

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

NOVEMBER 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, November 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 Field Supervisor Don Wagner, Attorney Ronald Van Blarcom and Office Manager Karl Drew. Absent were Manager/Secretary Norman L. Hunt and Engineer Fred Hanson. Also present was Jim Bode, an associate of Attorney Van Blarcom.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: On a motion by Director Clanin and a second by Director Spinks, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2003 were unanimously approved as submitted.

On a motion by Director Spinks and a second by Director Clanin, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2003 were unanimously approved as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PROGRESS REPORT ON PINECREST, CHAMOIS AND FELSEN WELLS: Field Supervisor Wagner reported that the Chamois Vertical Well was currently producing about 26 gpm. The District has had some problems with sand from the well, so additional strainers are being installed. The Felsen Well is online and is currently producing about 38 gpm.

The electric company has not yet installed power to the Pinecrest Well site. They will not install power until they receive easement documents for their power lines.

HIGHWAY 138 - CRESTLINE MOUNTAIN PARK MAINLINE EXTENSION PROJECT: Field Supervisor Wagner reported that 1,060' of 12" water main has been installed. The line is across the first two privately owned properties. Cleanup work is being completed on these properties before work continues across the VOE Mobile Home Park and through the old Crestline Mountain Park property, which is now owned by the Rim of the World School District.

REMOVAL OF DEAD AND/OR INFESTED TREES: Field Supervisor Wagner reported that with the mainline project proceeding and the evacuation caused by the Old Fire, very little work has been done on this project during the past month.

PROPOSED PINECREST II WATER STORAGE TANK: There was no report on this item.

OLD FIRE: There was general discussion about the Old Fire, which began on October 25, 2003, and the resulting evacuation of the mountain area. Office Manager Drew reported that 27 homes

within the District's boundaries were lost as a result of the fire. There was no damage to District facilities, even though the fire burned around the Beacon and Pinecrest Storage Tanks.

General Manager Hunt, Field Supervisor Wagner and Serviceman Steve Wood stayed in the District during the initial period when the fire was threatening the Crestline area and kept the District's water system operating. Other employees assisted in evacuating their families and then attempted to return to work, but they were prevented from returning for several days by law enforcement officers. Most of the field employees had returned to work by Tuesday, October 28, 2003. The employees were living at the District office since it was one of the few facilities in the San Bernardino Mountains that has a standby generator and had power during the evacuation period.

A major area of concern to the District is that the "Emergency Service Passes" that the District issues to its employees were not honored by law enforcement until several days after immediate fire threat had passed. The District needs to be able to get its employees to work during an emergency. Other utilities in the area had the same problem of not being able to get their employees back to work.

Office Manger Drew reported that on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, when the fire was threatening to come back into the community from the west, he transported several key computer systems and some other computer equipment off of the mountain in case the building was lost or damaged and an office had to be setup some where else. The equipment was returned to the District office on Monday, November 3, 2003 and the office was open for business that day.

There was discussion about the lost homes in the Skyland area and the water loss that occurred as a result of the homes burning. Other residents of the District reported that when they returned home after the evacuation, they found their hoses stretched out and in some cases the water had been turned on and left running. Other customers turned on their sprinklers and left them running when they were evacuated. There have been a few complaints about high water bills, but not too many at this time. Staff may come back to the Board in the future to discuss possible adjustments of high water bills that were generated during the Old Fire.

On a motion by Director Huckell and a second by Director Valko, the Board instructed staff to prepare a resolution commending the District employees for a job well done during the Old Fire emergency.

MANAGER'S REPORT: There was a brief discussion regarding the monthly Financial, Investment and Water Production reports. All of the reports are now current.

DIRECTORS' REPORT: President McGehee expressed a desire to form a committee to review all of the District's charges and revenues. Directors Huckell and McGehee will serve on this committee.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 3:00 PM.