

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

May 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE: President Steven Farrell called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Crestline Village Water District to order at 3:06 pm, on Tuesday, May 21, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Present were President Steven Farrell, Vice President William Barrera, Director Cory Hubbell, and Director Leslie Brister. Director Kenneth Stone arrived at 3:19pm.

Staff members present were Operations Manager David Sale, General Manager Thomas Weddle, Office Manager Josselyn Quine and District Counsel Ronald Van Blarcom.

Public in Attendance: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 2025 Regular Board Meeting. With the removal of one duplicated paragraph, and on a motion by Director Hubbell, and second by Director Barrera, the minutes for the April 15, 2025, meeting were approved with the following vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Hubbell, Brister and Farrell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Director Stone.

ABSTAINED: None.

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

There was general discussion about the cash disbursements. Director Brister inquired about the payment going to Quinn Company for \$2,070.15, Ferguson for \$40,119.37 and USA Bluebook for \$535.60. Manager Quine explained these payments. Quinn Company came to the District to service our generator that powers the entire building during power outages. Ferguson Waterworks purchase was for Valley View Mutual Water Company for their meters and some Neptune equipment. The purchase from USA Bluebook was for a Geophone Kit to detect leaks. On a motion made by Director Hubbell and a second by Director Brister, the cash disbursements for April 2025 were approved with the following vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Hubbell, Brister and Farrell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Director Stone.

ABSTAINED: None.

MONTHLY FINANCIALS:

The Board reviewed and discussed the monthly financials for April 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REGULAR SESSION:

CONSIDER APPOINTING DESIGNATED VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR ACWA ELECTIONS.

Manager Weddle explained the process of designating a voting representative. By default, the General Manager is the voting representative for the District. After some discussion, it was decided to allow the default option. Manager Weddle will receive an electronic voting ballot on July 21, 2025. Director Farrell has expressed interest in being nominated for the ACWA elections. On a motion by Director Hubbell and a second by Director Brister, the Board agreed to have General Manager Weddle vote on behalf of the District with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Hubbell, Stone, Brister and Farrell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

CONSIDER COVERING MEDICARE PART A FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEES.

Manager Quine discussed with the Board the possibility of covering Medicare Part A for retired employees. It has been brought to the District's attention that retirees are required by ACWA JPIA to sign up for Medicare Part A and B when they turn 65 to continue their medical coverage. When someone retires from the District, the District will pay the medical premiums for life, up to the District maximum. This year, that amount is \$1,706. General Counsel Van Blarcom located a policy stating that the District may cover all or a portion of Medicare Part B costs. After some discussion it was determined that the cost of Medicare and medical premiums, the District would cover up to the District max. This would include any medical premiums provided by the District and Medicare, not to exceed the Districts' allotment. The District will update its Personnel Manual to reflect on this change and present it to the Board.

CONSIDER COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.

In considering the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), the District has reviewed the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. COLA is intended to adjust the wage schedules for the changes in purchasing power caused by inflation or deflation. The year ending April of 2025, the average CPI for Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ontario is 2.56%.

Director Farrell would like to see a comparison of what other Districts around the area are providing for COLA. After general discussion and on a motion by Director Stone and a second by Director Hubbell, the Board approved a 2.5% increase for all employees, including the General Manager effective May 22, 2025, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Hubbell, Stone, Brister and Farrell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

CONSIDER CHANGING REGULAR BOARD MEETING FROM OCTOBER 21ST TO OCTOBER 14TH, 2025.

After some general discussion and a motion by Director Brister and a second by Director Hubbell the Board approved the move of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting from October 21st to October 14th, 2025, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Hubbell, Brister and Farrell.

NOES: Director Stone.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

Field Maintenance

District flushing, meter testing and inventory have all been completed. eAR has been corrected, sent in, and approved.

Valley View Park has reached back out to us and wants us to do the tank readings and CLAWA adjustments again. Jim has officially retired. We agreed to help them out. Currently we are about 80% completed with their AMI system meter change out, on track before their next meter reading time. We hung notices to half the system that will be out of water during repairs on 5/14 and 5/15. This will allow Cla-Val to repair their valves and have the system work properly again.

Right now, at Brookside tank we only fill it with CLAWA water in that zone. This costs the district a little more than \$25,000 a year. We were exploring the idea of putting a Cla-Val in a vault below the wells on Brookside Rd. It could reduce the dangerous pressure and auto fill the tank as needed. This would be using Old Mill/Saxon water instead. We believe this would help us use up more water that we currently have available but are not using in that zone.

CPF Request: Following two conversations with Patrick Paolini, the Legislative Director for the Congressman, We have been told that our meter project will be submitted for approval. The District was the only project of the 26 submitted that was from our area. Most projects ask for 3 to 4 times more than this project, which along with being the only one from our area provides, according to Mr. Paolini, the District with a high probability of being approved for the entire amount. This funding would be a part of Fiscal Year 2026.

SCE Meeting: Had a Zoom meeting with Edison on power shut offs and what triggers them. This will help in planning for future shut offs.

CLAWA Rate Increase: CLAWA will have a public hearing on June 17, at 2 p.m. to discuss rate increases.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS: There were no Directors Reports.

DRAFT

1. Requests for Future Agenda Items: Present policy updates for Medicare Part A & B reimbursements.
2. Staff Items: None.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm. The next meeting date is June 17, 2025. This meeting will be held in person at the District office at 3pm.