

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

February 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE: President Steve Farrell called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Crestline Village Water District to order at 3:01 pm, on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Present were President Steve Farrell, Directors Kenneth Stone, Leslie Brister, William Barrera, and Cory Hubbell.

Staff members present were General Manager Thomas Weddle, Office Manager Josselyn Quine, Operations Manager Dale Sale, and District Counsel Ronald Van Blarcom. Nicholas Rosas with WEBB attended via Zoom for any questions.

Public in attendance: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 2026 Regular Board Meeting. After no corrections and on a motion by Director Brister, and seconded by Director Hubbell, the minutes for the January 20, 2026, meeting were approved with the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

There was general discussion about the cash disbursements. On a motion by Director Brister, and seconded by Director Barrera, the cash disbursements for January 2026 were approved with the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MONTHLY FINANCIALS:

The Board reviewed and discussed the monthly financials for January 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REGULAR SESSION:

CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE ACWA JPIA SPRING CONFERENCE; MAY 5-7, 2026; SACRAMENTO, CA

The ACWA / ACWA JPIA Spring Conferences are scheduled to be held between May 5, 2026, and May 7, 2026, in Sacramento, CA. On a motion by Director Hubbell and a second by Director Brister, The Board unanimously approved the attendance of these conferences. President Farrell and Office Manager Quine will be attending. They also noted if any other staff or Board member would like to attend, they may do so with this approval.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 513, UPDATES TO PERSONNEL MANUAL

Resolution 513 is updating the holidays observed by the District. We are currently observing 9 of the 11 Federal Holidays. Staff presented the addition of Juneteenth and Indigenous People's Day, previously known as Columbus Day. After general discussion, the Board would like staff to present this again but would like to state Indigenous People's Day as a holiday and implement a Flex day for Juneteenth to allow for the office to stay open to the public. The Flex day will allow employees to choose which day they would like to have off throughout the year to be paid as a holiday.

DISCUSS RATE STUDY:

The Board was presented with a two-tier scenario, recommended by Staff, which lowers the current top tier from 1300 cubic feet to 500 cubic feet. This was done based on the water that the District needs to purchase from CLAWA. There was discussion about increasing the monthly fixed cost in lieu of changing the Tier. Staff noted that this would not generate enough funds to cover the budget imbalance aside from these current costs being the reason behind the majority of the complaints coming into the office. There was no decision made at the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

Field Manager

We recently noticed that our Barn tank DCU was not calling in. We found this out online in the Aclara portal. Josselyn and I are currently collaborating with them to resolve this issue. Part of the problem we mentioned to them is why do we pay for a premium package to monitor our DCU'S and maintain them? They never started a ticket or even informed us. This DCU has not called in since 11/23/25. They emailed us saying our battery and power supply is bad, and that they would send us a quote to get it replaced and installed. I evaluated the battery myself and it read 12.8 volts. This tells me the power supply (solar) is in fact working. I took the battery to Don's Auto for further testing. They came back and said he put a load on it, enough to start a car for longer than normal. It passed all the tests. We explained to Aclara our findings but have yet to hear back from anyone. After going back and forth with Aclara, we were able to get ahold of David Milano, manager of Aclara Field Services, and were able to schedule a visit for troubleshooting. It was found the modem inside the DCU was the issue. Repairs were made. No purchases were made for a new battery or solar panel. This DCU is back online.

We worked a bit in the CSD vault. We were able to get it restrained by bolting from the wall to the pipe and from the floor to the pipe. With other jobs taking precedence, we have not

gone back to finish the job.

As you may have seen on the news, we had a main break at 897 Nesthorn Dr. This is a 6" ACP water main. It was struck by an excavator bucket, and water had rushed downhill between houses and into the water way. We had a crew out there until 2am doing the repairs to get it back online. We also stayed connected with the County road department to put the road back to their specifications.

Brookside tree that was hanging over the road was removed. This took Corey, owner of All of the Above, and his crew 3 days to carefully get down and cut it up for us. No damage was received to any of our property.

We installed a new tap at 23150 Crest Forest Dr. This is one of the last taps on our line next to Valley View. We have no as-builts on this portion of main . This was a terrific opportunity to locate exactly where our main is and connect new locating wire to it.

Office Manager

Our new MSP, Circle, is aware we need to upgrade and replace 3 servers. Back in 2025, with the previous MSP, we discussed this and the cost was \$15,000 - \$20,000 per server. Each of our servers is running on 2019 Microsoft, which is out of date and at cybersecurity risk is increased. Circle will be initiating this process on our behalf. We have been planning to replace one or two servers at a time due to cost, over the next few years but with this grant, we will be able to replace all 3 at the same time, if approved. We have included the document provided by Circle outlining the grant process.

General Manager

2026 Federal Appropriations. Our \$1,000,000 appropriations funding has passed the House, Senate, and signed by the president. This money is expected to be available by the end of the year.

2027 Federal Appropriations. We have applied for \$8,500,000 in Federal appropriations for FY 2027, through Obernolte's office. This would go into replacing the entire main on Wylerhorn. We have made numerous repairs on this line. There is a planned visit from Congressman Obernolte's Staffer in March.

2027 Senate Appropriations. Applications are now open for FY2027 Senate Appropriations, also known as Congressionally Directed Spending or earmarks.

We will be applying for appropriations through two different offices. The application through Senator Schiff's office is due by March 6 and Senator Padilla's office is due by March 13. The same projects will be applied for through both offices.

Rate Study Update. Two additional scenarios, 9 and 10, focusing on splitting consumption so that in scenario 9, we have 2/3 consumption in tier 1 and 1/3 in tier 2. In scenario 10, just

under 60% consumption is in tier 1 and just over 40% is in tier 2.

Scenario 9 the rate is \$6.00 for tier 1 with a cap of 500 CF consumption, and tier 2 is \$8.55.

Scenario 10 lowers the consumption cap to 400 CF, and the rates for both tiers are \$0.20 lower.

The thought is to use the tier caps that most mirror what is happening on average for the year. Staff are recommending using Scenario 9, which has 2/3 of the water being used from District wells and 1/3 of the water being purchased through CLAWA.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

1. Director's Reports: None.
2. Requests for Future Agenda Items:
3. Staff Items: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into closed session at 4:46 pm for Manager Weddle's yearly review.

Upon returning from Open Session at 6:03 pm, the Board approved a 10% raise for Manager Weddle. There are no other changes made to the current contract between Crestline Village Water District and General Manager Thomas Weddle.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm. The next meeting date is March 17, 2026. This meeting will be held in person at the District office at 3pm.