

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter June 2018



The mission of the Grizzly Flats Community Services District is to maintain the highest ethical standards for its Board members and employees while providing quality water in a fiscally responsible manner for the community of Grizzly Flats.

2018/2019 Budget Process

The District's annual budget process is underway. The proposed budget will be available for inspection by the public on June 6, 2018 on our website or at the District office during normal business hours; Monday – Friday, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The GFCSD Board of Directors will review the budget at their regular meeting scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2018, at 9:00 am at the District office. Any person may appear and be heard regarding any item in the budget. The final budget is expected to be approved by the Board during their regular meeting scheduled for July 13, 2018.

Scheduled Rate Increase

As a reminder, customers will see water rates change on the water statements dated July 31, 2018. The basic rate will be **\$63.95** and the volumetric charge will be **\$1.17 per hundred cubic feet**. The Board will review the District's financial position during the budget process to verify that the scheduled rate increase is needed.

The table below demonstrates the current and future water rates approved in 2016:

	Approved Water Rates (by Fiscal Year)					
	Prior to 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Basic Rate (per month)	\$60.37	\$59.30	\$61.58	\$63.95	\$66.41	\$68.97
Volumetric Rate (per hcf)*		\$1.15	\$1.16	\$1.17	\$1.19	\$1.20

*hcf = One hundred cubic foot = 748 gallons

The rate structure includes two rate components: a monthly basic rate for all customers within the District's service boundaries that have a meter installed and a volumetric charge based on the volume of water actually consumed by the customer. These rates were approved in July 2016 during the Prop 218 process. The Cost of Services Study, Prop 218 notice, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found on our website, under the "Customer Info" tab.

Meter Replacement Project

Our Meter Replacement Project is in full swing with more than 60 meters replaced last month. GFCSD received Proposition 84 grant funding from the Department of Water Resources to replace 300 meters. The process may vary but you'll usually see our maintenance crew come by to dig out the meter box and meter assembly. They will hang a door tag or attempt to contact an adult at the location to notify you about the work being done. Next, a Water Operator will come and swap out your meter. Water service to your home will be interrupted for a short time (usually 10 – 30 minutes). Then, our maintenance crew comes back to reinstall the meter box and return the area to its original condition. Usually the meter swap process takes a few days, but may take longer depending on our work load.

What color ink do you use on your checks?



If you pay your water bill with a personal check, do you fill it in with blue or black ink? We process customer checks into the bank using an electronic scanner which has issues reading certain ink shades (usually light colors such as pink, red, orange, and yellow). To avoid processing delays, please fill out your checks with dark blue or black ink so that it can be read by the scanner.

CDAА Tree Mortality Project Update

On April 25, 2017, the Grizzly Flats Community Services District was approved for Cal OES (Governor's Office of Emergency Services) funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAА) to remove all dead or dying beetle-killed trees that pose a threat to the District's infrastructure. Cal OES funding covers 75% of the total project cost, and our District is responsible for the remaining 25%. In order to help expedite tree mortality projects such as ours, CAL FIRE recently appropriated Local Assistance for Tree Mortality (LATM) grant funding to 10 high priority areas, including El Dorado County. **We are happy to announce that the Grizzly Flats Community Services District was allocated \$82,717 of CAL FIRE's LATM grant funding to help cover our 25% cost share!**

The District's CDAА Tree Mortality Project was split into two phases: Central Locations (Phase 1) and Eagle Ditch (Phase 2). Phase 1 was successfully completed in December, 2017. Staff is now preparing to go to bid for the second phase of the project, which includes private properties and U.S. Forest Service land along Eagle Ditch pipeline. We look forward to putting the grant funding to good use!

Are you interested in serving on our Board of Directors?

We have an upcoming election in November 2018, and anticipate one more Board vacancy between now and then. This is a **volunteer** position that will require a commitment to attend monthly meetings as well as any special meetings as needed. If you would like more information about this role, you can contact our office staff Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Additionally, you can refer to the "Board Orientation" document on "The Board" tab of our website at www.grizzlyflatscsd.com. This document offers an overview of how the District operates and expectations for Board members.

Meter Reading Volunteer Opportunity!

GFCSД physically reads every meter in our system between the 18th – 22nd of each month. We are looking for volunteers who can help with this task! This activity includes driving or walking a specified route, walking up and down dirt hillsides which can be steep, lifting meter box lids, in some cases moving dirt or other debris to expose the meter, accurately documenting the meter read and noting any maintenance needs. If you are interested, give our office a call at (530) 622-9626 or email us at gfwater@sbcglobal.net.

***** *Upcoming Community Events* *****

- Burger Nights – starting June 8, 2018, and continuing every Friday through the summer at the Grizzly Flats Community Church, 5061 Sciaroni Road. Serving starts at 6:00 PM. If you're interested in volunteering, you can sign up via the following link: <http://signup.com/go/mrNKhgB>.
- Grizzly Flats Community Church, 5061 Sciaroni Road – Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018 - Jesus' Flock, Getting to Know Our Shepherd – For kids age Pre-K to 6th grade, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, July 9th-13th. Contact the church with any questions.
- Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council – meets the 1st Saturday of the month at the Grizzly Flats Community Church. Meetings start at 9:30 AM.

