

Regular Board Meeting – October 12, 2022

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Office Operations

- a. I had an in-person meeting with Al Correale of USDA RD on September 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss CCSD's USDA RUS loans. Although USDA RD does not have a loan forgiveness program, there may be an option to re-amortize the loans to minimize the annual amount due. He will investigate the process, and I will provide a narrative of the District's financial situation and its efforts address financial issues. Mr. Correale is updating servicing requirements for the loans (Compliance Review and Triennial Inspection).
- b. Bid Opening for the Well No. 4 Project was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; however, no one showed up and no bids were presented. I contacted legal counsel regarding the new solicitation process to extend the deadline. NV5 engineers are working on strategies to attracting bidders and minor scoping modifications.
- c. I composed a letter to Russell Garrison of Bethel Engineering to detail the CCSD Board's concerns regarding the Ranchoil Subdivision Project submittal by Bethel Engineering. The letter was issued on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and I have not received a response yet.
- d. I am still awaiting a call from a CRWA specialist to set up the free leak detection survey, which was approved by the State.
- e. I am still awaiting assistance from Jerry Tinoco of RCAC to submit a TA Request form to the State for RCAC's assistance with a new Rate Study.
- f. Matt Naftaly of Dudek will schedule a site visit of the water system sometime in the next couple of weeks to move forward with Prop 68 - Technical Assistance Program for Water System Improvements.
- g. The Annual Budget FY 2022-2023 was adopted on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and I completed budget reports for July 2022 and August 2022. CCSD Adopted Budget has been revised to include adjustments that were approved on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- h. Monthly reports for the water system were completed and submitted to SWRCB-DDW.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Field Operations

- a. The ARWTP filter system is working effectively for treatment of arsenic removal. The lab result of the Water Plant effluent sample taken on September 13<sup>th</sup> was 7.7 ppb, while the arsenic level of Water Well #1 was 51 ppb.
- b. A delivery of 250 gallons of hypochlorite solution 12.5% was delivered to the Water Plant on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The last chlorine delivery of 270 gallons was made on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Field staff discovered a leak in the main water line at the Newsome Street walk bridge. A clamp was used to stop the leak, but the water line is in bad condition and needs to be replaced. A new shut-off valve was recently installed on one side of the creek for the line to the Fire Department. Dean Lovett conferred with Will Price about the repair, and they determined to weld in a new shut-off valve on the other side to isolate the pipe and schedule its replacement at a later date when all materials are available. In addition, water service to the Townsite will be interrupted during the repair/replacement, so notices will be issued to customers in a timely manner. Meanwhile, field staff is monitoring the water line closely. Supplies were ordered for the installation of the shut-off valve at a total cost of \$3,003.21.
- d. Field staff also discovered a leak in a water line at Cuyama Valley High School last week. A clamp was used to stop the leak. The line will need to be replaced when school is not in session, since water service will be interrupted during the repair/replacement.
- e. Field operations of the water and sewer systems are under good control.