

Memo

To: Board of Directors

From: Tom Weddle, General Manager

Date: March 19, 2024 Subject: Manager's Report

1. Field Maintenance – The dump truck has been finished and will be delivered the week of March 18.

There were a number of recalls on the District vehicles. They are all finished and caught up now.

The Ford Ranger had zero compression in one of the cylinders. It was taken to Amcal, down the hill, and they determined the motor needed to be rebuilt. After weighing the pros and cons of getting it repaired, it was decided that it was much more cost effective to have the engine rebuilt and hold on to it for a number of years verses replacing it.

The larger diesel trucks are finished with their yearly DOT inspection and repairs.

The Chlorination analyzer at Pioneer had quit working properly. We got about 15 years of continuous operation. A new one was ordered and installed.

We have two seasonal employees this year. We felt this would help in our task to do the Lead Service Line Inventory for the EPA.

We were able to get an account set up with VVPMWC and our lab so that we can take samples to the lab.

The PFAS sampling we did for the EPA will be a quarterly event for the first year.

- **2. Water Report –** The District CLAWA purchases continue to be less than 10% of the total water provided to our customers. Our well production along with our CLAWA purchases for February was over 500,000 cubic feet less than February 2023.
- **3. Residential Water Usage –** After facing criticism, California water regulators have proposed new conservation rules that would ease requirements for urban suppliers and lead to smaller statewide water savings than originally planned.

An initial proposal from the State Water Resources Control Board ran into strong opposition last year, with managers of water agencies arguing that the large, proposed cuts in water use

between 2025 and 2035 would be costly and difficult to implement. Those criticisms were echoed in a scathing review by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office.

In response, the state water board's staff rewrote its blueprint for regulations, proposing less stringent water-saving standards while reducing the number of suppliers that would be required to achieve large cuts of more than 20% and extending the timeline for water reductions an additional five years to 2040.

Water reductions will be based on usage 2017-2021. Crestline reduction amounts will be 4% by 2030, 9% by 2035, and 12% by 2040.

	2030	2035	2040
- Contra Costa Water District	0%	0%	-4%
City of Corcoran	0%	0%	0%
City of Corona	-9%	-16%	-20%
City of Covina	-19%	–26%	-29 %
Crescent City	0%	0%	0%
Crescenta Valley Community Water District	0%	-4%	-10%
Crestline Village Water District	-4%	–9%	-12%
Cucamonga County Water District	– 7%	-14%	-17%
Daly City	0%	0%	0%
City of Davis	0%	0%	-2%

Your supplier is the utility that bills you for water. Data are provisional as of March 2024. Water reductions are based on water use from 2017-2021.

- **4. Farmers Market –** I attended the Chamber of Commerce and had a chance to discuss the District renting a place at the Farmers Market. We can rent a spot once or twice a month verses every Friday. Water conservation information is available through Education and Outreach. I spoke to them at ACWA and got samples of things that we could use to help us get the word out for water conservation.
- **5. ACWA –** AB2257. The purpose of this act is to create an exhaustion of administrative remedies procedure that, if implemented by a local agency, requires ratepayers to bring an objection regarding a proposed property-related water or sewer fee or charge, or any special assessment to the local public agency governing body's attention prior to the deadline established by the local public agency as part of the rate or assessment consideration process. The purpose of the act is also to provide an opportunity for the local public agency to address or resolve the objection or objections before its governing body makes a final decision on whether to establish a new, or amend a current, property-related fee or special assessment pursuant to Proposition 218.
- **6. Emergency Response Plan –** The District currently has an emergency response plan as part of the 2020 Urban Water management plan that was adopted June 15, 2021.