

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

**2700 Foothill Boulevard
La Crescenta, California**

**Agenda for the
Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Crescenta Valley Water District
to be held on October 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

Posted: October 18, 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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 8, 2013.
2. Ratification of Disbursements for September 2013.

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. **Slurry Seal Paving on the 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Street - Project E-911**
Request by residents to discuss their concerns regarding the installation of the slurry seal paving on the 3100 block of Santa Carlotta Street.
2. **LAFCO Special District Alternate Representative Nomination** – Consideration and motion regarding nomination of Director Bodnar for the LAFCO Special District Alternate Representative position.

Information Items

Written Communications to District

Staff Reports

Secretary-Treasurer

1. Cash and Investments –September 17, 2013.

General Manager

1. Administrative Report.

District Engineer

1. Water Production Report –October 1 – 20, 2013.
2. Report on Administrative and Field Operations.

Program Specialist

1. Report on Water Conservation issues.

Information Technology

1. Report of Information Technology 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. Report of Finance Committee meeting held on October 22, 2013.

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 Community Relations/Water Conservation Committee.

Emergency Planning Committee

1. Consideration of emergency planning 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)(d)(1)**
 - Crescenta Valley Water District vs. Exxon Mobil et al.

Board Members' Request for Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 8, 2013

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, made at the Adjourned Regular Meeting of September 17, 2013, a Regular Meeting was held on October 8, 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 A. Erdman
Secretary-Treasurer:	Ron L. Mitchell
District Engineer:	David S. Gould
Others Present:	Mark, Hass, IT Manager Wendy Holloway, Customer Accounts Supervisor Christy Scott, Program Specialist Larry Byers, Plant Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bodnar opened the meeting by asking Director Putnam to lead the Board and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Erickson and carried by a 5-0 vote that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2013 be adopted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Paul Mitchell and Mr. Chris Barnes from the 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Ave. made comments regarding the slurry seal on the street and presented photos for the Board to review. The Board asked staff to investigate the residents' concerns and report back to the Board.

FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT – Mr. Erdman reported that there have been no meetings since the last CVWD Board Meeting. However, there is a Manger's Meeting on October 9, 2013 and the next FMWD Board Meeting will be on October 21, 2013.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Board Meeting held on September 17, 2013.

Approval for the attendance of 2 Directors and 1 Staff at the 2013 ACWA Fall Conference to be held December 3-6, 2013 in Los Angeles, CA.

ACTION CALENDAR

Public Hearing – Director Bonar opened the public hearing for the revised Urban Water Management Plan at 7:15 p.m., and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Resolution No. 710 - Approval of the District's Revised Urban Water Management Plan – Ms. Scott reported on the success of the District securing grant funds from the local groundwater assistance grant for the Crescenta Valley County Park Stormwater Recharge Facility, and said in order to receive funding of the grant, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) needs to approve the District's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). DWR has reviewed the District's most recent UWMP adopted by the Board on June 21, 2011. They stated that the plan was complete; however, they requested population verification using the 2010 census data which was not available at the time the District was developing its plan. Mr. Gould completed a population analysis using the 2010 census block method outlined by DWR's UWMP guidance document. It is staff's recommendation for the Board to adopt Resolution 710, revising the 2010 Urban Management Water Plan as of October 2013.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Putnam, seconded by Director Ross and carried to adopt Resolution No. 710 consistent with the Colorado Resources guidelines for the Urban Water Management Plan and that the targets can be adjusted accordingly to Department of Water Resources recommendation by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors	James D. Bodnar
		Kerry D. Erickson
		Kenneth R. Putnam
		Kathleen M. Ross
		Judy L. Tejada

NOES:	None
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Discussion Regarding Water Conservation Alert Status – Ms. Scott reported that in 2009, Resolution No. 681, a Water Conservation Alert System and Resolution 682, a Phase 1 Water Conservation Program were adopted. A part of Resolution No. 681 is the Water Conservation Alert System that the District currently utilizes to communicate with the community the level of conservation required. The District is currently operating in Color Code "Blue", which is the normal conservation alert. The Blue alert is defined as voluntary water conservation. Ms. Scott said that given the status of the District's wells coupled with decreased well production rates and

current demands, staff has discussed with the Policy Committee a change in the District's current alert status from Blue to Green. Color Code "Green" is defined as an increased voluntary conservation alert, where some supplies have been impacted and customers should increase efforts to conserve by following strict water conservation practices indoors and limit outdoor water use. After much discussion, the Board of Directors has tabled this until further projections are available.

Request for Relief from a High Water Bill – Mr. Mitchell reported that the customer at 2528 Orange Avenue is a long time resident and has been experiencing serious medical issues over the last few years and is bed ridden. In June she used 93 units of water (normal for this time of year is 10 units), and subsequent leak tests and investigations have shown no leaks at the property. On July 26, 2013 staff checked to see if there were any previous adjustments made to the account and found that in February 2009 a \$125.00 adjustment was made for a leak at the end of 2008. As a courtesy, Mr. Erdman asked staff to provide this customer with an additional adjustment for \$175.00 which would bring the total of adjustments given to \$300.00. This is the maximum amount that staff is authorized to provide for a customer per the District's Rules and Regulations. Since this staff report was sent out, the customer's son-in-law came in and told us that the grandson was watering and had left the water running for several days. Mr. Mitchell said that in previous cases similar to this, the Board has asked staff to recalculate the bill to charge tier 2 rates for consumption over the average usage for the period, but this would put the amount of total credit over the \$300 maximum that staff can provide.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Tejeda, seconded by Director Ross and carried a 5-0 vote to deny additional credit over what has already been provided by Staff and to work with the customer to arrange an amortization schedule if they desire.

Resolution No. 711 – Mr. Mitchell reported that the District is part of the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and has contracted for the 2% @ 55 formula for our employees and are classified as "Miscellaneous Group". Under this formula, the employee is to contribute an amount equal to 7% of their base salary to the PERS system. Mr. Mitchell said that in November 1993, when he came to work for the District, the District was making 3% of the Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) and the employees were contributing the remaining 4%. In June 1994, the Board offered to give the employees 2% pay increase and pick up an additional 2% of the EPMC. The employees requested, and the Board agreed, that instead of a 2% pay increase to have the District pickup the remaining 4% EPMC. The result was that the District began paying the entire 7% EPMC and this is still the practice in place today and part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was put into place in 1999. Mr. Mitchell said that last week he received a call from PERS stating that they do not have a Resolution on file that shows that the District took action to pick up the 7% EPMC and are requesting that the Board adopt such a Resolution. Since the District has been picking up the full 7% of the EPMC since June 1994, there is no additional financial impact to the District by passing this Resolution. It is Staff's recommendation for the Board to pass Resolution No. 711 and direct staff to submit a copy to PERS.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Erickson and carried to approve Resolution No. 711 with the language changes that have been discussed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: Directors James D. Bodnar
 Kerry D. Erickson
 Kenneth R. Putnam
 Kathleen M. Ross
 Judy L. Tejada**

NOES: None

Rehabilitation of Well No. 1 - Project E-932 – Mr. Gould reported that over the past six (6) months, Operations has seen a steady decline in well levels within the Verdugo Groundwater Basin and in turn, the well pumping production has also decreased. Well production has decreased from 3.5 MGD in January 2013 to 2.48 MGD in September 2013, which is due to rainfall levels at 48% below average, well pumps needing to be replaced and Wells 12 & 14 being out of service. Mr. Gould said that after discussion with the Engineering Committee, staff determined that Well 1 should be the first well for rehabilitation since it has lost over 50% of its production. On September 3, 2013, the Board authorized the General Manager to advertise for bids for the well rehabilitation project. Mr. Gould said that a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on September 18, 2013, which was attended by six (6) contractors. The lowest bidder for this project was Tri County Pump Company of San Bernardino, CA for \$49,670, which is 3.2% lower than the engineers estimate at \$51,300. It is staff's recommendation to award the contract to Tri County Pump Company in the amount of \$49,670 with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$5,000 for unforeseen of additional work.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Erickson, seconded by Director Ross and carried a 5-0 vote to authorize the General Manager to award the contract to Tri County Pump Company in the amount of \$49,670 with a 10% contingency.

MTBE Reserve Fund Policy – Mr. Gould reported that on September 27, 2013 a Policy Committee meeting was held to discuss the creation of a proposed policy regarding the funds received from the MTBE settlement. The Policy Committee reviewed the draft Resolution No. 712 that discusses the creation of the MTBE Reserve Fund and a new Article (Article 20) that would be added to the District's Rules and Regulations describing how the MTBE Reserve Fund should be set up, how to use the MTBE Reserve Fund, and how the MTBE Reserve Fund policy can be amended, modified, or terminated. Mr. Gould and Director Bodnar both said that this was a working draft and that more discussion was needed by the entire Board before a final version would be brought back for consideration. After much discussion, the MTBE Reserve Fund Policy was referred to the Financial Committee for additional review.

INFORMATION ITEMS – CV Weekly; CVWD Study to move forward with the Stormwater Recharge Program. LA Times; Groundwater supplies at least a third of the state's water but it's being depleted at a rapid pace, despite efforts to recharge it. Notice; Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal & Management Project. Notice; Greater Los Angeles Water Summit. CV Weekly; CVWD announces Taskforce Meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO DISTRICT – Mr. Gould received an email from Brandon Loder thanking the District for helping him with his Eagle Scout Project at the Rosemont Preserve.

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 October 8, 2013:

Cash Accounts	\$192,225
Great Pacific Securities	\$39,772
Bond Debt Service Fund Acct	\$206,194
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$1,739,322
Federal Farm Credit (78)	\$475,460
Federal Farm Credit (81)	\$906,370
Federal Farm Credit (83)	\$489,610
Federal Farm Credit (86)	\$907,960
Federal Farm Credit (87)	\$487,375
US Treasury (92)	\$914,530
US Treasury (93)	\$914,530
Federal Farm Credit (94)	\$873,940
Federal Farm Credit (95)	\$539,694

Fund Balances at June 30, 2013

Water	\$5,677,245.28
Wastewater	\$3,944,953.78
MTBE Contingency Fund	\$2,818,567.00

Mr. Mitchell also reported that ACWA Region 8 held their election of officers and the slate was voted into office.

GENERAL MANAGER – Mr. Erdman reported on the four new employees that replaced the vacated positions. Darlene Telles, Customer Service Representative, Alan Verdi, Utility Workers I, Jacob Whitaker, Meter Reader and Jaysen Ortega, Maintenance Worker I. He also said that he attended the re-dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Wall at Two Strike Park, and that the District was recognized and thanked for assisting the project during the construction phase. Employee anniversaries for October are Jim Halaszynski 16 years and Natalie Bellissimo 7 years. As of October 4th, the District has worked 135 days without a lost time accident. Mr. Erdman showed pictures of the lot at Encinal & Pennsylvania and that the shrubs that have been removed. A neighbor across from the Eagle Canyon Reservoir called to complain about mulch that has been placed at the Rosemont Preserve blowing into their back yard. Also, Mr. Erdman received an e-mail from Jerry Ambrose regarding the cell tower site usage, in which he enclosed a document regarding the county use permit application and that the county staff wouldn't approve it unless the District is willing to grant a 30' easement on the land where they originally wanted to put the cell tower to extend Cloud Avenue.

DISTRICT ENGINEER

Water Production – For the period of September 1 through September 30, 2013, water production averaged 149.3 million gallons per day, which is **5.0% less** than the daily average production of the same period in 2012. This is **0.8% less** from the daily average production of the previous five years.

Rainfall: September 2013	0.00”
Season-to-date:	12.25” End of Rain Year

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

Rainfall Update – 0.00” for September 2013. Rainfall total for 2012-13 ended at 12.25”.

Report on Engineering:

CIP Projects – Pipeline – 3000 & 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta – Complete. Paving – Completed. Pipeline – 3000 & 3100 Block Paraiso Way – Pre-Bid meeting October 15th. Community meeting on November 13th. Start in January 2014. Ocean View Chlorination Project – Meeting with CDHP on October 15th. SCADA Upgrades – Phase 1B – 95% complete. Oak Creek MCC Project – Pre-proposal meeting on October 17th.

Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Application – Verdugo Basin Task Force met on September 26, 2013.

Glendale – GWP & CVWD - Grant Hoag working on Cost Analysis Study.

FMWD Issues – No report.

ULARA – A/C Committee Meeting – October 9th. Salt & Nutrient Management Plan – October 15th.

AT&T – Oak Creek – New location – Southwest corner of Oak Creek property. Plans submitted to LA County for review. LA County request to dedicate 30 ft wide road on Cloud Avenue to LA County

Water Meter Replacement Program – Start FY 13/14 Water Meter Replacement Program – replaced 160 meters in September/October.

Report on Administrative and Field Operations:

Well Status – Current well capacity – Average 2.42MGD – September 1 – 30; current 2.54 MGD. Well 12 – Out of service since September 9, 2013.

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 September 16 - 30, 2013

Water lateral leaks & repairs

- 2917 Paraiso Way
- 5464 Vista Del Arroyo
- 2103 Normanton
- 5844 Irving
- 5839 Edmund
- 3125 Montrose
- 2350 Jayma Lane

Water Main Leaks – No Report.

Fire Hydrant Replacement – No Report.

Developer Projects – No Report.

Valve Replacement – No Report.

General Maintenance – Valve Exercising Program to start in November 2013.

SCADA/Telemetry System – No Report.

Sewer Maintenance – Sewer Cleaning – On hold until start of new maintenance worker.

WATER CONSERVATION – No Report

ATTORNEY – Mr. Bunn reported that the legislative session has ended, and AB145, which would transfer all the drinking water from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board, went through the Assembly and through the Senate where it got stuck at the Senate Appropriation Committee. This will be revisited in January 2014 when the Legislative session begins. The Metal Theft Task Force was vetoed by Governor Brown due to no funding source. Mr. Bunn said that there was a bill that required directors of local agencies to take four hours of financial management training for every term of office, was passed by the legislators, and then vetoed by Governor Brown. Another financial bill would require the State Controller to set internal control guidelines at local agencies to prevent fraud and embezzlement by January 1, 2015. There was a Brown Act decision involving the LA Coliseum Commission regarding real estate transaction that discussed price and terms of payment in closed session. There was a trial court decision about the lease with USC and this lease was adopted in open session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Finance Committee – Director Tejeda reported that the Committee will meet on October 22, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

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

Policy Committee – Director Bodnar reported that the Committee met on September 27th and the essence of the meeting was discussed previously.

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 – No Report

Director Bodnar reported that on September 27th he attended the Policy Committee Meeting. On September 28th he was in a 5K run at Two Strike Park. On September 29th he attended the re-dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Wall at Two Strike Park. On October 7th he attended the LAFCO independent special selection committee. There was no quorum so no election was held. They will have a paper ballot for future elections. Mr. Bodnar is receiving feedback from the community regarding the election, and some of the issues are: large lots, the meter replacement program and that usage doubled, and on flow based sewer charges.

Director Tejada reported on the ACWA/JPIA risk assessment letter from Lee Patton.

Director Putnam – No Report

CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 9:30 p.m., it was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Erickson that the meeting be adjourned to October 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED

James D. Bodnar
President

Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer

CASH DISBURSEMENTS LIST

SEPTEMBER 2013



Check#	Check Date	Payable To	Description	Water Amount	Wastewater Amount
0	9/23	Southern California Edison Co.	Power purchased 09/2013	33,396.01	494.06
28516	9/3	So Cal Water Utilities Assoc.	Vendor's Fair 2013 - various employees	225.00	
28517	9/4	Mark Hass	Dental Reimbursement	696.00	464.00
28518	9/4	Stephanie Rodriguez	Reimbursement for Bank fees	22.50	22.50
28519	9/9	Airgas USA, LLC	Oxy, Argon & Acetylene tanks	408.20	408.19
28520	9/9	All American Landscape Co.	Monthly maintenance office	324.75	108.25
28521	9/9	American Water Works Assoc.	Membership Renewal	1,785.00	
28522	9/9	Anawalt Lumber & Materials Co.	Misc Hardware 08/2013	21.57	7.18
28523	9/9	Aqua - Metric Sales, Co.	3" Sensus Omni C2 meter for Encinal Caltrans	2,164.88	
28524	9/9	ARC	Bond Plots monthly billing	817.76	272.59
28525	9/9	Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water	Distilled water 08/2013	47.79	
28526	9/9	Zabel Bahudian	Turf Rebate	1,300.00	
28527	9/9	BC Laboratories, Inc	Water Analysis	87.50	
28528	9/9	Natalie Bellissimo	Mileage reimbursement 07/2013 & 08/2013	76.00	3.67
28529	9/9	Belzona California Inc.	5 gallons of mortar repair mix	472.41	
28530	9/9	Bonnors Equipment Rentals	Rentals for 08/2013	154.78	
28531	9/9	Priscilla Brandt	Turf Rebate	380.00	
28532	9/9	CalPers	Employee contributions 08/2013	21,782.78	14,521.86
28533	9/9	Jack Carlson	Turf Rebate	1,000.00	
28534	9/9	Carus Corporation	Well Conditioner	463.46	
28535	9/9	Charter Communications	Fiber Optic - Cable 08/2013 Glenwood, Office & Mills	3,658.89	1,219.62
28536	9/9	Choice Pest Control	Monthly spraying Well #9	180.00	44.00
28537	9/9	Colonial Life & Accidents Ins.	Employee Paid Insurance	183.61	
28538	9/9	Community Directory Co	Community Directory renewal	165.00	55.00
28539	9/9	Consolidated Elec. Distributor	Mills security gate	62.45	20.82
28540	9/9	Chris & Laura Cuevas	Turf Rebate	515.00	
28541	9/9	EmbroidMe	105 new t-shirts for field crews	1,174.59	391.53
28542	9/9	ESRI, Inc	ArcGIS II-Essential Workflow 10.1 software, license and training	11,870.00	

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28543	9/9	Eurofins Eaton Analytical Inc.	Water Analysis	190.00	
28544	9/9	Foothill Car Wash, Lube & Oil	Oil Change for Unit #1, #9, #14; air filter & wipers for #9	174.17	58.06
28545	9/9	Robin Goldsworthy	Turf Rebate	410.00	
28546	9/9	Grainger	20- ball valves, filters and spray paint for marking	397.12	59.49
28547	9/9	Great America Leasing Corp.	Kyocera copier's lease	450.73	450.73
28548	9/9	Hamilton Tool & Engineering	Sump pump repairs	212.55	212.55
28549	9/9	Joseph A. Huerta	Mileage Reimbursement for June/July 2013	30.26	7.88
28550	9/9	J&R Concrete Products, Inc	1- W5-1/2 concrete box & 60- W5-1/4 polymer boxes	3,965.91	
28551	9/9	J's Maid Service	Window cleaning Sycamore house	135.00	45.00
28552	9/9	Just Tires, Inc.	Unit #9 tires & alignment	681.00	227.00
28553	9/9	Morgan Kim	Turf Rebate	1,600.00	
28554	9/9	Stephen P. Korejwo	IT Support for 08/2013	810.00	810.00
28555	9/9	Mary & Myron Beck	Turf Rebate	315.00	
28556	9/9	Matt-Chlor Inc	1"corp stop, chlorine pump, sensors, and electrolyte	2,625.17	
28557	9/9	McCall's Meter Sales & Service	Grounding rings for 8"mag meter	197.82	
28558	9/9	Office Depot - Credit Plan	Misc Supplies 08/2013	170.88	170.86
28559	9/9	Christina Olmedo	Mileage reimbursement 08/2013	33.48	11.16
28560	9/9	Orchard Supply Hardware	Misc hardware 08/2013	520.34	225.80
28561	9/9	Ki Sun Park	Turf Rebate	245.00	
28562	9/9	Plumbers Depot Inc	Spot lights		165.68
28563	9/9	ProGroup	100- 2 ply plan bags for mailing	75.13	75.12
28564	9/9	Red Wing Shoe Store	Safety Boots - Cory Whitman and Kellen Boyce	338.39	112.80
28565	9/9	Sully-Miller Contracting Co.	7.10 tons of cold patch	1,483.51	
28566	9/9	Lesley Tallis	Turf Rebate	175.00	
28567	9/9	The Gas Company	Gas purchased Mills house	35.61	11.87
28568	9/9	Toro's Lawnmower & Garden	Misc hardware	14.43	14.43
28569	9/9	United Traffic Service & Supply	2- 4'x4' flagger symbol signs and arrow bars	366.23	122.07
28570	9/9	US Water Systems, Inc.	50lb. cl2 chlorine pellets	289.95	
28571	9/9	Vision Service Plan Co-(CA)	Group Vision for 09/2013	225.36	150.23
28572	9/9	Water Wise Consulting, Inc	Smart Gardening Class 08/17/2013	750.00	
28573	9/9	Western Water Works	10- pipe beveling tools and 2- 6" flex couplings	401.56	136.25
28574	9/10	Christy Joana Scott	Health Reimbursement	231.82	154.55
28575	9/12	EmbroidMe	T-shirts with logo for field crews	114.00	37.99
28577	9/17	3T Equipment Company Inc.	Wire nozzle skid	68.16	68.16
28578	9/17	ACWA/JPIA	Group Health for 10/01/13 to 11/01/13	30,278.88	20,185.93

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28579	9/17	ADS, LLC	Monthly monitoring		1,580.00
28580	9/17	Aflac	Employee paid insurance	1,074.53	
28581	9/17	Ameripride Uniform Services, Inc	Uniform Rentals	506.51	168.83
28582	9/17	Aqua - Metric Sales, Co.	3" Sensus Omni C2 for 2640 Honolulu	2,144.00	
28583	9/17	AT&T	Phone service 08/2013 PRL Usage	1,787.52	603.48
28584	9/17	BC Laboratories, Inc	Water Analysis	1,215.50	
28585	9/17	BC Laboratories, Inc	Water Analysis	2,369.00	
28586	9/17	BC Laboratories, Inc	Water analysis	990.00	
28587	9/17	Hassan Boroon	Turf rebate	700.00	
28588	9/17	CA-NV Section AWWA	Water Education Seminar - Whitman and Dodge	40.00	
28589	9/17	Capital One Commercial	Misc. Supplies purchased from Costco	149.51	149.52
28590	9/17	Cargill, Inc - Salt Division	24.78 tons salt	2,878.11	
28591	9/17	Charles Z. Fedak & Company	Audit for FY 2012/13	4,670.00	4,670.00
28592	9/17	Chung Choi	Refund Check	8.23	
28593	9/17	Choice Pest Control	Monthly spraying Glenwood & ant spray at Office and Sycamore house	457.50	176.50
28594	9/17	City of Glendale Water & Power	08/13 purchased power & closing bill for 2857 Sycamore	37,483.48	34.77
28595	9/17	City of Los Angeles	Capital Portion of Asssc		161,455.00
28596	9/17	Civil Enviromental Survey Group Inc.	Water analysis	5,460.00	
28597	9/17	Cleantech Services, LLC	Deposit refund flooding meter	947.28	
28598	9/17	Corporate Telecomm	Adjustments to new phone system	258.75	86.25
28599	9/17	Do-it Center	Misc hardware 08/2013	329.31	
28600	9/17	Raymond Dodge	Mileage reimbursement Raymond Dodge	24.86	
28601	9/17	Employee Relations Network	Pre-employment back ground check for 3 employees	59.25	19.75
28602	9/17	Eurofins Eaton Analytical Inc.	Water Analysis	536.00	
28603	9/17	Eurofins Eaton Analytical Inc.	Water Analysis	246.00	
28604	9/17	Shannon Fong	Turf rebate	1,200.00	
28605	9/17	Jorge & Mauda Fuentes	Turf rebate	1,600.00	
28606	9/17	GardenSoft	Water Wise gardening website	1,500.00	
28607	9/17	George Yardley Company, Inc.	Controller board for actuator	679.88	
28608	9/17	Golden Bell Products, Inc	193 Manhole covers		4,149.50
28609	9/17	Graybar Electric Co., Inc.	4- wall mounted enclosures with door handle/padlocks	1,164.67	
28610	9/17	Haaker Equipment Company	4 - Orifice - .75		56.12
28611	9/17	Hach Company	C-930 5- chlorine analyzers	32,496.70	
28612	9/17	Hamilton Tool & Engineering	Root Reamers		882.90

Check#	Check Date	Payable To	Description	Water Amount	Wastewater Amount
28613	9/17	Harrington Ind Plastics LLC	4- 1-1/4x3/4" air release valves and bushings	1,252.90	
28614	9/17	Home Depot Credit Services	Misc supplies for repairs at Sycamore house	207.98	69.32
28615	9/17	Hutchinson & Bloodgood	Compton consulting	127.50	42.50
28616	9/17	Joseph G. Pollard Co., Inc	4"-0-300 pressure gauge liquid filled	215.38	
28617	9/17	Just Tires, Inc.	Four new tires for Unit #6/brake job		1,170.97
28618	9/17	L.A. County Dept. Public Works	Excavation permits	9,310.68	
28619	9/17	L.A. County Dept. Public Works	Excavation permits	4,395.00	
28620	9/17	LA Dept Water and Power	Power purchased 09/2013	45.89	
28621	9/17	Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kr	Legal services 08/2013	1,995.00	1,075.00
28622	9/17	Lincoln Financial Group	Life/ADD/LTD & Dental insurance	2,802.72	1,868.46
28623	9/17	Lock-Up Inc.	Adjust rolling gates at Glenwood	101.25	33.75
28624	9/17	Manhole Adjusting, Inc.	Retention payment S-924		505.00
28625	9/17	McCall's Meter Sales & Service	Replacement meter for Booster 32,33, & 34	5,804.15	
28626	9/17	McGraw-Hill Construction Publ.	Advertise for Bids for Project E-733CS	1,108.80	
28627	9/17	Mimecast North America, Inc.	Email management	450.00	150.00
28628	9/17	F. Morrow	Refund Check		59.50
28629	9/17	New Image Landscape & Design	Cost to weed Rosemont Reservoir	325.00	
28630	9/17	Newegg, Inc.	3- Plustek s410 scanners, laserjet printers & cartridges	1,463.41	859.82
28631	9/17	Outsource Fleet Service, Inc.	Unit #18 repairs for V belt, tension belt & fan bearing	926.35	308.78
28632	9/17	Ramco	Crushed misc base	2,017.63	
28633	9/17	Sawyer Petroleum	600 gal. clear diesel fuel	2,578.80	
28634	9/17	Serge's Automotive	Unit #23A replace head gasket	1,152.09	384.03
28635	9/17	Shell	Gas purchased 08/2013	2,059.77	686.59
28636	9/17	Tyler Smith	Clean service trucks	538.50	179.50
28637	9/17	South Coast Air Quality	Flat fee for last fiscal years emissions	117.87	
28638	9/17	Star Brite Bldg. Maintenance Inc	Janitorial service 09/2013	618.75	206.25
28639	9/17	Sully-Miller Contracting Co.	7.10 tons cold patch	734.77	
28640	9/17	Tank Products, INC.	8 rolls of tape for indicator boards & 90 degree elbow for reservoirs	269.00	
28641	9/17	Tesco Controls, Inc	Processor for nitrate plant	1,527.10	
28642	9/17	Tri-Xecutex Corp	Security alarm monitoring	243.00	81.00
28643	9/17	Underground Service Alert/SC	Underground notifications 08/2013	141.75	47.25
28644	9/17	Univar USA Inc	2-100 lb.pails cl2 1"pellets & 1700 gal. of liquid chlorine	3,331.81	
28645	9/17	UPS	Shipping charges plant	13.49	13.49
28646	9/17	Ver Sales, Inc	6 - lift straps	248.74	248.74

Check#	Check Date	Payable To	Description	Water Amount	Wastewater Amount
28647	9/17	Verdugo Hills Urgents Care	Pre-employment physicals - Telles and Verdi	245.25	81.75
28648	9/17	Michelle Ward	Refund Check	36.01	
28649	9/17	Waste Management - Sun Valley	Disposal service plant	581.83	193.95
28650	9/17	Waterhammer	C-920 SCADA Improvements	12,661.60	
28651	9/17	Wells Fargo Card Services	Erdman: CUEMA Summit registration; lunch with consultant	365.58	136.58
28652	9/17	Wells Fargo Card Services	Gould: Lodging for training course (Hilke); engineering lunch meeting	333.30	111.09
28653	9/17	Wells Fargo Card Services	Hass: Monthly recurring charges; computer hardware; items for handheld devices; wireless OEM	550.47	183.47
28654	9/17	Wells Fargo Card Services	Mitchell: Roof tune-up at Sycamore house; working lunch mtg re: Maint. Worker and IT Tech positions	129.59	43.19
28655	9/17	Wells Fargo Card Services	Scott: Smart Gardening Class refreshments; Water Smart Innovations Conf. (air, hotel, reg.)	729.76	213.34
28656	9/17	Wells Fargo Card Services	Miscellaneous items for Boardroom/meetings	31.60	10.53
28657	9/17	Western Water Works	4- gate valves; 36 pipe caps; 8x12.5x2"ip repair clamp	3,839.21	
28658	9/17	Wil-Power Battery & DC Special	Batteries for seismic controllers 12v 39	701.20	
28659	9/17	Jeffrey Williams	Refund Check	37.26	
28660	9/20	Secretary of State	Notary Renewal Ron Mitchell	30.00	10.00
28661	9/24	ACWA/Joint Powers Ins. Authority	Auto & General Liability program 10/1/13 to 10/1/14	38,537.00	38,537.00
28662	9/24	AT&T Global Services, Inc	Final billing	171.56	57.18
28663	9/24	AT&T Mobility	Cell phone charges 8/8/13 to 9/7/13	1,734.04	574.67
28664	9/24	Larry Byers	Vision Reimbursement	122.40	81.60
28665	9/24	California Water Environment	Membership renewal	208.50	69.50
28666	9/24	City of Los Angeles	Sewerage facilities charge		3,585.54
28667	9/24	Foothill Municipal Water	Water Delivery	302,339.42	
28668	9/24	Lance Allen Company, Inc	Cost for copies	908.35	908.35
28669	9/24	Mad Science of Los Angeles	What do you know about H2O class	615.00	
28670	9/24	Dennis A. Maxwell, Jr	Mileage reimbursement water distribution class	149.16	
28671	9/24	Vision Service Plan Co-(CA)	Group vision October 2013	225.36	150.23
Subtotal for Water & Wastewater Funds				\$ 645,833.51	\$ 268,517.42
Grand Total				<u>\$ 914,350.93</u>	

PAYROLL REPORT
September-13

Directors	\$	1,620
Office Regular Payroll	\$	119,732
Office OT	\$	697
Vacation/Sick Pay Out	\$	2,935
Plant Regular Payroll	\$	92,740
Plant OT and Standby	\$	10,333
Employer Payroll Taxes	\$	16,393
Payroll Service Charges	\$	345
Total	\$	<u>244,796</u>

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Action Item No. 1

October 22, 2013

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors

From: David S. Gould, P.E. – District Engineer

Subject: Slurry Seal Paving on the 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Street, Project E-911

ACTION ITEM:

1. **Slurry Seal Paving on the 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Street - Project E-911** Request by residents to discuss their concerns regarding the installation of the slurry seal paving on the 3100 block of Santa Carlotta.

BACKGROUND

CVWD completed the installation of a new 8-inch water main pipeline on the 3000 Block of Santa Carlotta Street between Cloud Avenue and Ramsdell Avenue, the 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Street and the lower portion of the 4900 Block of Cloud Avenue from Paraiso Way to Santa Carlotta Street.

In December 2012, the residents on the 3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Street, which is a private street, requested that the Board consider re-pavement of the entire street after the completion of the pipeline. The Board directed staff to work with the local residents on a solution to be considered by the Board.

Staff met twice with the local residents and it was agreed to the following:

- Re-pave the private street with a Slurry Seal, Type II
- CVWD would pay for 1/3 of the cost for the slurry seal and the residents would pay the remaining 2/3 of the cost to slurry seal the street
- CVWD will provide construction administration for the project
- A bid item for sealing of the existing cracks in the pavement was added
- The Contractor agreed to a \$500 cost sharing as part of this project for the gouges and scrapes in the pavement
- The two (2) existing sewer manholes would be raised to grade and CVWD will pay for that cost

The Board awarded a contract to GM Sager Construction on July 9, 2013 for a cost of \$9,641 and the following table shows a cost breakdown for the project and the amount that would be contributed by the residents.

3100 Block of Santa Carlotta Street											
Actual Construction Cost - 67%/33% Split											
Pavement Type	Street Total (SF)	CVWD Portion (SF)	Contractor Portion (SF)	Resident Portion (SF)	Cost per SF	Total Cost	Cost to CVWD	Cost to Cont.	Cost to Resident	# of Houses	Cost per House
Slurry - Type II	15,800	5,267	1,250	9,283	\$0.40	\$6,241	\$2,080	\$500	\$3,667	20	\$183
Crack Sealing						\$1,000	\$333		\$667	20	\$33
Raise MH						\$1,400	\$1,400				
Misc						\$1,000	\$333		\$667	20	\$33
Total						\$9,641	\$4,147	\$500	\$5,000	20	\$250
Notes:											
1. CVWD Portion - 15,800 SF X .33333 = 5,267 SF											
2. Contractor Portion - 1,250 SF											
3. Residents Portion - 15,800 - 5,267 - 1,250 = 9,283 SF											
4. Misc- Mobilization and Traffic Control - \$1000 used 67/33 split											

Staff sent a letter to all residents explaining the project, the cost to each resident, the time frame in which to send payment, the proposed schedule and a customer service agreement in which the residents agree to the project and the contractor's one-year warranty.

The funds were collected along with the customer service agreement from the residents at the beginning of August 2013.

GM Sager Construction started work on August 19, 2013 with raising the sewer manholes to grade and sealing the cracks in the existing roadway. The slurry seal portion was done on September 6, 2013 and no traffic was allowed on the street for the weekend of September 7-8, 2013 to allow the slurry seal to cure.

DISCUSSION:

After completion of the slurry seal, CVWD staff received numerous complaints from the residents that ranged from:

- Tire marks in the new slurry seal
- Overlap of slurry seal on a driveway
- The pavement surface not smooth
- The method that the slurry seal was applied was incorrect
- The slurry seal was not evenly applied and the existing pavement is exposed
- The slurry seal is still soft after 4 weeks
- The slurry seal is not properly adhering to the pavement
- Cracks in the slurry seal

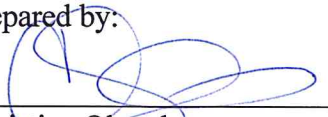
Staff has been to the job site to discuss with the residents their concerns and observed the tire marks in the slurry seal, the cracks and the other issues mentioned above.

At the October 8, 2013, the Board heard from two residents, Mr. Paul Mitchell and Mr. Chris Barnes about their concerns about the project. Staff took the information and indicated to the Board that they will investigate it further with the contractor and report back to the board on possible solutions.

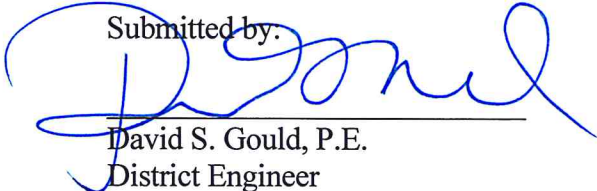
Mr. Steve Jensen, a resident on Santa Carlotta requested that the paving issue be added to the Board agenda for further discussion. He indicated that he also has a list of concerns that he would like addressed.

In recognition that other residents would also have comments, staff will be holding a public community meeting on Santa Carlotta, on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Staff will report any additional concerns and possible solutions to the Board and discuss at the Board meeting on October 22, 2013.

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CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STAFF REPORT

Action Item No.2
October 22, 2013

To: Honorable President and Members of the Board of Directors
From: Ron L. Mitchell – Secretary-Treasurer
Subject: **LAFCO Special District Alternate Representative Nomination**

ACTION ITEM:

LAFCO Special District Alternate Representative Nomination – Consideration and motion regarding nomination of President Bodnar for the LAFCO Special District Alternate Representative position.

BACKGROUND:

In September, the District was informed that the LAFCO Special District Alternate Representative, Ms. Lillian Kawasaki, had passed away and that the process to elect a new Alternate Representative was outlined to fill the remaining term scheduled to expire in May 2014. During his oral report at the September 17, 2013 meeting, President Bodnar informed the Board that he was considering placing his name in nomination for this position. President Bodnar asked for and received the Board's support for his nomination and submitted the appropriate letter to the LAFCO director shortly thereafter.

At the October 8, 2013 meeting, President Bodnar informed the Board that he attended the LAFCO special meeting to vote on candidates for the Alternate Representative position held in Glendale. He said that a quorum was not present so an election could not take place that evening. In accordance with LAFCO regulation, the election will be held by paper ballot in the next two months. On October 16, 2013 staff received the attached letter from Mr. William Kruse with Lagerlof Senecal Gosney & Kruse (see copy included) outlining the procedure for the election and the process for nomination. All persons interested in running for the Alternate Representative position must have their nomination and one page resume submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2013.

President Bodnar has asked staff to place this item on the agenda so he can discuss his nomination and request support from the Board.

Prepared by:



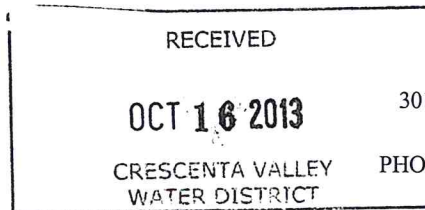
Ron L. Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer

Submitted by:



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General Manager

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MEMORANDUM

To: Los Angeles County Independent Special Districts
From: William F. Kruse, Special Counsel
Date: October 11, 2013
Subject: Nomination of Candidate; LAFCO Alternate

As you know, since 1994 special districts in Los Angeles County have been represented by two members of the Local Agency Formation Commission. Because of the death earlier this year of Lillian Kawasaki, the alternate representative, we need to fill the office of the alternate for the remainder of her term, which ends in May 2014. On behalf of the special districts of Los Angeles County, LAFCO has appointed us to assist in conducting the election to fill this position.

By law, independent special district seats on LAFCO are filled by the Special District Selection Committee. That Committee is made up of the presiding officers of each independent special district in Los Angeles County. LAFCO has determined to conduct this election by mailed ballot. Any district which previously nominated a candidate at the special meeting held on October 7, 2013 should submit a new nomination to be included in this election.

In order to expedite the process of electing an alternate, I have included a form to be used to nominate candidates for consideration for the position. After nominations are received, each district will receive a complete package of nominee resumes, together with a ballot for consideration by the presiding officer of your board. Voting will be conducted by mailed ballot.

Nominations for the Committee's consideration are welcome. Please provide as much relevant information about the candidate as reasonably possible. Any biographical information and/or candidate statement should be **limited to one page**. Please remember that, to be eligible, the nominee must be an elected official or appointed to your board for a fixed term. Nominations must be received in the office of Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, **ATTN: WILLIAM F. KRUSE**, no later than **5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2013**.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.
Voice: (626) 793-9400
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NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE (ALTERNATE)
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee

From: _____

Date: _____

Name of Candidate: _____

_____ is pleased to nominate
_____ as a candidate for appointment as
ALTERNATE special district representative to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation
Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a member of the board of an independent special
district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration, we submit the following additional
information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: _____

Agency: _____

Type of Agency: _____

Term Expires: _____

Residence Address: _____

Telephone: _____

(please attach resume - one page only)

(Name of Agency)

By: _____

Its: _____

Complaints – and Relief – at CVWD Meeting



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By Jason KUROSU

The Crescenta Valley Water District has become accustomed to community concerns over increasing water rates and the like. Its Oct. 8 meeting produced much of the same as the board of directors fielded two complaints from residents.

Chris Barnes and Paul Mitchell from Santa Carlotta Street attended the meeting, after they said CVWD's slurry seal paving from earlier in the year left the road in poor condition.

"There are many places where the original asphalt is still showing through," said Mitchell. He noted the slurry work done on Honolulu Avenue, which he found to be closer to his expectation for Santa Carlotta.

"When they did the slurry on Honolulu, they shut it down for two hours and then reopened. We were down for two days. We kept the traffic off for an extra day and still, when you turn your tires on the slurry, it's ripping the slurry up. I don't see any evidence of that on Honolulu."

Mitchell and Barnes also expressed concerns over how the road would hold up in rainy weather since, in their opinion, the paving was done so poorly.

"It was a poor job. It was an inadequate job. It wasn't done correctly," said Barnes.

Barnes said that portions of the slurry seal are dried and hard as they should be, while other portions are soft and still subject to damage from car tires. The CVWD board said the work was done by a subcontractor with whom the water district had not previously worked.

CVWD also replaced water pipes on Santa Carlotta this year, though neither Mitchell nor Barnes took issue with that project.

The water district also contended with a resident's request for relief from a particularly high water bill. Lisa Flores, 86, could not attend the meeting where the board discussed her high bill. CVWD's Ron Mitchell said that no leaks were found at Flores' residence and it was later revealed that the high water usage was the result of a grandchild who left a sprinkler on for at least a few days. The board eventually agreed to provide her with relief, though no more than \$175. Flores had already been provided \$125 of relief some years ago for a high bill. (CVWD does not exceed \$300 of relief for any customer.)

But not everything was contentious during the meeting as the board also discussed a project to rehabilitate one of its lower-producing wells. CVWD engineer David Gould said they hope to

have the well rehabilitation completed by mid-December. Gould also reported on the ongoing study for a storm water recharge facility in Crescenta Valley Park.

The water district will also be receiving funds for further projects from the settlement of Crescenta Valley Water District vs. Exxon Mobil, the lawsuit CVWD filed against several oil and gas companies for the contamination of local groundwater with MTBE (Methyl Tertiary-butyl Ether).

Gould said that the district's policy committee had met earlier to discuss potential uses for the incoming funds. The committee came up with several ideas, mostly involving procedures for use of the funds, but also for potentially using the money to prevent further MTBE contaminations.

But with no concrete plan yet for the money, the board decided to postpone further discussion until the finance committee discussed the matter.



CVWD, CVTC Prepare for Elections



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By Michael YEGHIAYAN

The candidates for the upcoming election for the Crescenta Valley Water District have been finalized. Incumbents Kenneth Putnam, James Bodnar and Kerry Erickson will defend their seats against challenger, and one time CVWD board member, Charles Beatty.

The election, which will fill three of the seats on the CVWD board of directors, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Registered voters residing in the district can vote for the CVWD directors.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council will be holding a forum on Thursday, Oct. 17 to give residents the opportunity to hear from the prospective CVWD directors as well as from candidates running for town council. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. in the La Crescenta Library Community Room at 2809 Foothill Blvd.

Applications were being accepted for town council until Oct. 9 at midnight. To run for council, candidates must reside in the unincorporated area of La Crescenta/Montrose. There are six seats available: three regular seats for three-year terms and three alternates seats for a one-year term. The election for town council will be held on Saturday Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the La Crescenta Library. Absentee ballots are now available.

In the run for the CVWD seats, Bodnar and Erickson were both elected to the CVWD board in 2009, beating out a crowded ballot of six challengers. Falling short in his election bid was Beatty, who ran after being appointed to replace retiring member Ernie Weber in 2007.

Putnam, who currently serves as the vice-president of the five-person board, won his seat by narrowly defeating Beatty in a special election in 2011. Beatty, a member of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, fell short in his challenge by a margin of 85 votes.

Because Putnam had initially been appointed to the position, a special election only secured a two-year term.

Elections for the CVWD board positions are held on staggered odd numbered years with terms lasting four years. In the event that a board member retires during his or her term, the board of directors has the power to appoint a replacement to fill the seat. However, the seat will be up for election at the next possible opportunity regardless of the term's original expiration date.

The CVWD provides service primarily to the residents and businesses of the unincorporated areas of La Crescenta and Montrose as well as some parts of Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Mostly consisting of residential coverage, the department covers an area that measures approximately four square miles with 8,000 accounts and 32,000 people, according to the CVWD website.



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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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METROPOLITAN PREPARED TO MEET WATER DEMANDS IN 2014, DESPITE QUESTIONS OVER FUTURE OF REGION'S IMPORTED WATER SOURCES
With Colorado River in drought and consecutive dry years in Sierra Nevada foretelling reduced state deliveries, Southern California's primary water import agency to call on reserves

Although Southern California's two main sources of imported water continue to face dry conditions, the Metropolitan Water District will meet customers' demands in 2014 by tapping its stored reserves and avoiding mandatory cutbacks, officials said today.

Metropolitan General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger joined Mark Cowin, director of California's Department of Water Resources, to provide a sobering statewide supply update as the state heads into the new water year.

"After two consecutive dry years, the state project reservoirs that buffer California's water supplies are getting low, leaving us no choice but to forecast reduced state supply allocations," Cowin said. "A wet winter could increase those projections, but we need to be cautious, given last year's early rains gave way to record-dry conditions."

With California bracing for a potential third consecutive dry year, Kightlinger reiterated that Metropolitan has no plans to require mandatory water conservation restrictions this year or next. He said that's because of the significant investments in storage the agency has made in recent years expressly to meet dry year demands. In addition, heightened water conservation and water-use efficiency throughout Southern California has helped significantly to preserve water supplies.

Kightlinger noted, however, that despite healthy reserves in Southern California, uncertainties remain regarding the region's supplies from both Northern California and the drought-plagued Colorado River, the district's two imported water sources.

In particular, he said, the decline of reliability in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta because of its continued environmental degradation and associated pumping restrictions threatens Metropolitan's supplies from the State Water Project. The SWP provides about a third of the Southland's water.

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Meanwhile, the state is dealing with back-to-back dry years, Cowin said. After a wet November and December in the Sierra Nevada last year, the rain and snow stopped. January through June was the driest on record, and the state responded by reducing its SWP allocation to 35 percent.

Cowin said current low storage levels in the SWP's Lake Oroville increases the likelihood DWR's initial 2014 state allocation will be very low when announced in December. Lake Oroville currently has nearly 350,000 acre feet less in storage than this time last year.

"If this winter does not deliver abundant rain and snow, shortages in some regions of the state are likely next year," Cowin said. "We need Southern Californians to keep up their water conservation that sets a good example for all of the state."

Kightlinger said it's important that water supply reliability be returned to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta because pumping restrictions to protect endangered fish are impairing Metropolitan's ability to capture adequate supplies even in wet years.

"Southern California's immediate supply outlook is stable, but the long-term picture is less certain, particularly in Northern California because of the Delta's decline," Kightlinger said, noting that pumping restrictions cost Metropolitan nearly 300,000 acre-feet of water in 2013—about the amount used by 600,000 households in and around their homes in a year.

Both Kightlinger and Cowin said the success of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, which aims to stabilize the Delta ecosystem and water deliveries, is critical to ensuring SWP supply reliability.

"We simply have to seize this once-in-a-generation opportunity to reverse the trends in the Delta that are not good for people or fish," Cowin said.

In the Colorado River Basin, a years-long drought continues to negatively impact storage levels on the river's two main reservoirs. Both Lake Powell and Lake Mead are less than half full. Continued dry conditions on the Colorado River could trigger supply restrictions in the years ahead, Kightlinger said.

Even with the Southland's healthy water reserves, Kightlinger said it's important that the region continue to use water wisely and efficiently and to develop more local resources. He mentioned that last month Metropolitan's Board of Directors expanded the list of water-saving devices available to Southland consumers and businesses for rebates with an eye on meeting the statewide goal of lowering residential per-capita water use 20 percent by the year 2020.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.

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Another dry year could be bad news for California

By Bettina Boxall

4:58 PM PDT, October 14, 2013

Water managers Monday urged Californians to step up their conservation efforts, warning that many parts of the state could face water shortages next year if this winter proves to be another dry one. advertisement

“Use these dry conditions as a wake-up call,” said Mark Cowin, director of the state Department of Water Resources.

Officials are not ready to declare a statewide drought. And managers of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the region’s wholesaler of imported water, said they have sufficient supplies in regional storage to avoid mandatory cutbacks for at least another year.

But two dry years in a row have pushed water levels in the state’s biggest reservoirs to below normal. Lake Shasta is at 66% of the average for this time of year and Lake Oroville is at 73% of average.

More than a decade of severe drought in the Colorado River basin — the source of about a quarter of urban Southern California’s supplies — has left both Lake Powell and Lake Mead less than half full. The last two years on the Colorado have been among the driest on record in about a century of measurements.

The last time MWD cut deliveries was 2009, when it imposed higher prices on member agencies for water purchases above certain levels. That reduced demand by about 30%, said Jeffrey Kightlinger, MWD’s general manager. But it has since crept back up by about half that amount.

The widespread use of low-flow indoor fixtures helped drive down per capita water use in Southern California in recent decades. The region uses about the same amount of water it did 20 years ago, despite population growth.

Overall, Los Angeles uses less water than it did four decades ago, even though it has added more than 1 million residents during that time. Per person water use in Los Angeles is 123 gallons a day, compared to 187 gallons in the mid 1980s.

Water districts are increasingly focusing their conservation efforts outdoors, which makes up about half of a typical household’s water use.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has increased rebates for residential lawn removal to \$2 a square foot. City restrictions on landscape watering adopted several years ago remain in effect. The regulations limit lawn sprinkling to three days a week and ban hosing down driveways and sidewalks.

MWD recently expanded its conservation incentives to include rebates for the installation of rain barrels and soil moisture sensors. The agency board also approved funding to accelerate efforts to develop local supplies, including recycled water, storm water capture and groundwater cleanup.

"We want our use of water in Southern California to remain flat as we continue to add people," Kightlinger said. "To do that, we're going to have to get everybody to use a little bit less every single year.

"What happens if we don't do that?" he added. "It becomes unsustainable."

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MWD, state water officials predict dry year ahead for Southern California

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Much of the State Water Project is comprised of pipelines that carry water south.

Top officials from the state's Department of Water Resources and the Metropolitan Water District warn that drought and dry conditions could reduce water supplies next year.

Southern California still has healthy reserves of water – for now. The Metropolitan Water District's Jeff Kightlinger says upgrades to the region's reservoirs mean we've banked enough water for a dry year.

The concern is the water sources that supply the local reservoirs. The states that feed the Colorado River are in drought, and the river's two big reservoirs in Arizona, Lake Mead and Lake Powell, are less than half full.

The other major source of Southern California water, the State Water Project, is hamstrung by dry conditions and species protection that have limited water deliveries from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

"Those declines in population have triggered more and more restrictive measures to protect those fish and thereby reduce the opportunities we have to move water through the state water project," says Mark Cowin, from the state's Department of Water Resources.

MWD's Kightlinger says saving water is increasingly more important, particularly as more people move to the region.

"Our goal is to have a sustainable system where basically we keep sales of water relatively flat as we continue to grow," he says. "So we want our use of water to remain flat and yet we continue to add people to southern California."

Kightlinger says MWD is pushing conservation with new and expanded incentives. At the same time, he supports the state's proposal to build water tunnels underneath the Delta region -- a plan that is costly, ambitious, and controversial.

Cowin, from the Department of Water Resources, says no "silver bullet" can solve the state's water woes.

"We need continued investment in water conservation. We need more water recycling. We need better flood management and storm water management to help restore our aquifers. We need better groundwater management," he says. "All of those actions together complement one another and provide for a reliable water supply."



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Taking shorter showers won't be enough to forestall a water shortage, as the state faces uncertainties related to declining fish habitats and a third year of dry weather in the Sierra Nevada, water officials said today.

To ensure there is enough water to go around, Southern Californians must make a concerted effort to cut back on water used in their yards, including growing drought resistant plants, reducing the frequency of lawn watering and keeping barrels to catch rain water, state and Metropolitan Water District officials said at an update on California's water supply.

Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the two reservoirs that capture water from the drought-stricken Colorado River are less than half full, and water officials project a third year of dry conditions in the Sierra Nevada.

Water imported from the Colorado River and the Sierra Nevada—which together make up more than half of the Metropolitan Water District's water supplies -- has been threatened for years by drought and dry conditions, but officials said they are starting to see state reserves dip.

The reliability of the State Water Project, California's water reserves, is being threatened by declining environmental conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, officials said. Even though the previous water year, which began Oct. 1, 2012, started wet, state regulation to protect the delta smelt—the little fish are protected by the Endangered Species Act—prevented the SWP from taking its share of water during that period.

After the wet season, the rain and snow stopped, leading to the driest January through June stretch on record and prompting state officials reduce SWP allocation to MWD by 35 percent.

The SWP's low reserves in Lake Oroville—350,000 acre feet less than last year—will likely lead to low allocations for MWD again in 2014, officials said.

"A wet winter could increase those projections, but we need to be cautious, given last year's early rains gave way to record-dry conditions," said state Department of Water Resources Director Mark Cowin.

Jeff Kightlinger, the MWD's general manager, said they have no plans to impose mandatory water conservation restrictions on water users in the next year or two, but hopes that conservation measures will be taken up voluntarily so that water use stays the same even as the population grows.

"Southern California's immediate supply outlook is stable, but the long-term picture is less certain, particularly in Northern California because of the Delta's decline," Kightlinger said.

He said restrictions on pumping in 2013 cost MWD the almost 300,000 acre-feet of water in 2013, the equivalent of the water used by 600,000 households.

Efforts are underway to restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta habitat through the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

"We simply have to seize this once-in-a-generation opportunity to reverse the trends in the Delta that are not good for people or fish," Cowin said.

Kightlinger said the MWD Board of Directors introduced more rebates on water conservation products, including for rain barrels, to contribute to a statewide goal to cut residential water use 20 percent per person by the year 2020.

The district supplies 26 cities and water agencies in Southern California, or 19 million people across six counties.

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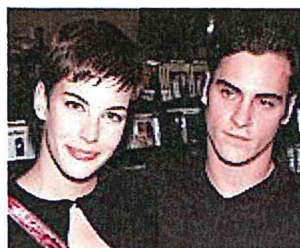
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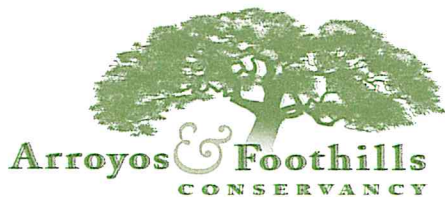
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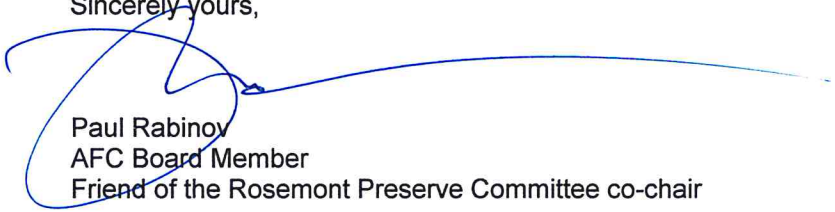
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Dear Dennis, Dave and the entire
Crescenta Valley Water District Board

I am writing to express my gratitude for the support the Water District has shown to the Rosemont Preserve by agreeing to the installation of a water meter and access to water for use at the property. The availability of water on site will greatly enhance all programs at the Preserve, and enable us to continue to follow our three primary objectives for the benefit of our community: Restoration, Education and Recreation.

On behalf of the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy and the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve, thank you for your support of this vital asset of our Crescenta Valley Community.

Sincerely yours,


Paul Rabinov
AFC Board Member
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