVWD's productivity in cleaning meter boxes since the hydro excavator is easier to maneuver and to get to each location more quickly.
- The hydro excavator has smaller diameter hoses; it is not as tall as the Vactor so it is easier to work with in the field.
- The hydro excavator is less noisy than the Vactor, and can be operated during the night and day without disturbing customers.
- A hydro excavator would also assist CVWD in keeping in compliance with the District Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) by having the ability to clean up a sewage overflow while the Vactor truck is used to clear any blockage in the sewer line. Also, the hydro excavator could be mobilized quickly to a sewer overflow event and begin vacuuming up the sewage on the ground by the stand-by personnel while the sewer crews are mobilizing the Vactor truck.
- The hydro excavator would reduce the wear and tear on the Vactor truck and allow the Vactor truck to be used for cleaning sewers.

Staff evaluated the need for adding this piece of equipment, including input provided from the field crews, the increased efficiency for cleaning the water meter boxes, the ability to use the unit for excavating in trenches, and for assistance with sewer overflows. Staff determined that a hydro excavator would be a useful unit to add to CVWD's fleet.

Staff contacted Pacific Tek about the purchase of the used unit that was provided to CVWD. Pacific Tek indicated that the cost of the used unit is \$18,500 before taxes and it would credit the District the monthly rental fee towards the purchase price. As shown on the attached flyer, the unit has been refurbished. Pacific Tek pointed out that a similar new unit sells for \$38,000. The purchase price also includes a 90 day warranty.

Pacific Tek is located in Santa Ana and is readily available for any repair work on the hydro excavator.



RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation to purchase the used PV-350 Trailer Mounted Hydro Excavator from Pacific Tek for a cost of \$20,165 including tax as shown on the attached letter from Pacific Tek dated February 1, 2013. As discussed above, staff believes that this piece of equipment meets the needs of the District with respect to increased efficiency and productivity.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

N/A

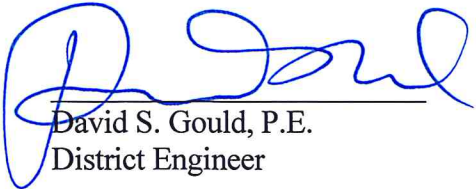
FUNDING AVAILABILITY:

There are sufficient funds available in the following account for the project:

Account Description	Amount
FY 12/13 Water & Sewer – Capital Outlay - Equipment	\$208,750
Previously purchased Unit 23	<\$20,000>
Amount Remaining - Water & Sewer – Capital Outlay - Equipment	\$188,750
PV-350 Trailer Mounted Hydro Excavator	<\$20,165>
Amount Remaining in FY 12/13 Water & Sewer – Capital Outlay - Equipment	\$168,615

Prepared by:

Submitted by:


David S. Gould, P.E.
District Engineer


Dennis Erdman
General Manager

Attachments:

1. PV-350 Flyer
2. Pacific Tek letter dated 2/1/13



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Ph: 714-835-3088/ 1-800-884-5551 Fax: 714-835-3091
www.pacific-tek.com

February 1, 2013

Mr. David Gould
Crescenta Valley Water District
2700 Foothill Blvd
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Dear David,

Here is the description and pricing you requested on our used Pacific Tek Model PV-350 "Power-Vac", trailer mounted with water jet.

Pacific-Tek Model PV-350 "Power-Vac", Trailer Mounted. This 350 gallon capacity unit is designed to cleanout valve boxes and catch basins. It is also capable of light excavating and dewatering. The unit is built on a steel skid which houses the 25 HP engine and 525 CFM positive displacement blower. The engine has electric start and charging circuit and is equipped with an hour meter and tachometer. The blower output is controlled by an adjustable relief valve with gauge.

The 350 gallon domed end holding tank is epoxy coated inside and out as is the skid assembly. The tank is emptied via a hydraulic power dump system. The cleanout door is a six-lug hinged hatch type. The tank has hose storage racks on the side. The "centri-clean" filtration system is remote from the tank for ease of access and cleaning. Filter element is a 3-stage, 10 micron washable element.

Unit comes with 25 ft. flexible 4" dia. pick-up hose and tube with handles. Also supplied is a WJ3000 high pressure water jet system with 100 gal tank and hose reel with 50 ft. of hose.

This unit is mounted on a tandem axle custom trailer with diamond plate floor, V-tail cutout for dumping, and all std. highway safety lighting and brakes.

Total System Price:	\$ 18,500.00
Sales Tax @ 9%	\$ 1,665.00
Total Price	\$ 20,165.00

Price listed here is valid for 30 days from above date

Delivery: 1 week ARO Payment Terms: Net 30 days

This used unit is sold as is but with a 90 day warranty from date of delivery.

We look forward to being of service to you. Please let us know if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Regards,

Dan Skorcz – President
Pacific Tek, Inc.



FOR SALE Used PV-350

“Power-Vac”, trailer mounted



Fresh rebuild on unit and trailer. entire unit sandblasted and repainted.

This unit has a 25 HP gas engine standard output 525 CFM drive. It is also equipped with a WJ 3500 high pressure 13 HP water jet with a 100 gallon tank.

The 350 gallon vacuum tank is freshly painted both inside and out.

A new style easy access vac filter has been fitted to the unit.

All hoses are new. Everything is in excellent condition and has all been inspected and serviced. All filters are new.

This unit being offered at less than 1/2 of it's original cost.

For details or to arrange to see the unit call **1-800-884-5551 or email sales@pacific-tek.com Talk to Dan or Kirk**

Buy it today for \$18,500.00 delivered anywhere in Southern California.

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Action Item No. 3
February 5, 2013

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: Ron L. Mitchell – Secretary-Treasurer
Subject: Discussion on FY 2013/14 Water and Wastewater Budgets

ACTION ITEM:

FY 13/14 Water and Wastewater Budget – Discussion on upcoming FY 2013/14 Budget and Proposed Water Rates

DISCUSSION:

Staff has begun the process of preparing the FY 2013/14 Water and Wastewater Budget and had preliminary meetings with the Finance Committee. The budget process this year will be different than in previous years as the budget approval and proposed rate increases are to occur at the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, 2013.

Staff received an email from District customer Michael Chonos (included in the Written Communications portion of your packet) and was distributed to all Board members via email by Christy Scott. President Bodnar has asked that this item be placed on the agenda so the full Board can discuss Mr. Chonos' request for a new tier structure for large lots. Staff will need to know if the Board is in favor of creating a new tier structure soon if it is to be incorporated into the budget for the 2013/14 fiscal year.

On June 8, 2012 the Finance Committee met and discussed a proposed rate structure from Mr. Chonos for large lot customers and reported to the full Board at the June 19, 2012 meeting. For that meeting staff prepared analysis that showed a sampling of 25 accounts that Mr. Chonos considers "large lots" and what would have been billed to those customers at the existing tier 2 rate structure for 2011 based upon their 2011 consumption. The results were a reduction of revenue of 20.11% or \$8,035.97 for the sample accounts. The Finance Committee asked staff to do more analysis using the tier structure proposed by Mr. Chonos. The results of that showed a reduction of 11.95% or \$4,776.25 for the sample group. The minutes from that meeting are provided along with the results of the analysis and proposed rate structure for your review.

The following is a list of additional issues that should be discussed either by the Finance Committee or in a Board workshop to provide direction to staff in preparing the final FY 2013/14 Water and Wastewater Budgets.

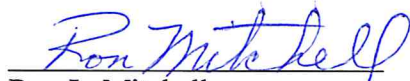
- The distribution of MTBE settlement funds to reimburse the District for costs incurred.
- The level and costs of capital improvement projects for the next five (5) years and whether to use settlement funds to increase levels of spending on capital improvements for the 2013/14 fiscal year.
- Water rate increases needed to support the direction provided by the Board.
- 1-year or 2 year Proposition 218 Notice.

SCHEDULE:

The following is a proposed Board Meeting Schedule for the FY 13/14 Water and Wastewater Budgets:

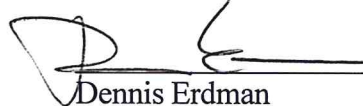
Date:	Agenda
2/19/13	Open
3/5/13	Preliminary Budget
3/19/13	Preliminary Budget
4/2/13	Preliminary Budget & Prop. 218 Notice
4/16/13	Approve Prop. 218 Notice
5/7/13	Open
5/21/13	Final Budget
6/4/13	Final Budget
6/18/13	Public Hearing - Water Rate
7/2/13	Approve FY 13/14 Water and Wastewater Budgets.

Prepared by:



Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer

Submitted by:



Dennis Erdman
General Manager

Attachments:

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Christy Scott

From: Michael Chonos [mandlbus@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:41 PM
To: Christy Scott
Subject: Dear directors of the board,

Dear directors of the board,

My appeal to you is to re-visit the initial implementation of the tier rates. I strongly believe a short study would have showed that large parcels are at a disadvantage and should be provided some relief.

Every homeowner should have a fair chance to be a water conserver, before the excessive cost of tier rates kick in.

Every homeowner is obligated to use a certain amount of water to maintain their landscape. Large parcels have an unfair disadvantage trying to stay out of tier 3 and tier 4.

I would like to urge you to do something about this on your customers behalf. On C.V.W.D.s behalf, you are changing meters, for your bottom line.

It is very upsetting watching C.V.W.D. Continually without ceasing dig deeper and deeper into the pockets of its customers, and shooting down and disregarding customers viewpoints.

I would urge you to not make the implementation of a program so complicated. NIKE. says JUST DO IT.

My idea of a large lot, and who might STRUGGLE to not get gouged with tier rates. These should have broader thresholds.

FT.

3,000.	Small lot
7,000.	Average lot
10,000.	Above average lot
14,000.	LARGE. Lot (Struggle)
20,000.	LARGE. Lot (Struggle)

I believe people should apply.

Have an audit or inspection of their parcel.

Some disqualifying factors ; (presented to all applicants before hand)

- 1- a nursery type setting in back yard. (excessive collector of plants)
- 2- a hillside or slope that never gets watered.
- 3- visual inspection of insufficient effort to conserve.

Thank- you for your
Consideration,
Michael Chonos

Sent from my iPhone

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 15, 2012
TO: Policy Committee Meeting
FROM: Ron Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Following are minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held at 4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2012, at the CVWD main office, and was attended by the following:

Director Kerry Erickson ^{Kathy Ross} - Committee Chairperson	CVWD Board of Director
Director Kerry Erickson ^{Kathy Ross} - Committee Member	CVWD Board of Director
Dennis Erdman	CVWD
Ron Mitchell	CVWD

Subject: Potential Water Rate Structure for Large Lots

The Policy Committee met on June 8, 2012 as requested by the Board to examine a request by District resident Michael Chonos to consider an alternative rate structure for large lots (1/2 acres or more) in the Crescenta Valley Water District service area. Staff developed the attached spreadsheet to help the Committee analyze the impact a potential change in billing could have on the District's revenues if the 2011 consumption was billed using the current cost of service rates (tier 2) versus what was billed using the 2011 tiered billing structure.

Staff informed the Committee that they had researched and found that 148 lots, including some sewer only accounts, have a lot size of 1/2 acre or more. A random sample size of 25 lots (including Mr. Chonos' lot) was used and it shows that the sample group would result in a loss of revenue to the District totaling \$8,035.97, or 20.11%, if the billing method were changed as described above. If you delete the sewer only accounts from the total affected lots, approximately 130 lots remain that could be affected if the billing structure was changed. That means the District could lose approximately \$40,000 annually in revenue based upon the analysis if consumption patterns remain constant.

The Committee was not in favor of revising the current billing structure for large lots and didn't feel that there was any merit in changing at this time. In fact, it was noted that Mr. Chonos' lot may not even qualify as a "large lot" as defined above. Staff said that they will do an additional analysis and use the tier rate structure suggested by Mr. Chonos against the random sample identified above and see what the impact would be on District revenues. This information will be supplied to the Committee when complete.

Tier Billing Structure	Cost per Unit	2011 CVWD Tier Structure	Chonos Alternative Tier Structure
Tier 1	\$ 3.60	0-10	0-15
Tier 2	\$ 4.53	11-33	16-53
Tier 3	\$ 5.95	34-50	54-68
Tier 4	\$ 7.45	51-over	69-over

ACCOUNT #	CLASS	AIN #	PROPERTY ADDRESS	LOT SIZE	2011 ANNUAL USE	2011 WATER CHARGES	Tier 2 NEW BILLING AT \$4.53	CHANGE IN REVENUE
1 009810-000	SFR	5868012025	5597 TERRACE DRIVE	149,480	10	\$35.00	\$45.30	\$10.30
2 025399-000	SFR	5868010036	2204 SHIELDS	82,737	40	\$140.00	\$181.20	\$41.20
3 028040-000	SFR	5868012025	5581 TERRACE DRIVE	149,480	46	\$127.99	\$208.38	\$80.39
4 027710-000	SFR	5870025006	2201 CANALDA	50,392	54	\$196.15	\$244.62	\$48.47
5 026962-000	SFR	5867011020	2377 SHIELDS	5,760,380	91	\$366.18	\$412.23	\$46.05
7 011054-000	SFR	5804001002	2446 CROSS	23,452	92	\$364.14	\$416.76	\$52.62
8 027182-000	SFR	5870032018	2100 NORMANTON DR	102,396	152	\$370.94	\$688.56	\$317.62
9 008687-000	SFR	5804022036	2525 WHITTIER DRIVE	33,739	169	\$722.52	\$765.57	\$43.05
11 011390-000	SFR	5870032019	2103 NORMANTON DR	22,866	191	\$872.58	\$865.23	-\$7.35
12 011402-000	SFR	5870032027	2103 BRISTOW DR	51,062	194	\$868.54	\$878.82	\$10.28
13 011344-000	SFR	5870029028	5470 OCEAN VIEW	52,963	205	\$973.87	\$928.65	-\$45.22
14 018840-000	SFR	5810007005	4421 BRIGGS (Chonos)	21,591	213	\$1,902.87	\$964.89	-\$937.98
15 011429-000	SFR	5864032001	2001 MANISTEE DR	1,725,400	239	\$1,025.62	\$1,082.67	\$57.05
17 008992-000	SFR	5804009007	2518 KEMPER	28,993	259	\$1,242.37	\$1,173.27	-\$69.10
19 010545-000	SFR	5868007022	2303 JANET LEE	23,793	277	\$1,401.49	\$1,254.81	-\$146.68
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1 009810-000	SFR	5868012025	5597 TERRACE DRIVE	149,480	10	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$1.00
2 025399-000	SFR	5868010036	2204 SHIELDS	82,737	40	\$140.00	\$144.00	\$4.00
3 028040-000	SFR	5868012025	5581 TERRACE DRIVE	149,480	46	\$127.99	\$165.60	\$37.61
4 027710-000	SFR	5870025006	2201 CANALDA	50,392	54	\$196.15	\$194.40	-\$1.75
5 026962-000	SFR	5867011020	2377 SHIELDS	5,760,380	91	\$366.18	\$356.43	-\$9.75
7 011054-000	SFR	5804001002	2446 CROSS	23,452	92	\$364.14	\$352.59	-\$11.55
8 027182-000	SFR	5870032018	2100 NORMANTON DR	102,396	152	\$370.94	\$605.79	\$234.85
9 008687-000	SFR	5804022036	2525 WHITTIER DRIVE	33,739	169	\$722.52	\$685.59	-\$36.93
11 011390-000	SFR	5870032019	2103 NORMANTON DR	22,866	191	\$872.58	\$788.97	-\$83.61
12 011402-000	SFR	5870032027	2103 BRISTOW DR	51,062	194	\$868.54	\$796.98	-\$71.56
13 011344-000	SFR	5870029028	5470 OCEAN VIEW	52,963	205	\$973.87	\$862.38	-\$111.49
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15 011429-000	SFR	5864032001	2001 MANISTEE DR	1,725,400	239	\$1,025.62	\$1,007.49	-\$18.13
17 008992-000	SFR	5804009007	2518 KEMPER	28,993	259	\$1,242.37	\$1,100.93	-\$141.44
19 010545-000	SFR	5868007022	2303 JANET LEE	23,793	277	\$1,401.49	\$1,257.91	-\$143.58
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Small water agencies come under increasing scrutiny

Criticized as inefficient, wasteful and largely hidden from view, the agencies counter that they help keep customers' rates low.

By Adolfo Flores and Sam Allen, Los Angeles Times

7:00 PM PST, January 31, 2013

In 1981, Johnny Johnson marched into the storefront headquarters of the tiny Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District in Willowbrook to complain about his water being shut off. He ended up deciding to run for a seat on the water board.

Johnson has been a leader of the district ever since. Now 68, he oversees a staff of six full-time employees, including his wife and stepdaughter.

For years, the district has operated without a budget, an auditor or a general manager. It can't afford to install water meters at the 1,500 homes it serves just north of Compton.

And Johnson runs it like a one-man show: He oversees maintenance on wells, recently redesigned the district's logo and has commissioned a series of murals around the neighborhood — including one that depicts him and three other Sativa board members.

In an era of government consolidation and efficiency efforts, Sativa and other small water districts are increasingly coming under government scrutiny. They have long been called inefficient and wasteful, and their operations are so obscure that public scrutiny is difficult.

Sativa, one of the smallest water districts in Southern California, is now the target of an investigation by government oversight officials who could disband it or merge it with a larger water provider.

Sativa's own lawyer, James Ciampa, concedes the district hasn't always followed financial reporting guidelines and said its board members had awarded themselves Christmas bonuses and bereavement pay not permitted under state law. Still, he and Johnson argued that the district works hard to serve its customers, and keeps rates and salaries low.

L.A. County's Local Agency Formation Commission — the state-appointed body charged with monitoring special districts — recommended that Sativa be dissolved in 2005. But Johnson successfully pleaded for more time to fix the district's problems. Now Sativa is under another LAFCO review, and Johnson is gearing up for another fight.

Getting rid of water districts remains a rare event. Paul Novak, executive director of LAFCO, said he could not recall the commission ever dissolving a water district. Orange County has seen somewhat more success, with officials saying the merger of several small districts reduced administrative costs and cut water rates. In L.A. County, there are more than 60 water agencies that each serve fewer than 10,000 people.

The patchwork of small agencies has contributed to a "culture of inefficiency" in the water business, said Adan Ortega, a local water expert. Districts often disagree with one another on policy issues, he said, or spend time battling over grant money. And small companies such as Sativa are usually left behind when it comes to major investments in new technology.

"The greatest danger of a lack of visibility is that people in charge of an agency can use public money inappropriately," said Assemblyman Roger Dickinson (D-Sacramento). "Although I don't think most of the people involved in special districts have bad intentions."

Take the case of the Huntington Municipal Water District near Pasadena, another water agency currently facing a LAFCO review.

Huntington has never actually provided water to residents; that responsibility falls to Pasadena Water and Power, under a contract drawn up in 1931.

Instead, the district was formed in 1960 to block another water agency from taking over the Chapman Woods neighborhood's water system, which serves about 470 homes. Huntington is overseen by a five-member board and collects a small amount of local property tax revenue. That money goes into a reserve fund that now contains about \$250,000.

Harold Hennacy, Huntington's treasurer, said he'd like to give the money back to taxpayers but is not sure how.

Huntington has no major expenses, and its board members are unpaid. As far as Hennacy and the other board members can tell, the district's main job is to monitor the water rates set by Pasadena to make sure they're fair. But members haven't spoken before the Pasadena City Council in the last two decades.

"To be honest, I can't remember the last time we met," board member Ted Bartscherer said.

But Hennacy still believes the district should remain in place, saying it plays an important role as the community's watchdog for water rates.

In Willowbrook, Johnson is also vowing that the Sativa district won't be disbanded without a fight. He sees himself as a community advocate, much like the aldermen of his hometown in rural North Carolina.

In addition to running board meetings, Johnson oversees maintenance and acts as a first responder in emergencies. Most customers pay their bills in person each month at the district's headquarters on Hatchway Street, a quiet residential block a few miles south of the 105 Freeway. Johnson knows many of them by their first names, and he said one of his main concerns is that a takeover of Sativa would come with a steep rate increase.

"I'd just hate to see the district lose its representation," Johnson said. "If you don't have a voice at all in water issues, that's kind of ridiculous to me."

He and the other board members meet regularly in a small room on the second floor. During a recent tour, Johnson pointed out a fresh set of state water code volumes and new promotional calendars the district printed to pass out to residents. He also noted improvements to Sativa's well stations, which were once housed in tin shacks.

But there were also signs of financial struggle. The district's headquarters has only one working computer, Johnson said, and much of its other office equipment was unplugged.



The most serious issues pertain to Sativa's infrastructure. Johnson and Ciampa said the district has struck out repeatedly in its attempts to win grant money to install water meters. Sativa also needs to upgrade its aging pipe system, Johnson said, much of which was installed in the 1950s.

In 2005, a LAFCO consultant questioned whether Sativa had the resources to respond to a catastrophe. Johnson argues the district could always call on the U.S. government in a time of desperate need.

Sativa has also faced scrutiny over its financial practices. For years, the district failed to submit required audits to the state controller. Meanwhile, each board member received a \$1,500 Christmas bonus. Ciampa said board members are working on a plan to repay the money and have hired new auditors. According to records made available by Sativa, Johnson, who is retired from the Navy, earned \$11,000 from the district in 2011.

Johnson shrugged off questions about his family members' employment, saying his wife worked there before they were married and that another official made the decision to hire her daughter.

In interviews, he emphasized that he was a "public servant, not a politician."

"I keep getting reelected every four years," Johnson said. "Evidently I must be doing something right."

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Water Shortage in Pasadena

Posted Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:49 am

PASADENA (CNS) – The Pasadena City Council yesterday declared a Level 4 water shortage emergency Feb. 21-28 during a shutdown of a major regional water pipeline and banned outdoor watering, with very few exceptions, in the city until pipeline deliveries resume.

With outdoor watering being Pasadena's greatest use of water, "the only solution to avoid running out of water is to curb demand and be self-sustaining," Pasadena Water and Power Assistant General Manager of Water Shan Kwan said.

"Our horticultural consultants advise that most established plants and lawns can hold up well without water for eight days, and much longer in this cooler weather," Pasadena Water and Power Water Conservation Manager Nancy Long said.

"We are telling our customers to consider rescheduling any new landscaping plans, since plants that aren't yet established are much more vulnerable."

A citywide notice "to help everyone get ready well in advance," will be mailed, Pasadena Water and Power General Manager Phyllis Currie said.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will stop all water deliveries to Pasadena and neighboring cities in order to perform system repairs and upgrades at its Eagle Rock Tower in Eagle Rock and its Weymouth Treatment Plant in La Verne.

Before the pipeline shutdown, Pasadena Water and Power will fill its 18 reservoirs with about 80 million gallons of local groundwater and water imported from Metropolitan Water District.

Although normal consumption during this period is about 22 million gallons per day, local groundwater wells only produce a maximum of 12 million gallons per day, making heightened conservation during the shutdown critical, particularly outdoors, Currie said.

"Even though this temporary cut in our water supply is severe, we are confident that Pasadena will once again rise to the challenge and cut back on daily water use, so that we all have enough water for drinking and vital indoor uses," Currie said.

Pasadena Water and Power customers "exceeded all expectations" for conservation during a water shortage emergency in 2011 "and helped us cut back water use by more than 30 percent. We believe they will rally this time again," Currie said.

Water-waste violations can be reported through the Water Shortage Hotline at (626) 744-8888.

More information on the watering ban, tips for how to prepare, and daily updates during the shutdown can be found at pwpweb.com/shutdown, on Pasadena Water and Power's Facebook page on its Twitter account, PWPNews.

Additional information will be posted on the city government's homepage, cityofpasadena.net and Pasadena's main Twitter account, [PasadenaGov](#).

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Foothill Residents Will Have Critical Water Conservation in February

Crescenta Valley Water District will be in a Red or Critical Water Alert condition during the shutdown period to ensure ample local supplies for indoor water use and emergencies.

- By [Nicole Charky](#)
- January 28, 2013

Foothill Residents Will Have Critical Water Conservation in February

Crescenta Valley Water District announced a critical water conservation alert in February.



Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in conjunction with Foothill Municipal Water District will have a shutdown of its imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District and other local agencies from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28.

"The District does not anticipate any water supply problems during the shutdown due to current demand, local ground water capacity and the District's emergency connection with Glendale Water and Power," according to a news release.

CVWD along with the other Foothill water agencies in the La Crescenta, La Canada, and Altadena areas will be in a **Red or Critical Water Alert** condition during the shutdown period to ensure ample local supplies for indoor water use and emergencies.

No outdoor irrigation will be permitted during that time period and residents are encouraged to conserve indoor water use.

Authorities announced that residents should refrain from hand-washing vehicles, filling swimming pools or spas.

CVWD will be working with Caltrans, schools, and the local parks to turn off their irrigation systems during this period.

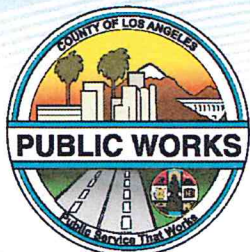
The District will use the [Nixle network system](#) to update the Community on any water supply conditions.

MWD will also have water tips and updates at www.bewaterwise.com.

Christy Scott

INFO ITEM

From: eNotify@dpw.lacounty.gov
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To: Christy Scott
Subject: LA County to Accept Water Quality Fee Protests by Email



PRESS RELEASE

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

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LA County to Accept Water Quality Fee Protests by Email

The LA County Flood Control District is now accepting protests submitted by email from property owners who wish to oppose the Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure.

As proposed, the Measure would raise \$295 million a year for cities and unincorporated areas in LA County to clean the region's rivers, lakes and beaches, protect public health and safeguard local sources of drinking water.

To be counted, protests must be received by the end of the public hearing period on March 12, 2013 and include the parcel's site address, Assessor's Parcel Number, the name of the parcel owner, as well as the signature of the parcel owner or an authorized representative. Parcel owners may use the protest form provided at LACountyCleanWater.org or submit a letter and email it to WQFI.Info@dpw.lacounty.gov. Only scanned or photographed email protests with a handwritten signature will be accepted.

Protests can still be sent by mail through the protest period to the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 866006 Los Angeles, CA 90086. A ballot box for hand-delivered protests is located on the 3rd floor of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383.

If a protest was previously submitted by mail or hand-delivered, there is no need to resubmit via email. Only one protest will be counted for each parcel.

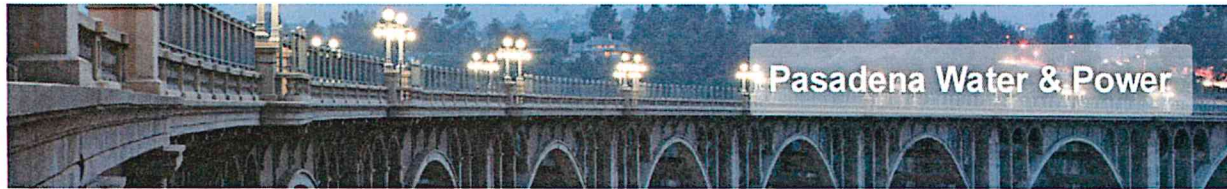
For more information on the Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure, visit LACountyCleanWater.org or call (800) 218-0018. Follow the Measure on Twitter at @LACleanWater.

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PASADENA WATER AND POWER

WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY FEBRUARY 21-28

The City of Pasadena has declared a Level 4 Water Shortage Emergency during the temporary shutdown of a major regional water pipeline February 21 through February 28.

During those eight days, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is cutting all water deliveries to Pasadena and other foothill cities as it performs vital system repairs and upgrades to the Eagle Rock Tower in Eagle Rock and to the Weymouth Treatment Plant in LaVerne. To stretch our limited supply and avert a catastrophic situation where our city runs out of water, **outdoor watering is banned until MWD resumes its deliveries to Pasadena.**

OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Pursuant to [PMC 13.10](#), the following water use restrictions will be enforced during the eight-day shutdown (February 21-28) in addition to all [permanent water conservation requirements](#):

- No outdoor landscape watering (i.e. sprinklers, smart controllers, hose, drip or watering can, check [PMC 13.10.052.B.1](#) for exemptions).
- Leaks must be fixed within 24 hours.
- No filling of lakes, ponds, or residential pools or spas.
- No washing vehicles (except at commercial carwashes).
- No new water service connections.

Fines for water use violations during the shutdown will range from \$100 up to \$1,000. Water waste violations may be reported at (626) 744-8888.

HOW YOU CAN PREPARE:

- Plan ahead: reschedule or postpone landscaping and construction projects.
- Mark your calendar to **turn off your automatic sprinkler system** on February 21.
- Spread the word: tell your gardener, neighbors, friends and co-workers about the shutdown.
- Store jugs of water as back-up for indoor use and delicate plants.
- If you have a large landscape to maintain, try mulching your lawn or flowerbed to help your landscape retain moisture during the shutdown.
- Check for and repair indoor and/or outdoor leaks.
- As always, conserve water indoors.

STAY INFORMED

- The shutdown could continue longer due to construction delays. Please continue checking this website for daily status updates, as well as our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.
- To hear recorded updates, call PWP's Water Shortage Hotline at (626) 744-8888.

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CalPERS nears a record \$260 billion in assets

Bloomberg News

January 21, 2013 6:53 p.m.

The California Public Employees' Retirement System is poised to top a record \$260 billion in assets, the market value it held before the global financial crisis wiped out more than a third of its wealth.

The largest U.S. public pension, with half of its money in publicly traded equities, was worth \$253.2 billion on Thursday, or about 97% of the pre-recession high set in October 2007. The fund returned 13% in 2012, about the same gain as the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index.

"A lot of the improvements in portfolio returns is simply reflective of the return of the market," Chief Investment Officer Joe Dear said. "But there is still an important lesson there, which is that when the crisis was full on, we didn't drastically reduce our equity exposure."

CalPERS isn't alone in nearing previous high marks. The 100 largest public pensions in the U.S. had \$2.9 trillion in assets in the fourth quarter of 2007, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. That dropped to \$2 trillion in 2009 and rebounded to almost \$2.8 trillion as of Sept. 30.

The median funded status of state pensions, meaning how much money a system has to pay its obligations, fell to 72% in 2011 from 83% in 2007, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Even with its gains, CalPERS is still short \$87 billion, or about 26%, of meeting its long-term commitments, and has had to ask the state and struggling cities to contribute more. One municipality, San Bernardino, sought bankruptcy protection, saying it can't afford to pay the \$13 million it owes to CalPERS.

"It's certainly good news that the asset base has grown and recovered," said Bradley Belt, senior managing director of the Milken Institute and former executive director of the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.

"The bad news is that while you've gotten back to where you were on the asset side — through a combination of good market returns and new contributions — liabilities never took a holiday. Liabilities are now a whole heck of a lot larger than they were."

Dennis Erdman

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Christy Scott

From: Michael Chonos [mandlbus@att.net]
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Subject: Dear directors of the board,

Dear directors of the board,

My appeal to you is to re-visit the initial implementation of the tier rates. I strongly believe a short study would have showed that large parcels are at a disadvantage and should be provided some relief.

Every homeowner should have a fair chance to be a water conserver, before the excessive cost of tier rates kick in.

Every homeowner is obligated to use a certain amount of water to maintain their landscape. Large parcels have an unfair disadvantage trying to stay out of tier 3 and tier 4.

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It is very upsetting watching C.V.W.D. Continually without ceasing dig deeper and deeper into the pockets of its customers, and shooting down and disregarding customers viewpoints.

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*for achieving a low ratio of "Paid Claims and Case Reserves" to "Deposit Premiums"
in the Liability Program for the period 10/01/08 – 09/30/11
announced at the Board of Directors' Meeting in San Diego.*

E. G. "Jerry" Gladbach
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December 03, 2012

President's Special Recognition Award

*The President of the
ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority
hereby gives Special Recognition to*

Crescenta Valley Water District

*for achieving a low ratio of "Paid Claims and Case Reserves" to "Deposit Premiums"
in the Property Program for the period 04/01/08 – 03/31/11
announced at the Board of Directors' Meeting in San Diego.*

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December 03, 2012

Memorandum

DATE: February 1, 2013
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Dennis A. Erdman 
RE: General Manager's Report
CC: Management Staff

Late Friday afternoon, January 25, our crews responded to a call of water leaking in the intersection of New York Avenue and Altura Avenue. The work required removing and replacing a four foot long section of the water main. The failed section of pipe is on display in the courtyard of the District office. This is our first main break of the new year. Thanks to Dennis Maxwell, Cesar Avile, Carlos Alvarez, Alex Sandoval, and David Rawlings who worked until 3:30 AM Saturday to get this repair completed. Thanks also to David Gould who provided management support.

Employee anniversaries for February include Roy Spaulding Sr. who has been with CVWD for 22 years and Lindsay Spaulding who completes her first year.

In other activity since the last meeting, I attended the quarterly meeting of the Public Water Agency Group at the Rowland Water District. We were briefed by Bob Reeb on legislative matters. Bob is a former ACWA lobbyist, now working independently for a number of local water agencies.

I also served on a rating panel for the city of Glendale. The City is seeking to fill the position of Senior Environmental Program Manager. Ron Mitchell and I attended a training session sponsored by CalPELRA on labor matters focusing on the new provisions of the pension reform act passed last year by the State legislature.

I'm glad to report that there have been no employee injuries during the past two weeks. The employee who sustained an injury lifting a meter vault lid has returned to work without restrictions.