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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. TAYLORSVILLE FIRE HALL 4290 NELSON STREET, TAYLORSVILLE, CA. 95983

1. Call To Order/Roll Call:

• Chair Orange, Director Schramel, Director Bentz, were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Orange led the group in the pledge.

3. Approve the Agenda:

 Director Schramel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was 3- Yes, 0- No, and 2- Vacant.

4. Appoint Board Member:

 Roger Cherry took the Oath of Office administered by Board Clerk Titcomb and took his seat at the table.

5. Presentation by Local Attorney Bret Cook, Potential Lawsuit/Dixie Fire: Discussion Only:

• Bret Cook P.C. and Potter Handy, Parkinson & Benson were available to do a presentation about how the District was harmed and that the Board could decide at some point in time to join the lawsuit to recover losses due to the Dixie Fire that destroyed much of Greenville, Canyon Dam, and Indian Falls. Bret introduced his legal team that would be answering questions. They discussed loss of income, denuded hillsides, possible mudslides, infrastructure damages, and possible flood insurance due to the burned up trees and shrubs. There were some questions and answers. Ted Cassidy was introduced at this time as he had some input and was acknowledged as the Interim General Manager for the IVCSD. They covered the fee schedule for any funds that would be recovered due to the lawsuit.



6. IVCSD Water/Sewer Systems Update, Chief Plant Operator Don Silva:

- **a.** Water/Sewer Connections on Burned Parcels: All sewer connections are supposed to be capped off on burned parcels. Water lines will be cut off and the lots will be ready for clearing.
- b. Water/Sewer Connections for New Construction: As the parcels are cleared and prepped for rebuilding the customers will need to go through the County Building Department and then they will seek a "Will Serve Letter" from the District in order to restore services. Any rules that exist in the Ordinances of the District, such as a shut off valve on the Customer's side of the meter so that they have their own control over their own pipes, and repairs. If the requirement exists for a fire suppression in home system then the size of the meter and the service pipe might need to be larger than the existing service line and 5/8ths meter. Back flow prevention devices will be required on certain parcels depending upon the elevation of the sewer line and if it is subject to back flow from the system.
- **c.** Monthly Operations Report: Greenville water plant is operating on temporary, generator power. No water is coming from the reservoir at this time. Water is coming from the commercial wells and being treated in a small structure built at the water plant site, and is being controlled manually at this time. Greenville sewer lift station is being powered by a generator and fuel is now being provided by PG&E for that generator. Crescent Mills water is operating as normal. Taylorsville Sewer is having issues with an aging generator and it has been discussed before as a piece of infrastructure that needs to be replaced. A request for bids to replace it was sent out but none of the correct sizes of generators that would meet California emission standards was available, so a different size would be required. A new proposal will be forthcoming for this replacement. Some discussion came forward from the public in opposition to Greenville using surface water, (lake water), for drinking water. He mentioned that the underground boring machine was destroyed and that jobs requiring tunneling under the roads would require bids for those operations.



7. Potential Rate Adjustments:

- 1. Should Regular Billing for July be Sent? The general manager recommends yes that normal billing for July 2021 be sent. A motion to approve the recommendation by the GM and send normal billing for July was made by Director Schramel and seconded by Director Orange. The vote was 4- Yes and 0- No votes, 1- Vacancy. This motion passes with a majority vote.
- 2. Should All August 2021 Billing for Greenville be Waived: The general manager recommends yes to waive the billing for the month of August 2021 for Greenville. A motion to accept the GM's recommendation and waive the billing for August 2021 for Greenville was made by Director Orange and seconded by Director Bentz. The vote was 4- Yes, 0- No, and 1- Vacancy. This motion passes with a majority vote.
- 3. Should Greenville Customers That Did Not Lose Their Homes Be
 Charged for Water in August 2021: The Board discussed tabling this to a
 later date. A motion to table this item was made by Director Schramel
 and seconded by Director Orange. The vote was 4- Yes, 0- No, and 1Vacancy. This motion passes with a majority vote.
- 4. Should Crescent Mills Customers be Charged for Water in August 2021:
 A motion to waive charges for the customers in Crescent Mills for
 August 2021 was made by Director Schramel and seconded by Director
 Bentz. The vote was 4- Yes, 0- No, and 1- Vacancy. This motion passes
 with a majority vote.
- 5. Should Taylorsville Customers be Charged for August 2021 Services:

 The general manager recommends yes that no service interruption happened in August 2021 for the community sewer system. A motion to approve the recommendation and send regular billing for Taylorsville for August 2021 Services was made by Director Schramel and seconded by Director Orange. The vote was 4- Yes, 0- No, and 1- Vacancy. This motion passes with a majority vote.
- 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. And 11. All of these questions were discussed as not ready to be voted on yet. The Board felt like they needed more time to consider these items and a motion to table them until the next meeting was made by Director Schramel and seconded by Director Bentz. The vote was 4- Yes, 0- No, and 1- Vacancy. This motion passes with a majority vote.



- **8.** List of IVCSD Checks for July, August, September, and October 2021: Board Clerk Titcomb presented the multiple months of check lists. The Board looked over the lists and had few questions or recommendations.
- 9. Fire Department Report- Acting Chief Bob Orange: He reports that he will check with Cal-OES for substitute radios since the one picked is back ordered and no estimation of being back in stock. The need is for communications gear that is compatible with the State communications gear. City of Redlands has donated a newer truck for the department. When newer trucks are donated to the department it was asked that an older unit be sent to surplus so that there's room for all of the trucks and to make sure that costs of insurance and repairs are reasonable. He reported that Colusa County Fire did a fill the boot event and raised funds for the fire volunteers that lost their homes in the fire, and that those funds were distributed during the Veteran's Day event in Greenville.
- 10. GM's Report: Interim General Manager Cassidy reported on his activities in regard to the District's needs. He contacted State Senator Brian Dahle's office for a request for State funding due to loss of revenues, due to burned down houses and commercial buildings. Paradise was given funds to assist them in their ability to continue to operate from the State and it is so badly needed. He discussed the replacement plan for the destroyed lift stations for Greenville Sewer. He also discussed his call to the land owner concerning future defensible space for the community water plant, pipes, and wells. Everyone seems ready to help whenever possible. He has made contact with the Paradise system manager and ongoing conversations will lead to what and when, and how it needs to be addressed.
- 11. Closed Session: The Board went into Closed Session.
- **12. Report Out of Closed Session:** There was No action taken during Closed Session.
- **13. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Signed Board Clerk:	 	
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Signed Board Chair:		

Passed on December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.