

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF CRESTLINE VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

FEBRUARY 18, 2003

President McGehee called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Crestline Village Water District to order at 3:00 PM, on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at the regular meeting place of said Board at its office in Crestline, California.

ROLL CALL: Present were President C. N. McGehee, Directors William Huckell, William Valko, Alan Clanin and Charles Spinks. Staff members present were Manager/Secretary Norman L. Hunt, Attorney Ronald Van Blarcom, Engineer Fred Hanson, Field Supervisor Don Wagner and Office Manager Karl Drew. Also present was Matt Webb, the President of Albert A. Webb & Associates.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: On a motion by Director Spinks and a second by Director Valko, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2003 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PROGRESS REPORT ON PINECREST, CHAMOIS AND FELSEN WELLS: Field Supervisor Wagner reported that electricity and the water main had been connected to the Chamois Well. The well has had some flushing and the water testing will begin soon. There have been a few electrical problems with the control panel that are being corrected. Some of the water testing will take a couple of months to complete and the source assessment will need to be completed before the well can go on line.

The District's employee, Chris Heryford has been discussing with Southern California Edison the best way to get power to the Pinecrest and Felsen Well sites. Both wells are some distance from acceptable power lines and Edison will have to extend their lines to these sites.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CHILLON AND SAXON STORAGE TANKS: Manager Hunt reported that District's crew has completed the onsite piping at the Chillon Storage Tank. There are a few items, such as gaskets, that need to be installed before the water mains are connected to the tank. Once the mains are connected, the painting contractor will disinfect and wash down the interior of the tank. The tank should be ready for use shortly after this work is completed.

The District's crew will be moving to the Saxon Storage Tank to begin work on the onsite piping.

REPORT ON CRESTLINE-LAKE ARROWHEAD WATER AGENCY MEETINGS REGARDING REQUEST FROM LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT: Manager Hunt reported on the various Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (CLAWA) meetings that he had attended during the last month. These meetings were about a request from Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (LACSD) to use the excess capacity of CLAWA's water system to treat and transport supplemental water from Silverwood Lake to

the LACSD water system. LACSD would purchase the supplemental water from other sources and arrange to have it transported to Silverwood Lake.

Engineer Hanson reported on the information that CLAWA presented at the meetings. Using CLAWA's existing system, with a few improvements, CLAWA could treat and transport about 658 acre feet per year through their system for LACSD. Between CLAWA's normal deliveries and the additional amount for LACSD, about 80% of the total CLAWA system capacity would be used. If LACSD is willing to pay for additional improvements to CLAWA's system, CLAWA could deliver up to 2,156 acre feet per year, based on the various scenarios that CLAWA reviewed. It is estimated that the cost of treating and transporting this water would be about \$1,800 to \$2,000 per acre foot.

There was general discussion regarding this matter. There was a discussion about the possibility of LACSD annexing to CLAWA. One issue to be considered if LACSD were to annex to CLAWA, is if LACSD would share in the state water entitlement that CLAWA currently has. CLAWA's entitlement is sufficient to meet its current customers' needs, but if LACSD were to share in that entitlement, there is a possibility that there would be years where there would not be enough water to meet all the needs of CLAWA's customers. LACSD has not made a formal request to CLAWA to consider annexation.

REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR GENERAL MANAGER: Manager Hunt reviewed with the Board bids that he had received for a replacement vehicle. He received bids on a 2003 Ford Expedition XLT, a 2003 Ford Explorer XLT, a 2003 GMC Envoy LS and a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS. The low bids for each of the vehicles are as follows:

2003 Ford Expedition XLT:	\$28,627.00
2003 Ford Explorer XLT:	\$24,607.60
2003 GMC Envoy LS:	\$25,325.00
2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS:	\$24,800.02

The bid for the Ford Explorer includes a V6 engine. A 4.6L V8 engine is available for an additional \$600. While looking at a Chevrolet Trailblazer, it was observed that there is very limited clearance in the wheel wells for chains. The Board recommended that Manager Hunt look at some other vehicles such as the Dodge Durango.

On a motion by Director Huckell and a second by Director Spinks, the Board unanimously authorized Manager Hunt to purchase a vehicle for his use at a price not to exceed \$26,000 plus tax.

SEELEY CREEK CROSSING AND EASEMENTS: Manager Hunt reviewed with the Board a letter from the District's engineering firm, Albert A Webb and Associates, which discusses the implications of the District being involved in the construction of a vehicle crossing of Seeley Creek at Vista Lane and State Highway 138. The District needs to install a water main creek crossing at this location and continue the water main west across three properties to the old Crestline Mountain Park property currently owned by the school district. Manager Hunt has been in discussion with two of the property owners discussing the possibility of participating in a vehicle creek crossing in exchange for easements across their properties.

Based on information that the engineers has obtained from the Department of Fish and Game and from San Bernardino County Flood Control, the engineers are recommending that the District not be involved in a vehicle crossing of the creek. They recommend that the District obtain the easements through other means and install a regular creek crossing for the water main that does not alter the stream channel.

There was general discussion regarding the methods of obtaining the required easements. The actual easements are worth about \$500 each, while the cost to obtain the easements by condemnation is much higher. On a motion by Director Clanin and a second by Director Huckell, the Board unanimously authorized Manager Hunt to negotiate with the property owners for a water main easement across their properties and authorized him to offer a maximum amount of \$3,500 each.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM: Office Manager Drew briefly discussed the increase in health insurance premiums. Premiums have increased an average of 21.6% from last year. As the Board has not had time to review the information presented, this item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Hunt reported on several items.

Snow Poles: Manager Hunt reported that the District was in the process of installing 105 snow poles at various locations. To the best of his knowledge, the District is the only utility fully conforming to the County's requirements for installing snow poles.

Dead Tree Removal: Manager Hunt reported that there were 20+ trees on the property where the District office is located that need to be removed. The trees were marked by an arborist and have been felled. The trees are scheduled to be chipped in the next week. The cost for this service is \$300 per tree.

There was a brief discussion regarding the monthly financial and water production reports.

DIRECTORS' REPORT: None.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 3:00 PM.