

CUYAMA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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The Cuyama Community Services District (CCSD) owns and manages the water resources of the District, along with the sewer system and the wastewater treatment facilities. The District strives to maintain optimal operations while conducting business in the best interest of its customers.

In 2017, CCSD became a member of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) that was formed in response to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. A Director of the CCSD Board of Directors represents CCSD on the governing Board of the CBGSA, thereby ensuring the District's involvement with a Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan that includes a good outcome for the community.

When Bolthouse Land Company, LLC, Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc., Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., Diamond Farming Company, Lapis Land Company, LLC, and Ruby Property Holdings, LLC filed a Complaint for Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin in 2021, CCSD contracted Best, Best & Krieger, Attorneys at Law, for their professional services to represent CCSD and protect its rights to supply water to its customers.

Although the importance of representation is realized, these legal fees had a significant impact on the District's operating expenses at a cost of nearly \$45,000 last fiscal year. To keep up with the high cost of legal representation in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin Adjudication Case it will be necessary to implement a surcharge to cover the cost of these new legal fees. It is anticipated that this trend will continue, creating a large financial hardship for our small community services district until the Adjudication case is settled.