

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 Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Posted: Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

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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-minute (3) comment. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the Board is prohibited from taking action on items not listed on the agenda, except under certain circumstances.

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 Board Meeting on September 24, 2024.
2. Ratification of Disbursements for August 2024.
3. Ratification of Board Compensation for September 2024.

Action Calendar

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

1. **Legal Services Agreement** – Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Lagerlof LLP to provide legal counsel services.
2. **Annual Contract for Booster Pump, Well Rehabilitation, and Maintenance Services** – Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to General Pump Company to provide asset and emergency maintenance at an estimated cost of \$226,317 and find said projects to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA).
3. **Budget-Based Rate Structure** – Ongoing placeholder for discussion regarding a water and wastewater budget-based rate structure for possible implementation by FY 2025-26.
4. **Public Outreach Discussion** – Discussion regarding various public outreach communications including water quality and an inaugural Annual Report.

Information Items

Written Communications to District/Board of Directors

General Manager's Report

Attorney Report

Reports of Committees

- Engineering Committee
- Finance Committee
- Employee Relations Committee
- Policy Committee
- Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee
- Emergency Planning Committee
- Technology Committee
- Ad Hoc Committee - PFAS

Directors' Oral Reports – Reports on issues, meetings, or activities attended by Directors

Board Members' Request for Future Agenda Items

Closed Session

EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position: General Manager

Adjournment



CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 24, 2024

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District made at the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2024, an Adjourned Regular Meeting was held on September 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, California and through audio and video conference. A call-in number was clearly noted on the meeting Agenda, posted in accordance with the Brown Act, with President Sharon Raghavachary presiding.

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

Directors:

James D. Bodnar
Kerry D. Erickson
Jeffery W. Johnson (absent)
Sharon S. Raghavachary
Jennifer T. Valdez

Attorney:

Tom Bunn

General Manager:

James Lee

**Interim Director of Finance
and Administration:**

Arturo Montes

**Director of Engineering
and Operations:**

Carla Dillon

Staff Members:

Tessa Allmon, Customer Service Lead
Patrick Atwater, Regulatory & Public Affairs Manager
Pam Leddy, Administrative Assistant
Adam Sutphin, Senior Management Analyst
Brook Yared, Engineering Manager

Guests:

Frank Colcord, Foothill Municipal Water District

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mejia opened the meeting by leading the Directors and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Valdez, and carried by a 4-0 vote that the Agenda for the Adjourned Regular Meeting of September 24, 2024, be adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT – No report

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Erickson, and carried by a 4-0 vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 10, 2024, and ratify the amended August 2024 Board Compensation.

ACTION CALENDAR

Appeal of High Water Bill – Mr. Montes presented an appeal from Bungwoo Min, who is the owner of the property at 2001 Manistee for possible action to grant a request for relief from a high water bill due to a leak on the property. Mr. Montes provided correspondence from Mr. Min requesting an adjustment to his water bills, the water bill generated relating to the leak involved, and documentation for the repairs made to the irrigation system. Mr. Min explained that the entire water line and water regulator have been replaced to avoid any future leaks.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Valdez, and carried by a 4-0 vote to provide relief to the customer by recalculating the excess water usage at Tier 2 rates in the amount of \$1,720.20 for this account to be consistent with recent Board actions.

Replacement of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System, Project E-939 – Project Update and Contingency Increase Request – Ms. Dillon provided details of the replacement of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) project which began with a pilot program at Well 8 and Well 14 in July 2021. Ms. Dillon stated that the original project only allowed work to continue until September 30, 2024 and that not all punch list items will be completed by this deadline. Ms. Dillon requested a contingency increase to cover expenses for process documentation and to extend the project schedule through February 2025.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Bodnar, seconded by Director Erickson and carried by a 4-0 vote to increase the contingency for the project by \$27,005 (Apex quote + 10% contingency) to cover expenses for process documentation and to extend the project schedule through February 28, 2025.

INFORMATION ITEMS – CV Weekly dated September 12, 2024 “CVWD is Calling all Science Fiction Young Writers”, “Garden Design Class”, and “Another In-House Pipeline Project”

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT – None

GENERAL MANAGER – Mr. Lee announced that the 4th In-House pipeline on the 5000 Block of Humphrey Way has been completed. Mr. Lee shared that the 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast was held on September 19th, and encouraged the members of the Board to attend the “Imagine a Day Without Water” event on Saturday, September 28th. Mr. Yared provided highlights of the August 2024 Engineering Report. Mr. Lee commemorated milestone anniversaries for Patrick Atwater and Mario Mejia with the completion of their first year of service with CVWD.

ATTORNEY REPORT – No report

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Engineering and Operations Committee – Director Bodnar reported that the Committee had met on August 22, 2024. A meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Finance Committee – Director Raghavachary reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

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

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

Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee – Director Raghavachary 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.

Executive Committee – Director Raghavachary reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2024.

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

Ad Hoc PFAS Committee – Director Raghavachary reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2024.

AdHoc Legal Counsel Committee – Director Raghavachary reported that the Committee met on September 19, 2024. A meeting will be scheduled as needed.

DIRECTORS’ ORAL REPORTS

Director Bodnar – No report.

Director Erickson – No report.

Director Johnson – Absent.

Director Raghavachary – No report.

Director Valdez – No report

BOARD MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

CLOSED SESSION – President Raghavachary announced that the Board approved by unanimous vote an Agreement for General Counsel Legal Services with Best Best & Kreiger, LLP, subject to the approval of the General Manager and Counsel of the final language. There was no other reportable action taken under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Sharon S. Raghavachary
President

Arturo Montes
Board Secretary

CASH DISBURSEMENT LIST

August 2024



<u>Check#</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Payable To</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Water Amount</u>	<u>Wastewater Amount</u>
0	08/06/24	One Ring Network	Glenwood/Office - data communication - August 2024	1,012.50	337.50
0	08/07/24	Colonial Life	Employee paid insurance - August 2024	178.61	
0	08/09/24	Aflac	Employee paid insurance - August 2024	676.08	
0	08/28/24	Southern California Edison	Power purchased - July 2024	41,760.84	825.10
0		Los Angeles County Public Works	Excavation permits - July 2024	8,642.00	
0	08/01/24	Vision Service Plan	Vision insurance - August 2024	553.35	
0	08/16/24	CalPERS	CalPERS	34,585.31	10,969.89
0	08/23/24	US Bank	Bond Debt	253,906.03	
0	08/23/24	US Bank	Bond Debt	407,756.74	
0		BMO - Employee Credit Cards			
0		CVWD Account Payable			
0		AT&T	Voice communication - July 2024	1,635.89	545.30
0		Embroidme	Employee uniforms	100.05	33.35
0		Dig Alert	USA's - July 2024	323.82	107.94
0		Athens Services	Waste disposal services - July 2024	279.21	93.07
0		Westlake Hardware	Misc. tools & supplies - July 2024	2,148.59	716.20
0		Ralphs	Misc. supplies - July 2024	2.87	0.96
0		Red Wing	Safety workboots	209.42	69.81
0		Monday.com	Work Management Services - July 2024	270.00	90.00
0		Spectrum	Voice & data communication - July 2024	1,725.98	575.33
0		Quality Imprint	Insulates jugs	688.67	229.56
0		Zoom	Monthly teleconference meetings - July 2024	43.88	14.63
0		United Concordia	Dental insurance - August/September 2024	5,100.57	1,700.19
0		GWP	Power purchased - August 2024	46,507.44	
0		Clark Pest Control	Pest control at 5 sites - July 2024	155.25	206.75
0		Glendale Permits	Permits - July 2024	1,577.48	
0		Atwater, Patrick	Employee recognition, Caldata Conference, monthly email services	1,359.20	453.07
0		Bautista, Jennifer	Pathways Conference, AWWA Wes Conference registrations	1,563.02	
		Boyce, Kellen	Vehicle maintenance	45.23	

0		Dillon, Carla	ACWA Leadership Edge Conference	729.96	
0		Leddy, Pam	Board Meeting supplies, ACWA registration, uniform shirts	2,127.20	709.07
0		Lee, James	Professional development, coaching, ACWA Conference, partnerships	2,548.29	
0		Montes, Arturo	Retirement event, Staff development, All Hands, Job posting	1,267.52	422.51
0		Mortenson, Siaki	Training, Forklift training, tools, vehicle parts	2,015.82	
0		Telles, Darlene	Tri State Seminar, CalPERS Women's Conference, training, vehicle supplies	1,291.17	840.25
47865	08/01/24	AALRR	Labor counsel - May 2024	9,520.20	3,155.38
47866	08/01/24	ACWA/JPIA	Annual cyber liability coverage, Annual Property Program renewal	22,917.81	22,917.79
47867	08/01/24	Advanced Centrifugal Systems, Inc.	I-1075 - Misc. welding - El Sereno pipeline project	12,407.00	
47868	08/01/24	American Reclamation, Inc.	Office - waste collection services - August 2024	154.35	51.45
47869	08/01/24	Apex Manufacturing Solutions	E-939 - Q3 2024 Support	17,775.00	
47870	08/01/24	Armine Sargsyan	Wellness reimbursement	225.00	75.00
47871	08/01/24	B.L. Wallace Distributor, Inc.	4.0 Fiberlyte lid w/probe hole AMI - 3,750 ea.	517,265.04	
47872	08/01/24	Jennifer Bautista	Reimbursement - Employee recognition	13.22	4.41
47873	08/01/24	Clark Pest Control, Inc.	Office - pest control services - July 2024	151.50	50.50
47874	08/01/24	Coastline Equipment Co.	Unit #19 - 1,000 service maintenance	3,115.34	
47875	08/01/24	Creative Concepts Landscape Mgmt., Inc.	Rosemont Reservoir refurbishment project	2,250.00	750.00
47876	08/01/24	DIY Home Center	Misc. supplies - July 2024	29.56	9.85
47877	08/01/24	Raymond Dodge	E-939 - reimbursement	115.77	
47878	08/01/24	Morgen Durose	Wellness reimbursement	300.00	0.00
47879	08/01/24	Foothill Car Wash, Lube & Oil	Unit #'s 2, 63 & 64 - Vehicle maintenance	293.46	97.82
47880	08/01/24	Grainger	Misc. supplies - July 2024	239.65	79.88
47881	08/01/24	Highroad Information Technology	Maintenance, support, renewals, infrastructure - May & August 2024	26,500.50	8,833.50
47882	08/01/24	iPaySmart, Inc.	Payment services/credit card fees - June 2024	2,913.94	971.31
47883	08/01/24	J. Colon Coatings, Inc.	E-1066 - Rehab of Goss Canyon #2 Reservoir, monthly progress payment #6	38,319.02	
47884	08/01/24	Kennedy Jenks	Grant consulting services - June 2024	12,095.63	4,031.88
47885	08/01/24	Christina Kopelman	Reimbursement - workpants	150.00	50.00
47886	08/01/24	James Lee	Reimbursement - Pathways Conference	344.53	114.84
47887	08/01/24	Agile Occupational Medicine	Pre-employment screening - FY 24	625.50	208.50
47888	08/01/24	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Misc. Parts - July 2024	8.69	2.90
47889	08/01/24	Peerless Materials Company	Misc. supplies - July 2024	720.15	
47890	08/01/24	Pep Boys, Fleet Services	Misc. parts & supplies - July 2024	193.06	64.36
47891	08/01/24	Catherina Zember Prosafety Inc.	Safety glasses	587.02	610.27
47892	08/01/24	David Rawlings	Reimbursement - workpants	203.02	67.68
47893	08/01/24	Jonathan Russo	Wellness reimbursement	225.00	75.00
47894	08/01/24	Singer Lewak	Audit services - June 2024	4,335.00	1,445.00
47895	08/01/24	Smart Cover Systems	Annual Smart Cover services renewal		4,460.00

47896	08/01/24	Southland Pipe Corp.	Steel pipe 4" cml x cmc 20' weld bell - 600 ft.	19,183.50	
47897	08/01/24	Stemar Equipment & Supply Co.	Delineators, cones, & hose	520.98	712.65
47898	08/01/24	Tri-Xecutex Corp.	Fire alarm maintenance/inspection	330.00	110.00
47899	08/01/24	Univar Solutions USA, Inc.	Sodium hypochloride - Glenwood (600 gals.) Mills (600 gals.)	6,531.12	
47900	08/01/24	Vision Service Plan Co.	Vision coverage - July 2024	374.85	178.50
47901	08/01/24	Vulcan Materials Company	Mixed bobtail - July 2024	2,877.83	
47902	08/01/24	Robert Wood	Wellness reimbursement	225.00	75.00
47903	08/08/24	Kellen Boyce	Reimbursement - dental/vision/healthcare	532.15	
47904	08/13/24	ACC Ramco	Mixed bobtail - July 2024	1,685.00	
47905	08/13/24	ADS, LLC	Sewer flow monitoring - July 2024		1,234.20
47906	08/13/24	Airgas USA, LLC	Well #2 - carbon dioxide rental tank - August 2024	16.87	5.63
47907	08/13/24	Apex Manufacturing Solutions	E-939 - Programming & integration - July 2024	15,683.99	
47908	08/13/24	Aqua - Metric Sales, Co.	Parts/labor to repair Archer 3	483.92	161.31
47909	08/13/24	ARC Document Solutions, LLC	Plotter supplies - June 2024	86.64	28.88
47910	08/13/24	Associated Soils Engineering	I-1075 - Laboratory testing services	735.00	
47911	08/13/24	Regino Avalos	Monthly landscaping services @ 8 sites - July 2024	1,655.00	
47912	08/13/24	CCS Interactive, Inc.	Monthly website hosting - July 2024	127.50	42.50
47913	08/13/24	Charter Communications	Voice communications - July 2024	148.25	49.42
47914	08/13/24	Chawkins Communications Consulting, Inc.	Communications consulting - July 2024	1,023.75	341.25
47915	08/13/24	City of Glendale	4534 Frederick -Applications for 4 permits	3,948.00	
47916	08/13/24	City of Glendale	Rockhaven lease and water purchased - July 2024	11,373.76	
47917	08/13/24	Coastline Equipment Co.	Unit #19 - maintenance	630.00	210.00
47918	08/13/24	Dion & Sons, Inc.	Diesel fuel purchased - July 2024	2,284.67	761.56
47919	08/13/24	DIY Home Center	Misc. supplies - July 2024	93.86	31.30
47920	08/13/24	Eurofins Eaton Analytical, Inc.	Water sampling - July 2024	900.00	
47921	08/13/24	Foothill Municipal Water	Interconnection fee & water purchased - July 2024	323,437.24	
47922	08/13/24	Grainger	Misc. supplies - July 2024	185.33	61.78
47923	08/13/24	Great America Leasing Corp.	Copier leases - August 2024	2,160.01	720.00
47924	08/13/24	Gsolutionz Professional Services	GPS core/phones/software - September 2024	290.35	96.78
47925	08/13/24	Haaker Equipment Company	Power lock clamps, 6" hose, misc. tools - July 2024	5,773.55	1,924.51
47926	08/13/24	Harrington Ind Plastics, LLC	Misc. supplies - July 2025	21.47	
47927	08/13/24	Home Depot Credit Services	Misc. supplies - July 2024	649.46	
47928	08/13/24	InfoSend, Inc.	Bill printing & postage services - July 2024	2,447.72	815.91
47929	08/13/24	Jay & J Janitorial Services	Monthly janitorial services - July 2024	571.90	190.64
47930	08/13/24	Joseph G. Pollard Co., Inc.	Grounding probes to locate assets	390.83	
47931	08/13/24	Lincoln Financial Group	Life & Disability insurance - August 2024	901.57	440.94
47932	08/13/24	Office Depot Business Credit	Misc. office supplies - July 2024	247.79	82.60

47933	08/13/24	Paper Cuts, Inc.	Paper shredding & record storage services - July 2024	7.50	2.50
47934	08/13/24	Public Water Agencies Group	Monthly Emergency Preparedness Program - July 2024	951.17	317.06
47935	08/13/24	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Postage machine lease - July 2024	316.97	105.66
47936	08/13/24	Quinn Company	Unit #54 - 500 hour service - oil, coolant, filter	1,952.51	
47937	08/13/24	Reliable Road Service, Inc.	Unit #'s 68 & 69 - check for hydraulic leaks, tighten loose fittings	160.00	160.00
47938	08/13/24	Univar Solutions USA, Inc.	Sodium hypochloride - Glenwood (652 gals.) Mills (680 gals.)	7,264.57	
47939	08/13/24	Vulcan Materials Company	Mixed bobtail - July 2024	539.17	
47940	08/13/24	Water Resources Economics	Consulting services - July 2024	3,819.12	1,273.04
47941	08/13/24	General Pump Company, Inc.	Mills Booster A - motor rewind & VFD Conversion	84,792.22	
47942	08/13/24	B.L. Wallace Distributor, Inc.	AMI meter lids	5,011.89	
47943	08/13/24	BSK Associates	Water sampling - July 20245	21,017.44	
47944	08/13/24	Joseph G. Pollard Co., Inc.	Misc. supplies - July 2024	212.12	
47945	08/13/24	Koppl Pipeline Services, Inc.	1-1077 - Hot tap 12" main (La Crescenta) to 6" install on Fierro Circle	1,680.00	
47946	08/13/24	Toro Enterprise, Inc.	3100 block Montrose - 2" service line repair	4,426.46	
47947	08/14/24	Joseph G. Pollard Co., Inc.	Misc. supplies - July 2024	229.90	
47948	08/14/24	Kennedy Jenks	Consulting services - June 2024		280.00
47949			*This check was voided		
47950	08/22/24	Aqua - Metric Sales, Co.	486 AMI meters, 68 1 1/2" meters	208,092.68	
47951	08/22/24	Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.	Mills Booster B VFD enclosure, filter mats	567.14	
47952	08/22/24	Harper & Associates Eng, Inc.	Eagle Canyon & Encinal Reservoir Maintenance & Cleaning	11,150.00	
47953	08/22/24	Stemar Equipment & Supply Co.	Misc. parts & supplies - July 2024	4.95	1.65
47954	08/22/24	Western Water Works	Repair clamps	3,715.33	
47955	08/22/24	AALRR	Labor services - July 2024	3,302.69	1,100.90
47956	08/22/24	Applied Technology Group, Inc.	E-939 - misc. supplies - July 2024	22.50	7.50
47957	08/22/24	AT&T	Voice communication - August 2024	592.40	197.47
47958	08/22/24	Best Best & Krieger	Legal services - July 2024	254.40	84.80
47959	08/22/24	Ikseon Choi	Refund check - 2755 Willowhaven	36.63	
47960	08/22/24	City of Glendale	3341 Thelma - application for permit	987.00	
47961	08/22/24	City of Glendale Finance Department	Utility tax for Glendale - April 2024 through July 2024	92,224.50	
47962	08/22/24	Coastline Equipment Co.	Unit #15 - maintenance	2,905.60	688.53
47963	08/22/24	Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.	Replacement parts/labor for replacement soft starter & fan assembly	5,608.36	
47964	08/22/24	County of Los Angeles	LAFCO charges - FY 24/25	5,869.52	
47965	08/22/24	Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce	Hometown Country Fair - All American Sponsor	1,000.00	
47966	08/22/24	Eurofins Eaton Analytical, Inc.	Water quality testing - July 2024	912.50	
47967	08/22/24	Grainger	Misc. parts & supplies - July 2024	616.82	191.90
47968	08/22/24	Greg Swenson	Refund - cost estimation new service and meter - 5808 Edmund	864.77	
47969	08/22/24	Haaker Equipment Company	Hose - 50' x1/2"	298.15	99.39

47970	08/22/24	Blanche Howard	Refund check - 2740 Brookhill	618.56	
47971	08/22/24	John Robinson Consulting, Inc.	M-965 - FY 2022/2023 Grant Assistance Consulting Services	660.00	
47972	08/22/24	Kennedy Jenks	Consulting services - July 2024		2,420.00
47973	08/22/24	LA Dept. Water and Power	Power purchased - July 2024	49.42	
47974	08/22/24	Lagerlof, LLP	Legal services - July 2024	2,640.00	880.00
47975	08/22/24	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Unit # 18 - vehicle maintenance	37.75	12.59
47976	08/22/24	Jessica Park	Refund check - 4003 1/2 Orangedale	95.78	
47977	08/22/24	Pep Boys, Fleet Services	Unit #46 - vehicle maintenance	1,277.70	425.90
47978	08/22/24	Levon Petrosyan	Refund check - 2623 Fairway	95.78	
47979	08/22/24	Pryor Learning Solutions	Annual renewal - 4 employees	897.00	299.00
47980	08/22/24	Pryor Learning Solutions	Annual renewal - 4 employees	897.00	299.00
47981	08/22/24	Pryor Learning Solutions	Annual renewal - 2 employees	448.50	149.50
47982	08/22/24	South Coast Air Quality	Annual fee for fiscal emissions - FY24-25	707.00	
47983	08/22/24	Vulcan Materials Company	Mixed bobtail - July 2024	1,865.10	
47984	08/22/24	Western Water Works	6 on 6 weld nozzle, 6" test plate	595.47	
47985	08/23/24	Foothill Municipal Water	Purchased water - June 2024	280,236.04	
47986	08/28/24	ACC Ramco	Mixed bobtail - July 2024	2,270.00	
47987	08/28/24	Actuarial Consulting Group, LLC	Consulting services - Feb. 2024 - Aug 2024	2,400.00	800.00
47988	08/28/24	Costco	Misc. supplies - July 2024	464.45	154.82
47989	08/28/24	City of Glendale	3357 Montrose - application for permit	987.00	
47990	08/28/24	Clark Pest Control, Inc.	Pest control services - July 2024	154.50	51.50
47991	08/28/24	Raymond Dodge	E-939 - reimbursement	153.24	
47992	08/28/24	Eurofins Eaton Analytical, Inc.	Water quality testing - August 2024	370.00	
47993	08/28/24	Haaker Equipment Company	Unit #53 - replace handgun hose	4,166.71	1,388.90
47994	08/28/24	David Inman	Tri State - per diem	181.12	60.38
47995	08/28/24	Joseph G. Pollard Co., Inc.	Misc. supplies - July 2024	409.87	
47996	08/28/24	Lincoln Financial Group	Life & Disability Insurance - July 2024	967.69	485.01
47997	08/28/24	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Misc. parts & supplies - July 2024	262.48	87.49
47998	08/28/24	Paveco Construction, Inc.	I-1075 - paving	51,418.40	
47999	08/28/24	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Postage - July 2025	525.00	175.00
48000			*This check was voided		
48001	08/28/24	The Gas Company SoCal Gas	Office - gas purchased - July 2024	12.26	4.09
48002	08/28/24	Steven Engineering, Inc.	E-939 - SCADA UPS batteries	1,126.76	
48003	08/28/24	Univar Solutions USA, Inc.	Sodium hypochloride - Glenwood (800 gals.) Mills - (800 gals.)	8,723.28	
48004	08/28/24	Vulcan Materials Company	Mixed bobtail - July 2024	2,487.75	
48005	08/28/24	Robert Wood	Tri State - per diem	181.12	60.38
48006	08/28/24	New Motion Wellness, LLC	Wellness coaching - February/March/April 2024	487.50	162.50

48007	08/28/24	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Misc. supplies - July 2024	153.45	51.15
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Subtotals

\$ 2,745,741.45

\$87,367.61

Total Disbursements for August 2024

\$2,833,109.05

<u>Payroll Report</u>	
Directors	1,625.00
Office Regular Payroll	158,891.00
Office OT	5,994.00
Plant Regular Payroll	160,053.00
Plant OT	10,410.00
Plant Standby	8,875.00
Employer Payroll Taxes	14,145.00
Payroll Service Charges	545.00
Total Payroll for August 2024	<u>360,538.00</u>

Director Compensation Report

Sep-24



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u> *
Director Bodnar	9/10/2024	Board Meeting
	9/24/2024	Board Meeting

Director Erickson	9/10/2024	Board Meeting
	9/24/2024	Board Meeting

Director Johnson	9/10/2024	Board Meeting
	9/19/2024	AdHoc Legal Commtee
	9/23/2024	Conference with GM
	9/2/2024	One on One

Director Raghavachary	9/10/2024	Board Meeting
	9/19/2024	AdHoc Legal Committee
	9/23/2024	Conference with GM

Director Valdez	9/10/2024	Board Meeting
	9/24/2024	Board Meeting

* Compensation of \$125 per meeting

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Action Item No. 1
October 8, 2024

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: James Lee – General Manager
Subject: **Legal Service Agreement** – Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Lagerlof LLP to provide legal counsel services

ACTION ITEM:

Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Lagerlof LLP to provide legal counsel services.

BACKGROUND:

Lagerlof LLP has provided counsel for the District for over 30 years. Staff has worked with Lagerlof and general counsel to develop an agreement with Lagerlof to continue providing legal services as Senior Legal Counsel.

The proposed agreement is attached for reference.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Lagerlof LLP to provide legal counsel services.

Prepared and Submitted by:



James Lee
General Manager

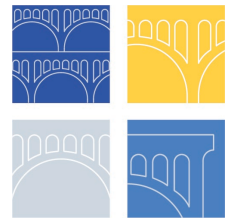
Attachment(s): Lagerlof LLP agreement

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EXHIBIT A STANDARD TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

- 1. Scope of Services.** You (“Client”) are hiring us as your attorneys to provide legal services for the matter(s) described in Section 1 of your Engagement Agreement. Unless we both make a different agreement in writing, the Engagement Agreement, including this Exhibit A (together referred to as the “Agreement”) will govern all future legal services we may perform for you.
- 2. Effective Date.** The Engagement Agreement will not take effect, and the Firm will have no obligation to provide legal services, until you provide a signed copy of the Engagement Agreement. When it becomes effective, it will be retroactive to the date services were first provided under this Agreement.
- 3. Client Duties.** You agree to be truthful with us, to cooperate with us, to keep us informed of developments, to abide by this Agreement, to pay our bills on time, and to keep us advised of your current address and telephone number. You agree to provide us with all factual information and materials necessary to perform our services. We cannot be responsible for undesired consequences caused by a failure to disclose information to us.
- 4. Estimates Not Binding.** Although we may furnish estimates of fees or costs that we anticipate will be incurred, these estimates are not binding. Unless agreed otherwise in writing, estimates of fees and costs are for your budgeting purposes only. If the estimate is exceeded, you nevertheless will be responsible for the excess. Actual fees may vary significantly from estimates given.
- 5. Costs.** Costs are likely to arise in connection with performing the legal services set forth in this Agreement. You agree to pay these costs, regardless of whether the legal services are provided on a flat fee or hourly basis. We pride ourselves in not charging extra for routine copying, fax, postage, or phone costs. But you agree to pay these costs when they exceed routine amounts, and any other costs the Firm may also charge for costs it has advanced on your behalf during the consultation, such as for postage, filing fees, appraisal fees, service of process charges, mileage, photocopying, and parking. The Firm may hire outside consultants such as accountants, tax specialists or real estate professionals in connection with your matter but only with your advance approval, and such expenses will be either paid directly by you or billed to your account by the Firm. Costs will be billed at our actual cost. We are under no obligation to advance costs on your behalf, but if we do, you agree to reimburse us promptly.
- 6. Billing Statements.** We will send you monthly statements for fees and costs incurred. You agree to pay each statement promptly, and to raise any questions or objections within a



reasonable period of time. Payment is due 10 days from receipt of the invoice. You agree to pay a late charge of 1.5% per month on amounts outstanding more than thirty days.

7. Payment by Credit Card. You acknowledge that the Firm is not allowed to accept a credit card payment for attorney's fees from a client who intends to list such payment of fees on a credit card as a debt in a bankruptcy proceeding.

8. Termination and Withdrawal. Although the Firm expects this Agreement to continue until completion of the subject matter, you may terminate the Agreement at any time.

Reciprocally, the Firm reserves the right to terminate work and withdraw from the engagement if you fail to perform the obligations of this Agreement. In addition, the Firm may withdraw from representing you with your consent or with good cause. Good cause includes any activity by you that would render continued representation unlawful or unethical.

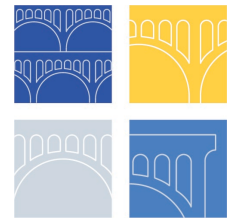
9. No Guarantee of Outcome. Nothing in the Agreement and nothing in our statements to you will be construed as a promise or guarantee about the outcome of your matter. We make no such promises or guarantees. Our comments about the outcome of your matter are expressions of opinion only.

10. File Retention Policy. You will receive the originals and an electronic copy of all planning and funding documents. You authorize the Firm to destroy all materials in its physical file seven years from the date of the conclusion of this engagement. During this period, the Firm's physical file will be turned over to you or your designee upon payment of costs of reproduction of the file. As a general rule, we will not retain copies of your executed originals. Unless you direct us otherwise, and we agree, we will send you any executed originals by the end of our engagement.

11. Professional Liability Insurance Disclosure. In compliance with California Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4.2(a), notice is hereby given that the Firm maintains professional liability insurance coverage applicable to the services to be rendered.

12. Duty to Preserve Confidential Information. The ethics rules require that we keep all information that you disclose to us confidential and not disclose it to persons outside the Firm without your permission. If other persons not in our Firm are working with us on your matter with your permission (such as your accountant, a bank trust office, a financial planner, an insurance agent, or another law firm), you agree that we may disclose such information to them as is necessary to allow them to fulfill their role in your matter. We will use our judgment in making disclosures to these persons, of course, but unless you instruct us otherwise, you agree that we may disclose information to them as we deem necessary for your best interests.

13. Communication. Communication is vital to the success of our relationship. We aim to be extremely responsive because we believe that responsiveness is extremely important to our clients. If the attorney handling your matter is unavailable during business hours, someone will



always return your message within 24 hours. You may also email us with any questions or concerns you have. We can answer many quick questions by responding to your email message. If we have agreed to flat fee billing, you will not be charged for any questions related to the documents that we are drafting for you.

14. Additional Legal Services. You agree that if a member of or person rendering services to our Firm is deposed, called to testify or required to respond to discovery in the context of legal proceedings, we will be compensated for that person's services at his or her hourly rate to clients at the time of the deposition, other testimony or other discovery. You also agree that we will be entitled to full reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with the production of documents in response to subpoenas and demands for the production of documents issued in any such legal proceedings.

15. Dispute Resolution.

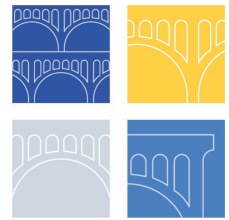
A. Arbitration Of All Disputes Including Claims Of Malpractice. Any dispute between us regarding the construction, application or performance of any services under this Agreement, and any claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach, including, without limitation, claims for breach of contract, professional negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, misrepresentation, fraud and disputes regarding attorney fees and/or costs charged under this Agreement (except as provided in subparagraph B below) shall be submitted to binding arbitration upon the written request of one party after the service of that request on the other party. The parties shall appoint one person to hear and determine the dispute. The arbitration provider shall be AAA whose rules shall govern the arbitration.

If the parties cannot agree, then the Superior Court of Los Angeles County shall choose an impartial arbitrator whose decision shall be final and conclusive on all parties. Firm and Client shall each have the right of discovery in connection with any arbitration proceeding in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure Section 1283.05. Each party shall bear its own costs, expenses, attorney's fees and an equal share of the arbitrators' and administrative fee.

The venue for the arbitration and any post-award proceeding to confirm, correct or vacate the award shall be Los Angeles County, California.

Because each party is giving up a right, Client is encouraged to have an independent lawyer of Client's choice review these arbitration provisions before agreeing to them.

By initialing below, Client and Attorney confirm that they have read and understand subparagraphs A above, and voluntarily agree to binding arbitration. In doing so, Client and Firm voluntarily give up important constitutional rights to trial by judge or jury, as well as rights to appeal. Client is advised that Client has the right to have an



independent lawyer of Client's choice review these arbitration provisions, and this entire Agreement, prior to initialing this provision or signing the Agreement.

Attorney Initials

Client Initials

- B. **Mandatory Fee Arbitration.** Notwithstanding subparagraph A above, in any dispute over attorney's fees, costs or both subject to the jurisdiction of the State of California over attorney's fees, charges, costs or expenses, Client has the right to elect arbitration pursuant to the fee arbitration procedures-as set forth in California Business and Professions Code Sections 6200-6206. Arbitration pursuant to the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Act is non-binding unless the parties agree in writing, after the dispute has arisen, to be bound by the arbitration award. The Mandatory Fee Arbitration procedures permit a court trial after arbitration, or a subsequent binding contractual arbitration if the parties have agreed to binding arbitration and either party rejects the award and requests a trial de novo within 30 days after the award is mailed to the parties. If, after receiving a notice of client's right to arbitrate, Client does not elect to proceed under the State Bar fee arbitration procedures, and file a request for fee arbitration within 30 days, any dispute over fees, charges, costs, or expenses, will be resolved by binding arbitration as provided in the previous subparagraph A.

16. Limited Liability Partnership. You are advised that we are a California registered limited liability partnership ("LLP"). In a LLP, no partner of the LLP has personal liability for any obligations to the LLP, other than with respect to that partner's own tortious (wrongful) conduct. LLP status is only available to law Firms that satisfy statutory financial responsibility requirements.



LEGAL SERVICES ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

This Legal Services Engagement Agreement (“Engagement Agreement”) is entered into between Crescenta Valley Water District (“you”) and Lagerlof, LLP (“Firm” or “we”), and memorializes our understanding of the legal work we will provide and the legal fees and expenses you will pay us.

If this Engagement Agreement meets your approval, please initial and sign where indicated and return it – we cannot begin work on your matter until we receive the signed Engagement Agreement. We suggest you keep a copy of this Engagement Agreement for your records.

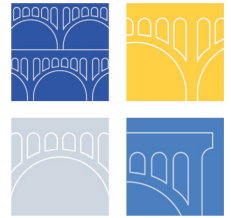
- 1. Matters Accepted for Representation and Scope of Services.** We agree to represent you in connection with on call special counsel services. This Engagement Agreement does not cover any matters other than those described in this Section 1.
- 2. Legal Fees.** You agree to pay us by the hour at our prevailing hourly rates in effect at the time services are rendered. Our current hourly rates for legal personnel (and other billing rates) are set forth in the enclosed hourly rate schedule. The minimum charge for any increment of time spent by our legal personnel is one-tenth of an hour. Billable time includes time spent in consultation with you and your advisors, legal research, review of documents, preparing legal forms, written communications, and other documents, and travel time to and from client related meetings.
- 3. Retainer.** [Omitted]
- 4. Other Terms of Engagement.** You agree to the attached Standard Terms of Engagement (“Terms of Engagement”) enclosed as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

If you have any questions or concerns about this Engagement Agreement, please be sure to let us know. We appreciate this opportunity to be of service, and our signature below indicates our willingness to enter into this Engagement Agreement with you.

Lagerlof, LLP

Thomas S. Bunn III

Enclosures

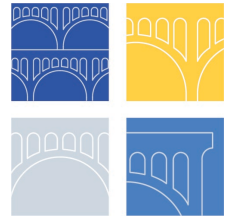


I agree and accept this Engagement Letter and Terms of Engagement, a copy of which is hereby acknowledged, on the date set forth below.

Crescenta Valley Water District

James Lee, General Manager

Date



Lagerlof, LLP
2024 Rates

Position(s)	Standard Rate
Partner (Attorney)	\$440.00 - \$480.00
Senior Counsel (Attorney)	\$400.00
Senior Associates (Attorney)	\$320.00
Associate (Attorney)	\$275.00
Legal Assistants	\$225.00

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Action Item No. 2

October 8, 2024

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: Carla Dillon, P.E. – Director of Engineering and Operations
Subject: Award of Contract - Annual Contract for Booster Pump, Well Capital Improvement, and Emergency Maintenance Services

ACTION ITEM:

Annual Contract for Booster Pump, Well Rehabilitation, and Maintenance Services – Consideration and motion to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to General Pump Company to provide services for booster pump maintenance, well rehabilitation, and emergency maintenance at an estimated cost of \$226,317, and find said projects be exempt from the provisions of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA).

BACKGROUND:

CVWD has twelve (12) groundwater wells with pumps and thirty-four (34) booster pumps to access and transport local water supplies from the Verdugo Basin and lower pressure zones to reservoirs in higher-pressure zones, which are necessary to provide water throughout the diverse terrain. As staff prepared the annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) program, projects such as the replacement and rehabilitation of at least one well and at least one booster pump per year were taken into consideration.

A goal of CVWD's strategic plan is to be proactive as opposed to reactive with pump maintenance. Another goal of CVWD's strategic plan is to have contractors available to provide emergency services during emergency events. An area of risk mitigation is that if an emergency event happens, contractors (not under contract) may not be available, as they will be serving other agencies experiencing the same or similar disaster.

To meet this goal, in FY 24/25 CVWD partnered with General Pump Company in an annual contract to provide the services, including on-call inspection, analysis, and reporting on all CVWD's wells, pumps, and motors, and emergency response services for wells and booster pumps.

DISCUSSION:

As CVWD continues to prioritize the reliability and efficiency of wells and booster pumps, staff recommends the renewal of an annual contract for booster pump maintenance, well rehabilitation, and emergency maintenance services with General Pump Company. A request for proposal (RFP) for FY 24/25 to renew the annual contract for Well CIP, pump maintenance, and emergency services was solicited. The RFP detailed the limits of work for well rehabilitation, booster pump maintenance, including emergency services. General Pump Company provided a proposal on September 16, 2024, which included cost estimates for pump maintenance and emergency services, including well rehabilitation of Wells 10 and 16, located at 3730 Glenwood Ave and 2740 Hermosa Ave within the City of Glendale.

Currently, Well 10 is non-operational and requires rehabilitation to restore its functionality. Timely maintenance and rehabilitation are critical to ensure CVWD can meet operational demands and maintain its commitment to providing reliable water supply to the community. The rehabilitation of Well 10 was planned for FY 25/26 and Well 16 for FY 24/25. However, after analyzing the cost of replacing the Well 10 motor as part of the FY 24/25 annual contract against the cost of imported water, it became evident that this investment would be worthwhile. After 10 months, it would become more expensive to continue to buy imported water, than the one-time cost to repair Well 10. Therefore, repairing the well at an estimated cost of \$135,366 becomes more cost-effective.

Well 16 provides about twice the production volume of water as Well 10, and it is anticipated that continuing with the planned rehabilitation with Well 16 will provide improved operation in terms of productivity and energy efficiency. Therefore, staff recommends completion of the rehabilitation of Well 16.

Renewing the contract will not only facilitate the necessary repairs but also ensure ongoing maintenance of all the wells and booster pumps, which is essential to extending their lifespan and preventing future outages, such as the above-mentioned well. No additional well rehabilitations are planned for FY 24/25, and the funding for the optional rehabilitation of Well 10 would need to be taken from other parts of the CIP budgeted or funded with reserves.

COST SUMMARY:

A summary of costs based on quotes recently submitted by General Pump in response to our request for proposal are provided below:

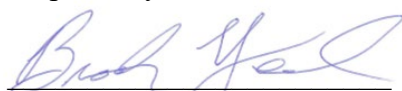
Id No.	FY 24/25 Booster Pump and Well Emergency and Maintenance Services	Estimated Annual Cost
1	Well Rehabilitation (CIP) – Well 16 (w/ Well 10 Option)	\$156,317 (\$291,683)
2	Renewal of Annual Booster Pump Inspection and Maintenance Service (Expense)	\$70,000
3	Emergency Pump & Motor Services (Expense)	TBD
	FY 24/25 Total	\$226,317 (\$361,683)

This brings the cost for the annual contract for booster pump maintenance, well rehabilitation, and emergency services in FY 24/25 to \$226,317 (\$361,683), which is \$6,317 (\$141,383) above the estimated amount for CIP of \$150,000 provided to the Engineering Committee earlier this year. Well rehabilitation costs are approximately \$6,317 above the approved CIP budget mainly due to a request for a step-test, which will investigate the well performance and aquifer characteristics to correctly size the production pump. In addition, the cost to rehabilitate Well 10 as an option results in a much higher than anticipated CIP budget. Delaying the rehabilitation of Well 10 could result in more extensive repairs in the future, leading to financial impacts and potential operational disruptions. Staff will bring proposals to the Board regarding changes to the scope of work with budget updates as they arise.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to award a contract to General Pump Company to provide services for the rehabilitation of Wells 10 and 16, booster pump maintenance, and emergency response services at an estimated initial cost of \$226,317 (\$361,683). As well as, authorizing the General Manager to engage in emergency services with General Pump Company under this contract up to the amount budgeted for in FY 24/25 without prior Board approval.

Prepared by:



Brook Yared, P.E.
Engineering Manager

Submitted by:



Carla Dillon, P.E.
Director of Engineering & Operations



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Request for Proposal

FY 2024/2025 ANNUAL WELL AND PUMP MAINTENANCE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

September 16th, 2024 @ 12:00 pm

Prepared by:

**Carlos Fajardo
General Pump Company, Inc.**

For The

**Crescenta Valley Water District
2700 Foothill Blvd
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September 16, 2024

Crescent Valley Water District
Attn. Brook Yared

RFP – Crescenta Valley Water District – Annual Well and Pump Maintenance – Due September 16, 2024

General Pump Company, Inc. is pleased to submit the above referenced RFP regarding the well and pump maintenance services for Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD). General Pump has reviewed all elements of this RFP and is in full agreement to perform the required services in connection with the District's distribution system.

CVWD and General Pump have developed a trust and partnership for over thirty-six (36) years. Our detailed records we have on file regarding the District's wells and pumps have critical information that we use to evaluate any issues that may occur. Our knowledge of the site constraints also makes it possible for General Pump to respond to the District's needs faster and with better efficiency than any other company.

Although our qualifications exceed that of our local competitors, our costs are also lower. General Pump's San Dimas Office is located approximately twenty (25) miles east of CVWD's office. We also have a second facility in Camarillo to take care of servicing your water needs. It is slightly farther but has some advantages regarding traffic. Not only can we be on site prepared to fix any pump or well issue quicker due to our knowledge of the District's water system, but we also have less than half of the travel time as compared to our competitors. Reduced travel will result in a 20% to 30% savings for the District.

Attached for your review is our Statement of Qualifications, which describe our services we have provided to cities and water districts throughout Southern & Central California for over seventy (70) years. General Pump Company is the **only well & pump service company in Southern California** that has a staff of experienced civil mechanical engineers and registered geologist who are *specialized* and are 100% dedicated to well and pump service. Our geologist is located only ten (10) minutes from the District's office. Unlike many of our competitors whose primary focus is on drilling new wells, General Pump's only focus is on pump engineering service and well rehabilitation. The **No Cost Engineering and Geologist** work can save the District **thousands of dollars per project**.

General Pump has more Maintenance Contracts with the cities and water districts than all our competitors combined in the Southern California region.

No two wells in the world are identical. Water quality, ground water geology, depths, construction materials, age, drilling techniques, aquifer water levels, and usage, all make water wells a challenge for redevelopment and repairs. General Pump's professional staff spends a lot of time researching and testing to help come up with possible solutions. The construction cost of a new well and the equipment needed to produce water is in the millions of dollars. The largest power users in many Cities are the pumping systems that keep the water and sewers systems working. An inefficient well or pump can cost the District millions of dollars over its life in addition power cost. Reliability is also a key concern.

General Pump has been inventing new ways to repair existing wells, design new types of pumps, and redevelopment wells for many years. These new technologies are taught to the Cities and Consultants primarily through large seminars. Cities, Water Districts, Industrial, Agricultural, and Private Water Companies also work directly with General Pump Company's staff and technicians to resolve issues. Innovation, expertise, and our special equipment is another reason why General Pump Company is different than any other Well and Pump Engineering Service Company.



General Pump Company is one of the few Contractors that hold all of the **REQUIRED** license classifications: Engineering A, C61, D21, and C57. General Pump Company considers our Maintenance Contracts as our highest priority. These Contracts are more than just an agreement, but instead a promise to assist the District on being successful in maintaining a reliable cost-effective pumping system.

General Pump has the most complete pump repair facility in Southern California. Most companies send equipment out to other vendors to machine and repair the pump. We not only manufacture most of the pump parts in-house, but also manufactures parts for other pump companies. We are the **only** manufacturer of the ***GPC Water Flush Deep Well Turbine Pump***. This is the fastest growing deep well turbine pump in Southern California. These well pumps out-perform the standard water lube pumps and do not require oil for line shaft bearing lubrication.

General Pump is certified by Byron Jackson pumps (Flowserve) to install and repair these special submersible pumps. There are only two (2) companies approved by the factory to work on these pumps.

General Pump Company is the most experienced and qualified Contractor in the world with the use of **AirBurst®**, which has been determined to be one of the most effective well development process invented in the past twenty (20) years. General Pump is also the most experienced Contractor in the world when it comes to the use of Well Klean® products. Other manufacturers have attempted to copy the formula over the past twenty-eight (28) years but have not been successful. Well Klean® chemicals have been used to clean our Navy's ships, District distribution pipelines, and water wells all over the U.S. for over twenty-six (26) years.

The "Groundwater & Wells" is the most read and used well and pump book in the world. Johnson Screens asked General Pump Company to assist in writing the technical pump section for this 3rd Edition, which was published in 2007. The first Edition was published in 1962.

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September 16, 2024

Via Email

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD)
2700 Foothill Blvd.
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Attn: Brook Yared & Christina Kopelman

Subject: CVWD Well No. 10 – Well Rehabilitation and Recommendations

General Pump Company (GPC) is pleased to provide this estimate to conduct well rehabilitation on CVWD Well No. 10. After pulling the pumping equipment, we will prepare the well for a video inspection & will disassemble and inspect the pump, after we have the inspection findings we will make our recommendations if something needs to be replaced.

The video will provide us with important information, in case the well has scale, iron bacteria, or nodules that could plug the perforations, we would need to recommend a rehabilitation procedure be conducted to break up and dissolve the scale build up, this will help the well gain it's specific capacity and the pumping equipment be more efficient.

With the information provided by CVWD and some unknowns, we took the liberty to add to the proposal supplying New Pump, Motor, Submersible jacketed wire, replacing some Certa-lok drop pipe, and Airburst technology as part the rehabilitation procedure. In case parts or services are not needed, we will deduct and charge only the performed tasks.

SCOPE OF WORK

Shop Labor

- Load/Unload equipment as needed
- Clean, replace o-rings, and prep existing drop pipe for reuse
- Refurbish, Primer & Paint existing discharge head
- Clean and Inspect new drop pipe joints, quality assurance
- Prep submersible pump swab for usage
- Fabricate Engineered Suction for Motor
- Fabricate Sub Pump Swab Tool
- Splice Rehab Sub Pump Wiring and New Assembly
- Prep chemistry, hoses, tanks, and safety equipment
- Engineering inspection and report (included at no additional charge)
- Hydrogeologic Support (included at no additional charge)

Estimated 75 Shop Hrs. @ \$110.70/Hr. \$8,302.50



Field Labor: (Bail/Chemical Treatment/Mech Dev/Install/Start Up/Sand Testing):

- Mobilize to site; Bail to bottom if possible (Max 2 days).
- Inject Chemistry into Perforations (Assumes 1 Day).
- Agitate Well or Allow Contact Time next day.
- Perform Mechanical Development with Submersible Pump Swab Tool within perforations and Neutralize Discharge until water clear of material. Solids to remain onsite and neutralized water to be sent to CVWD designated waste line.
- Install New Pump Assembly; Disinfect Equipment.
- Conduct Start Up and Perform Pump Sand Testing.

Three Man Crew & Pump Rig – Est. 95 Hrs. @ \$576.00/Hr.	\$54,720.00
Two Man Crew & Rig – Est. 20 Hrs. @ \$436.50/Hr.	\$8,730.00
One Man Crew & Service Truck – Est. 24 Hrs. @ \$180/Hr.	\$4,320.00
Add Helper – Est. 6 Hrs. @ \$117.00/Hr.	\$702.00
Overtime – 100 Hrs. @ \$58.50/Man Hr.	\$5,850.00
Total Field Labor	\$74,322.00

Materials and Rentals (Non-Taxable):

- Bailer Rental
- Baffled Neutralization Tank (1.5k Gal Containment) and Associated Hoses
- Secondary Baker Tank or Roll-off Tanks
- Submersible Pump Assembly for Sub/Swab Tool Development
- Rental of Chemical Trailer and Mixing Station

Total Materials and Rentals (Non-Taxable)	\$11,575.00
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Materials (Taxable):

- New Pump Designed for 200 GPM @ 245 TDH
- 15 HP Submersible Motor
- Flat jacket wire with ground extension & Splice Kits
- Engineered Suction Motor Cooling Sleeve
- 4" Certalok Drop Pipe x 20 ft Length with Coupling (Qty 2)
- Replacement Spline and O-Rings for 4" Certalok Pipe (Qty 11)
- 1/4" SS Dekron Airline and Airline Guage Fittings
- Well Renew® Blended Chemistry
- Inhibited Hydrochloric Acid
- Sodium Bicarbonate
- Sodium Hypochlorite
- Misc Materials, Fittings, Hoses, and Chemicals
- Freight

Total Materials (Taxable)	\$35,475.00
Estimated Taxes @ 9.5%	\$3,370.13

Estimated Total Labor, Material & Taxes	\$38,845.13
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Outside Service

- Pre and Post-Rehabilitation Video Survey \$2,322.00

Estimated Total Labor, Materials, Taxes & Service \$135,366.63

Optional Airburst Procedure

- Airburst procedure, with Airlift \$35,000.00

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Sincerely,

GENERAL PUMP COMPANY, INC.

Carlos Fajardo

Sales Engineer



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WELL & PUMP SERVICE SINCE 1952

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September 16, 2024

Via Email

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD)
2700 Foothill Blvd.
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Attn: Brook Yared & Christina Kopelman

Subject: CVWD Well No. 16 – Well Rehabilitation and Recommendations

General Pump Company (GPC) is pleased to provide this estimate to conduct well rehabilitation on CVWD Well No. 16. After pulling the pumping equipment, we will prepare the well for a video inspection & will disassemble and inspect the pump, after we have the inspection findings we will make our recommendations if something needs to be replaced.

The video will provide us with important information, in case the well has scale, iron bacteria, or nodules that could plug the perforations, we would need to recommend a rehabilitation procedure be conducted to break up and dissolve the scale build up, this will help the well gain it's specific capacity and the pumping equipment be more efficient.

With the information provided by CVWD and some unknowns, we took the liberty to add to the proposal supplying New Pump, Motor, Submersible jacketed wire, replacing some Certa-lok drop pipe, and Airburst technology as part the rehabilitation procedure. In case parts or services are not needed, we will deduct and charge only the performed tasks.

SCOPE OF WORK

Shop Labor

- Load/Unload equipment as needed
- Clean, replace o-rings, and prep existing drop pipe for reuse
- Refurbish, Primer & Paint existing discharge head
- Clean and Inspect new drop pipe joints, quality assurance
- Prep submersible pump swab for usage
- Fabricate Engineered Suction for Motor
- Fabricate Sub Pump Swab Tool
- Splice Rehab Sub Pump Wiring and New Assembly
- Prep chemistry, hoses, tanks, and safety equipment
- Engineering inspection and report (included at no additional charge)
- Hydrogeologic Support (included at no additional charge)

Estimated 75 Shop Hrs. @ \$110.70/Hr. \$8,302.50



Field Labor: (Bail/Chemical Treatment/Mech Dev/Install/Start Up/Sand Testing):

- Mobilize to site; Bail to bottom if possible (Max 2 days).
- Inject Chemistry into Perforations (Assumes 1 Day).
- Agitate Well or Allow Contact Time next day.
- Perform Mechanical Development with Submersible Pump Swab Tool within perforations and Neutralize Discharge until water clear of material. Solids to remain onsite and neutralized water to be sent to CVWD designated waste line.
- Furnish & Install Test Pump equipment and temporary discharge piping
- 12 Hour Constant Rate Pumping Test
- Install New Pump Assembly; Disinfect Equipment.
- Conduct Start Up and Perform Pump Sand Testing.

Three Man Crew & Pump Rig – Est. 116 Hrs. @ \$576.00/Hr.	\$66,816.00
Two Man Crew & Rig – Est. 32 Hrs. @ \$436.50/Hr.	\$13,968.00
One Man Crew & Service Truck – Est. 24 Hrs. @ \$180/Hr.	\$4,320.00
Add Helper – Est. 6 Hrs. @ \$117.00/Hr.	\$702.00
Overtime – 108 Hrs. @ \$58.50/Man Hr.	\$6,318.00
Total Field Labor	\$92,124.00

Materials and Rentals (Non-Taxable):

- Bailer Rental
- Baffled Neutralization Tank (1.5k Gal Containment) and Associated Hoses
- Secondary Baker Tank or Roll-off Tanks
- Submersible Pump Assembly for Sub/Swab Tool Development
- Rental of Chemical Trailer and Mixing Station

Total Materials and Rentals (Non-Taxable) \$11,575.00

Materials (Taxable):

- New Pump Designed for 140 GPM @ 235 TDH
- 20 HP Submersible Motor
- Flat jacket wire with ground extension & Splice Kits
- Engineered Suction Motor Cooling Sleeve
- 4" Certalok Drop Pipe x 20 ft Length with Coupling (Qty 2)
- Replacement Spline and O-Rings for 4" Certalok Pipe (Qty 11)
- ¼" SS Dekron Airline and Airline Gauge Fittings
- Well Renew® Blended Chemistry
- Inhibited Hydrochloric Acid
- Sodium Bicarbonate
- Sodium Hypochlorite
- Misc Materials, Fittings, Hoses, and Chemicals
- Freight

Total Materials (Taxable) \$38,350.00
Estimated Taxes @ 9.5% \$3,643.25



Estimated Total Labor, Material & Taxes \$41,993.25

Outside Service

- Pre and Post-Rehabilitation Video Survey \$2,322.00

Estimated Total Labor, Materials, Taxes & Service \$156,316.75

Optional Airburst Procedure

- Airburst procedure, with Airlift \$35,000.00

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STANDARD AND DISCOUNTED RATES

(Effective September 01, 2024)

	Standard Rate	CVWD Disc. Rate 10%
3-Man Crew & Standard Pump Pulling Rig.....	\$640.00 / Hr	\$576.00 / Hr
1 Operator & 40-Ton Crane	\$430.00 / Hr	\$387.00 / Hr
1-Man Crew, Service Support Rig for the 40-Ton Crane	\$205.00 / Hr	\$184.50 / Hr
2-Man Crew & Combination Rig.....	\$485.00 / Hr	\$436.50 / Hr
2-Man Crew & Standard Pump Pulling Rig.....	\$457.00 / Hr	\$411.30 / Hr
Wire Brush or Swab Rental (Nylon Brush NOT included).....	\$950.00 Each	\$855.00 Each
Flatbed Truck & Driver.....	\$200.00 / Hr	\$180.00 / Hr
Rotary Crane (up to 17-ton) & 1-Man Crew.....	\$305.00 / Hr	\$274.50 / Hr
Rotary Crane & 2-Man Crew	\$430.00 / Hr	\$387.00 / Hr
Service Truck & 1 Pump Mechanic, Electrician or General Services	\$200.00 / Hr	\$180.00 / Hr
Service Truck & 1 Pump Mechanic & Helper	\$343.00 / Hr	\$308.70 / Hr
Pipeline Fabricator	\$203.00 / Hr	\$182.70 / Hr
Shop Labor – Pump Mechanic	\$123.00 / Hr	\$110.70 / Hr
Shop Labor – Machinist or Welder.....	\$123.00 / Hr	\$110.70 / Hr
Overtime & Saturdays.....	Add \$65.00 per Man Hour	\$58.50 / Man Hr
Sundays & Holidays.....	Add \$130.00 per Man Hour	\$117.00 / Man Hr
Control & Instrument Specialist.....	\$207.00 / Hr	\$186.30 / Hr
Additional Helper.....	\$130.00 / Hr	\$117.00 / Hr
Video Log – Color with Downhole and Side-Scan.....	\$1,290.00 per DVD	\$1,161.00 / DVD
Re-Video Log – Color with Downhole and Side-Scan	\$1,190.00 per DVD	\$1,071.00 / DVD
Dynamic Video with Mini Camera	\$1,950.00 per DVD	\$1,755.00 / DVD
Test Pump – Above 300-Hp Drive/ Generator.....	\$340.00 / Hr	\$306.00 / Hr
Test Pump – Below 300-Hp Drive/ Generator.....	\$295.00 / Hr	\$266.00 / Hr
1-Man Crew & Chemical Distribution Trailer, with Safety Equipment	\$322.00 / Hr	\$289.80 / Hr
Engineering and Hydrogeology Support.....	Per Job Basis	Per Job Basis

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE SECURITY OR PORTA POTTIES

FIELD RATES ARE PORTAL TO PORTAL

For additional information on *General Pump Company, Inc.*

Or to speak with one of our qualified Engineers,
please contact us at: engineering@genpump.com

References

Type of Project: Pump Repair

Work Performed: Pump Repair

Contract Amount: \$27,485.25

Date Completed: 11/30/23

Owners Name: Goleta Water District

Contact Name and Phone No.: Chris Borges 805-680-7875

Type of Project: Pump Replacement

Work Performed: Pump Replacement

Contract Amount: \$205,899.82

Date Completed: 10/12/21

Owners Name: City of Ventura

Contact Name and Phone No.: Eric Dettloff (805) 207-3896

Type of Project: Pump Installation

Work Performed: Brushing & Furnishing & Installation of pump equipment

Contract Amount: \$233,012.75

Date Completed: 3/31/23

Owners Name: United Water Conservation District

Contact Name and Phone No.: Craig Morgan 805 525-4431



**CONTRACTORS
STATE LICENSE BOARD
ACTIVE LICENSE**



License Number **496765** Entity **CORP**
Business Name **GENERAL PUMP COMPANY INC**

Classification(s) **C57 C61/D21 A**

Expiration Date **08/31/2026**

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Licensee Signature

Contractor Information

Registration History

Legal Entity Name

GENERAL PUMP COMPANY, INC.

Legal Entity Type

Corporation

Status

Active

Registration Number

1000002769

Registration effective date

7/1/2023

Registration expiration date

6/30/2026

Mailing Address

159 N. ACACIA ST. SAN DIMAS 91773 CA United...

Physical Address

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Email Address
Trade Name/DBA
License Number(s)

CSLB:496765

Effective Date
Expiration Date

5/30/2018

6/30/2019

5/24/2017

6/30/2018

6/2/2016

6/30/2017

7/2/2015

6/30/2016

11/13/2014

6/30/2015

7/1/2019

6/30/2022

7/1/2022

6/30/2023

7/1/2023

6/30/2026

Legal Entity Information

Corporation Number:
Federal Employment Identification Number:
President Name:

Mike Bodart

Vice President Name:

N/A

Treasurer Name:

Mike Bodart

Secretary Name:

Ginger Campbell

CEO Name:

Peter Brooks

Agent of Service Name:

Michael Warady

Agent of Service Mailing Address:

360 E 2ND STREET SUITE 800 Los Angeles 90012 CA United States of America

Workers Compensation

Do you lease employees No
through Professional

Employer Organization
(PEO)?:

Please provide your
current workers
compensation insurance
information below:

	PEO	PEO	PEO
PEO Information	Name	Phone	Email

Insured by Carrier

Policy Holder Name:General Pump Company, Inc.**Insurance Carrier:**
TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY**Policy Number:**UB-8T705197
Inception date:8/31/2022**Expiration Date:**8/31/2023

CALIFORNIA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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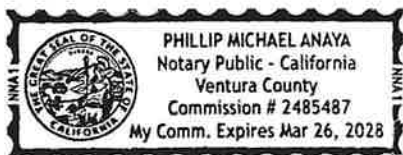
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County of Ventura

On 9-16-2024 before me, Phillip Michael Anaya, Notary Public
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared Rudy Rosales
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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MANDATORY FORM

TO BE EXECUTED BY EACH BIDDER

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

)SS

COUNTY OF Ventura)

Rudy Rosales, being first duly sworn, declares that he/she is

[NAME]

Project Manager of General Pump Company, Inc

(SOLE OWNER, A PARTNER, PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, ETC.)

[IDENTITY OF BIDDER]

the party submitting a bid for a contract covering Well Rehabilitation & Well Maintenance

(DESCRIBE NATURE OF CONTRACT)

that such a bid is not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that such bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, nor that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that said bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of said bidder or any other bidder, nor to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of such bid price, nor of that of any other bidder, nor to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract or anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in such bid are true; and, further, that said bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted their bid price or any breakdown thereof, nor the contents thereof, nor divulged information or data relative thereto, nor paid and will not pay any fee in connection therewith to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, nor to any member or agent thereof, nor to any other individual except to such person or persons as have a partnership or other financial interest with said bidder in their general business.

Dated: 9/16/2024

Signed: _____

Project Manager

[TITLE]

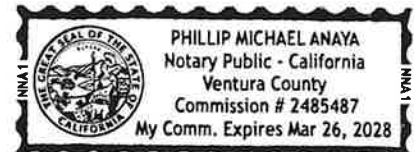
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Phillip Michael Anaya, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me.



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CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Action Item No. 3
October 8, 2024

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: James Lee – General Manager
Subject: **Budget-Based Structure for Water and Wastewater Rate Study – Workshop #3**

ACTION ITEM:

Continue discussion of a budget-based structure and associated considerations for the ongoing water and wastewater rate study.

BACKGROUND:

At a November 8, 2023 Board workshop, Water Resources Economics (WRE) led a discussion regarding a future rate structure to address a number of topics including: 1) a mechanism to comply with the State's increasing and anticipated conservation mandates; 2) a variety of equity-based issues raised by the community over the years; and 3) collecting sufficient revenues on the fixed charge to reflect water/wastewater delivery as a "service".

The current water and wastewater rate study commenced with a Board workshop on August 19, 2024, where the budget-based rate structure was reviewed and the Board was presented with three primary policy decisions, including: 1) default assignment of household size for an "indoor" water budget; 2) whether a variance process would be provided to customers; and 3) default allotment of irrigable area for an "outdoor" water budget.

The second workshop was conducted during the September 10, 2024, Board meeting, where the Board provided the following policy direction: 1) a default allotment of 4 individuals per household to be provided for the indoor water budget; 2) providing a variance appeal process regarding household size; and 3) a default allotment of 1/3 of total lot size as outdoor irrigable area per Department of Water Resources data and Los Angeles County data for the outdoor water budget, including a cap for square footage to be determined in the future. Mr. Gaur of WRE also reviewed the relationships between fixed costs and fixed revenue and introduced several alternatives for more closely matching the two.

This item is a placeholder for discussion for the third workshop.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue discussion of a budget-based structure and associated considerations for the ongoing water and wastewater rate study.

Prepared and Submitted by:



James Lee
General Manager

Attachment(s): none

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Action Item No. 4
October 8, 2024

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: James Lee – General Manager
Subject: **Public Outreach Discussion**

ACTION ITEM:

Discussion regarding various public outreach communications including water quality and an inaugural annual report.

BACKGROUND:

A Board workshop discussion on October 18, 2023, initiated the development and implementation of a Public Engagement Master Plan.

Since then, the District has completed or continues to engage in various efforts to reach out to and serve the community, including: regional collaboration with first responders – e.g., LA County Fire – and nonprofits – e.g., Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy / regular letters to the CV Weekly newspaper / a public opinion survey / a customer onboarding program.

More recent efforts include development of an inaugural annual report, separate from annual financial reports as externally audited, and development of water quality messaging regarding PFAS and the opportunity to proactively treat not only PFAS but many future contaminants.

This item is a placeholder for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss various public outreach communications.

Prepared and Submitted by:



James Lee
General Manager

Attachment(s): none

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CVWD Announces Winner in Essay Contest

By CV Weekly on September 26, 2024 · 0 Comments

Recently, the Crescenta Valley Water District held a science fiction writing contest for middle and high school students that focused on life without water. Below is the winning submittal by Nicolas Dermardirosian.

CVWD is also hosting Imagine A Day Without Water on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Judy Tejada Reservoir, located in the 4700 block of Rosemont Avenue.

The Last Orange Tree

By Nicolas DERMARDIROSIAN

River picked off the leaves with black spots. He hoped that meant it wouldn't be able to spread. The small tree sat in a pot outside of the grocery store that River had been living in for a few months. It sat next to one of the last solar panels in the valley.

The sun was harsh on human skin, but was an important source of energy for the young orange tree and the panel.

While most valuables and products were stripped at the beginning of the water crisis, some usable canned food remained. Most ran to the coast in hopes of distilling salt water. They failed to consider that distilling is expensive and inefficient, especially at large scales. The mass exodus of people to beach towns only led to the Santa Monica Distilling crisis. River didn't know though. He still had an old radio, but the music never stopped for news. River was sure that he was the last person left in La Crescenta. [He] had not seen anyone else in months.

River was able to continue on by using a makeshift atmospheric water generator that he made in college before the crisis. While it supported River and his tree, [atmospheric water generators] were unable to be mass-produced at the scale needed to stop the water crisis. Still, each year more moisture left the atmosphere and eventually the yields would not sustain them.

Even without that, the solar panel powering it would need maintenance that River was unable to provide. That was a problem for later.

Despite most human-operated radio stations going down, automatic stations continued on – endless playlists of song after song. Even though hundreds of different songs played each day, when River went over to turn it on, he recognized the song. It was called “Rivers in the Desert,” though he never knew the name of it. He just thought it sounded nice.

There wasn't much for him to do alone there, but he wanted to do at least something productive. River decided to try to find some old textbooks in the high school, hoping that he could learn something useful. While all of the electronics were long gone, some of the old physical textbooks were probably still in storage in case of a power outage. Those happened a lot leading up to the crisis.

The sun beat down upon him but he tried to stay in the shade. It was his old high school so he knew the area, but it still took a few hours. Most of the greenery was dead but a few bushes and trees remained using what little ground water they had. Although the building was in some level of disrepair, it was the same high school that he remembered. A mural of a blue falcon remained intact as it was out of the sun. It was a peregrine falcon, a species lucky enough to be able to survive in both warm and cold climates. Most of them migrated to the arctic as water began to dry up, using the ice as a source of freshwater.

Ironically, the once desolate continent of Antarctica was now the most prosperous area of life on the planet. Scientists refused to allow governments to melt and steal frozen freshwater due to the adverse effect on the climate. As a result of that decision, countless lives were lost – in the short-term at least.

River used a small flashlight he had bought at a hardware store a few years earlier. He still knew his way around the hallways and started looking through classrooms to see if he could find anything. As he entered one classroom and shut the door behind him, he heard what sounded like footsteps in the hallway. Finding nothing inside, he cautiously reopened the door and looked around, but nothing was there.

River continued on in the hallway, checking each classroom for textbooks or anything else he could use, but they were mostly empty. When he reached the end of the hallway, he found a door ajar. It had steps leading down into what looked like a basement. River walked down as quietly as he could, worried that there could be someone there.

The basement was cool and there were shelves full of all sorts of antique objects: personal computers, laptops and textbooks. River grabbed a few that looked interesting and began to leave. As he walked back up the stairs he saw something scurry beneath him, and [he] jumped in shock. He fell on his back and pointed his flashlight to see that it was just a ground squirrel. Like the remaining flora, the ground squirrels survived off the small amounts of underground moisture. This one must have come in when he opened the door to the school.

With his fears gone, he went outside to start the trek back. The sun was starting to go down. While there was nothing and nobody that could hurt him at night, River was still shaken up from the scare of the squirrel and didn't want to get lost, so he chose a classroom, took a blanket from his pack and used it to sleep for the night. Before sleeping he read one of the books he took, a book on biology. He propped up his flashlight to read and looked for anything about orange trees, drought or diseases. After about an hour, he gave up and went to bed.

In the morning River packed up his things. He felt as though the falcon was watching him as he left. When he returned to the grocery store he found that the black spots on the orange leaves had spread not only to other leaves, but to the stem. It was likely that the whole orange tree was diseased at this point.

River spent the next few days checking the books he found and tried everything he could think of, but it was of no use. Eventually the spots spread further and the young tree began to die. Without the knowledge or the resources, River was powerless to save it. Days passed until eventually he looked at the tree, and it was evident that it was dead, its formerly bright green leaves turned brown and black. As more days passed, the tree stayed in the pot. There were no insects to decompose it so it sat there, dead, next to the solar panel, in front of the old grocery store.



CVWD Announces Winner in Essay Contest added by **CV Weekly** on September 26, 2024

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A Day Without Water Imagined

By CV Weekly on October 3, 2024 · 0 Comments



CVWD General Manager James Lee speaks to CV
Chamber VP Robert Manciero. Photo
provided by CVWD

CVWD hosts a preview of what a dry day would be like.

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, Sept. 28 Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) asked community members to imagine a day without water.

“Imagine a day without water,” said James Lee, CVWD general manager. “We’re not talking about a whole future – just a day. How do you feel?”

He asked the people in the audience at the Judy Tejeda Reservoir Site what they would do if they wanted to do their laundry or wash the dishes. He asked them to imagine not having the water that is currently so easily available every

day.

“[CVWD] provides the water and we take the wastewater away,” he said.

The morning event included several emergency responders including those from a variety of fire departments including Los Angeles County, Glendale and Burbank. Lee spoke about how important it is to have water available every day. He also highlighted the importance of community connections as well as having connections with elected officials. All of these entities are needed to keep water flowing.

The event on Saturday was a chance for community members, elected officials from offices like Crescenta Valley Town Council and State Senator Anthony Portantino and fire departments to talk to each other and highlight the importance of water.

“Our primary partner in this operationally is Los Angeles County Fire Department,” Lee said.

He paraphrased the department’s mission statement of “the protection of life and property, and promoting culture and economic development.” He added that CVWD’s mission statement is similar.

In addition to imagining a day without water, CVWD wanted to present a few things it is doing for the community. One of those things is having “dip tanks” brought to local areas during fires that water-dropping fire department helicopters could access.

“You remember the Station Fire in 2009?” Lee asked the audience.

Water-dropping helicopters played an important role in fighting that 2009 wildfire and having dip tanks available, which each hold 4,000 gallons of water, could be of help in the future. CVWD has two new dip tanks that will soon be placed – one near Scholl Canyon Sports Complex and the other in Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

Assistant LA County Fire Chief for Division 3 Patrick Sprengel stepped on stage at the event and thanked Glendale and Burbank fire department representatives for attending.



CVWD LacoFD chief Patrick Sprengel with
Kerri Lewin Brautigam of the CV Town
Council. Photo
provided by CVWD

“I’ve been asked to speak this morning about fire operations as it relates to water resources, water sources, water availability and the fire departments’ relationship with the water departments, specifically with Crescenta Valley Water District,” Sprengel said.

He thanked Lee and CVWD for their proactive approach and their collaboration in this area.

“The recent procurement of two water tanks, or ‘marks’ as we call them, mobile aircraft load containers [dip tanks] ... will be a huge asset and advantage in our ability to protect the community of Crescenta Valley and the surrounding communities in case of wildfire,” he said. “These are truly a game changer for us in the fire service. Going into this time of year, my main focus and concern from a fire protection perspective is the threat of wildfire.”

He added the fire agency has the “top of the line” equipment but the one variable that is difficult to control in some areas of the district is water availability.

“Sometimes the water is the toughest part. We’re only as good as the water we have,” he said. “For aircraft support we will typically take advantage of available lakes, ponds or aqueducts.”



Two water tanks or dip tanks have been provided by CVWD.

Photo provided by CVWD

He added that currently the closest water for this community for fire aircraft is to the west at Angeles National Golf Course and to the east at Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The new portable tanks can move to other areas when needed to increase effectiveness in fire fighting.

Lee said providing these tanks came from discussions the district had with its partners like LACoFD.

Another community partner who spoke at the event was Paul Dutton, representing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

“CERT teaches you that you always need to be prepared ahead of time. We all think, ‘It won’t happen here,’ but we’re in the land of La Crescenta. We have had hurricane force winds, we are home of the Station Fire, we have had power outages, Red Flag Warnings, debris flows and floods,” Dutton said. “If you don’t plan ahead of time you’re going to be stuck in a cold dark house.”

He stressed the community needs to be ready for the next disaster.

Another member that has a community partnership with CVWD is the youth of the community. Recently the district reached out to middle and high school students inviting them to write an essay imagining “Life Without Water.” The winning essay was written by Nicolas Dermardirosian, a senior at CV High School. The essay, which was printed in CVW last week in the Youth section, is

a nod to the “Twilight Zone” style of futurist science fiction writing. It speaks about what life would be like without water. The story’s main character attempts to save the last orange tree as the world dries up.



From left James Bodnar, Nicolas Dermardirosian and
Patrick Atwater.

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Dermardirosian said his inspiration came from his mother’s stories of orange groves in the area and how the drought affected them. He then just thought about how an extreme drought would affect the planet. Although he knows climate change is an issue and sees the damage being done, he is still optimistic that humans will find a way to rescue the planet.

“We had a problem with the ozone [layer] and we solved that,” he said.

Decades ago the ozone layer was a focus for environmentalists. There was a push to phase out ozone-depleting chemicals – a push that worked. Scientists now feel the ozone layer is on track to recover within four decades.

“As we imagine a day without water, we imagine how our future generations [can] use their imagination to [show our future],” said James Bodnar, member of CVWD Board of Directors. “These kids are going to grow up and be leading us one day.”

State Senator Anthony Portantino was present at the event.

“I join our community in thanking [CVWD] and appreciate you putting this event on, and reminding us all how precious water is and how much we all have to get together to preserve it,” Portantino said. “It is important that we support our first responders.”

Lee ended the event by pointing out that the district is prepared for the future, from providing the portable water containers to help firefighters to storing 17 million gallons of water for the community. It has also advanced communications to help during disasters.

“We have another tool and today we’re kicking off a new service to the community,” he said. “In the event of an emergency [community members] can come to the reservoir or a local fire hydrant that we can hook up and everybody will have drinking water.”

In light of Hurricane Helene and the scarcity of water, this was good news.



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CA Data Collaborative Presentation

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

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9/20/2024

Board of Directors

La Crescenta Water District
2700 Foothill Blvd La Crescenta CA 91214-3590

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to formally express my concern regarding two significant issues affecting myself and other residents of La Crescenta. These concerns are in relation to the \$25 late fee charged by the district and the maintenance services provided on my block of Community Avenue.

Firstly, I believe that the late fee of \$25 is not only excessive but also potentially predatory, especially given the current economic conditions many residents are facing. The fee imposes an undue burden on the citizens of La Crescenta who may already be struggling to meet basic living expenses. In light of the financial difficulties that many in our community are experiencing, I request that the Board reconsider the late fee amount and reduce it to a level that is fair and more reflective of the economic realities faced by our community. Furthermore, I urge the Board to review and renew the approval process for charging late fees and other punitive charges to ensure they are justifiable and not harmful to residents during these challenging times.

Secondly, I am concerned about the quality and frequency of the maintenance services provided, particularly on my block of Community Avenue. Despite the fees we pay for these services, I believe that our block has not been adequately maintained. The high costs charged for these services do not seem to align with the level of maintenance we are actually receiving, and this disparity raises questions about the value we are getting for the fees we pay. Therefore, I respectfully request a detailed record of the maintenance work that has been conducted on Community Avenue so that we may better understand the services being provided.

In conclusion, I kindly ask the Board to address these issues by reducing the late fee to a reasonable level, reviewing the justification for such fees, and providing transparency regarding the maintenance conducted in our area. I believe these actions will help ensure that the district operates in a fair and equitable manner for all its residents.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Beatriz Leighton & Family

Cc Community Ave block at La Crescenta CA

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

General Manager Report

GM Report

October 8, 2024

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: James Lee, General Manager
Subject: **General Manager Report**

General Manager's Report Topics:

- LCRR survey completion
- Imagine a Day Without Water – September 28th
- 7th Annual Chili Cookoff – October 31st (neighboring agencies invited)

STAFFING

3 employees have a work anniversary in October: Armine Sargsyan – 1 year; Jaysen Ortega – 11 years; Jonathan Russo – 5 years.

As of October 3rd, the District has gone 284 days without a lost time incident.

GENERAL MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

Managers Meeting(s)	- September 26 th ; October 3 rd
Council for Watershed Health	- September 24 th
Foothill Municipal Water District	- September 25 th
Data and Donuts – LA Cleantech Incubator	- September 26 th
Imagine a Day Without Water	- September 28 th
Ad Hoc PFAS Committee	- October 3 rd
Executive Committee	- October 3 rd
Crescenta Valley Town Council	- October 4 th
Golden State Water	- October 4 th
Valencia Heights Water Company	- October 4 th
Foothill Agencies Strategic Planning Workshop #2	- October 7 th

Submitted by:



James Lee
General Manager