PUBLIC COMMENT for 10/27/2020 CVWD Board Mtg (from Marilyn Tyler)

1. On Friday 10/23/2020, Dennis Maxwell, Director of Operations and Christy Colby, Regulatory & Public Affairs Manager, took time from their busy day to talk to my husband Scott and me about the AMI project. We were able to examine an uninstalled Sensus Iperl water meter and proposed antenna assembly, and we were shown the different types of CVWD water meters currently in the ground, along with a Glendale City Water meter which is part of their AMI system. A field engineer also demonstrated how he downloaded 35 days of water usage data from a Sensus Iperl water meter and talked about his sometimes hazardous experience reading water meters (cars/spiders/wasps/gopher dirt). Mr. Maxwell and Ms. Colby patiently and enthusiastically answered our questions---what a dedicated team of people you have at CVWD!

2. A belated recognition of the excellent Oct. 8, 2020 Press Release on “Water and Wastewater Rates Update.” CVWD had a lot of information to present, and CVWD did so in a clear, concise, and caring way. I believe the enthusiastic response from the community was due to more than just the announcement of no rate increase this fiscal year, I believe that the caring tone of the press release was really felt by the community---and this builds trust.

3. There is a difference between what is in tonight’s CVWD Board agenda packet and what was presented at the 10/20/20 Finance Committee mtg. Please explain the difference---it appears to be good news, I just want to understand why:

Tonight’s CVWD Board agenda packet (Action Item 1): “At this time, the water fund is expected to add approximately $253K to reserves by year-end based primarily on strong Q1 water sales.”

CVWD Finance Committee packet dated 10/20/2020: At this time, the water fund is expected to add approximately $190K to reserves by year end based primarily on strong Q1 water sales.

Is the increase in the amount hopefully to be added to reserves (going up from $190K on 10/20/2020 to $253K on 10/27/2020) due to an even greater increase in water sales or something else?

I think there are two errors in the 10/27/2020 CVWD Board agenda packet:

1. Error in 10/27/2020 CVWD Board agenda packet (FY20-21 1st Quarter Actuals): Projected Year-End Expense for “Debt Service” should be $581K (not $539,645)

2. Error in 10/27/2020 CVWD Board agenda packet (FY20-21 1st Quarter Actuals): Projected Year-End Expense for “Interest Income Water” should be $238K - $25K = $213K (because 10/20/2020 Finance Committee packet showed “Projected Remaining Budget” for “Interest Income Water” = $25K (deficit))

So the amount which hopefully will be added to water reserves is $253K - $41K - $25K = $187K.