

Regular Board Meeting – September 16, 2026

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT: Office Operations

- a. I completed and submitted the 2026 Local Agency Biennial Notice to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. No amendment was required for CCSD’s Conflict of Interest Code.
- b. I completed the 2025-26 Annual Report for the Labor Compliance Program and e-mailed a pdf version to the Department of Industrial Relations.
- c. The CCSD business office was closed September 7th in observance of Labor Day.
- d. The Workers’ Compensation Annual Payroll Reconciliation was completed and submitted online to SDRMA by the deadline last month. The District received notification of a total contribution amount due of \$577.27, which was based on reconciliation of the final reportable payroll for the 2025-26 program year.
- e. I had a Microsoft Teams meeting on September 3rd with Akash Bhat of SWRCB-DFA, James Owens of NV5, and Jason Cunningham of SWRCB-Division of Drinking Water for updates on the Well Construction Project and the Water System Capital Improvements Project planning. James Owens reported that the final environmental survey was completed, and construction activities are in compliance with Mitigation Measures. Well equipping is in progress and should be done by the end of the month. Change Order No. 01 was completed; Akash Bhat will update Form 259 to reflect the change order. Reimbursement payments from the State for Claims 20, 21, and 22 are outstanding. Mr. Bhat just approved Claim 23. There was no update on the WS CIP. The Funding Agreement is still in progress, but no date is available for its completion.
- f. Monthly water base rate and water usage charge increases became effective on July 20, 2026. Customers saw the increase on the 08-31-2026 billing sent out this month. The increase of 7% to the base water rate and water usage charges are in accordance with Resolution #23-03 adopted by the CCSD Board of Directors on December 13, 2023. The most common meter increased from \$129.91 a month to \$139.00 a month, an increase of \$9.09. The water usage charge increased from \$1.20 per 100 cubic feet to \$1.28 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons), an increase of \$.08 per 100 cubic feet.
- g. The District received the 2026 Sanitary Survey Report for the water system, as prepared by Ingrid Salazar, Water Resource Control Engineer with DDW. The report documents findings of the Sanitary Survey, which is performed every three years, and events of the past three years. The report noted that sites are in good sanitary condition, operators are knowledgeable, and monitoring reports are submitted on time. It included reminders of samples that are due by 2028. The backflow device inventory is being updated, and the Cross-Connection Control Plan needs to be completed. The Response Form was returned on September 9th, as required.
- h. California Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) requires community water systems to monitor lead and copper levels at the consumers' taps. The District’s monitoring schedule requires testing every three years at ten residences. Samples will be collected prior to September 30th. Participants will receive a copy of the lab results. A summary of results will be included in the 2026 Consumer Confidence Report.
- i. CCSD submitted Request for Funds-Draw Request 02 to RCAC for the bridge loan for Well No. 4 Project on September 14th. The draw request is \$58,425 for payment of Contractor Pay Request 06 – Zim Industries, Inc dba Bakersfield Well & Pump Company.

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- a. A delivery of 250 gallons of hypochlorite solution 12.5% was delivered to the Water Treatment Plant on August 27th. The last chlorine delivery of 250 gallons was made on July 28th.
- b. Field staff serviced the Arsenic Removal Water Treatment Plant. They cleaned Reclaim Tank #1 and opened and check Filters A and B for residual. The filter system is working properly.
- c. Field staff also serviced the standby generator at the WTP. A new serpentine belt will be installed this week.
- d. Many supplies have been ordered to ensure that the District is stocked with parts for repairs and replacement for the meter replacement program and water emergencies.
- e. Meter readings of the 8-inch flow meter for Rehoboth Well #1 are taken daily. Water usage is also metered throughout filter production and distribution. CCSD staff conferred with Mario Cervantes, Sr., and it was determined that a new meter head assembly was needed for the 8-inch flow meter. It has been ordered and will be installed by field staff.
- f. Operations of the water and sewer systems are under good control.

CCSD FACTS:

- It costs **\$4.63 per day** to have access to clean, safe, **potable** water to a residence.
- It costs **\$1.28 for 1 unit** – 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons – of water used for all personal and household needs.
- It costs **\$2.20 per day** for wastewater and sewage to be discharged away from a residence into the sewer wastewater system.
- It costs a CCSD customer **\$0.67 (67¢) per day** for legal representation in the Cuyama Groundwater Basin Adjudication Case.
- The **base** monthly bill is **\$225.00**; base water rate \$139.00 + base sewer rate \$66.00 + surcharge \$20.00. Water usage charge of \$1.28 per unit is added according to customer’s consumption (e.g., 20 units = \$25.60 added to water).
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set the Maximum Contamination Level of 10 ppb for arsenic in drinking water. Your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic.
- Water quality data is recorded monthly. The report is available on the cuyamacsd.org website and the CCSD business office.
- The Consumer Confidence Report is distributed to all customers every year. The CCR is also available at the CCSD business office.