

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter August 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.

Scheduled Rate Increase

As a reminder, customers will see water rates change on the water statements dated July 31, 2018. The basic rate will change to **\$63.95** and the volumetric charge will change to **\$1.17 per hundred cubic feet**. The District staff and Board of Directors evaluated the prior year's revenue and expenses in June to verify that the scheduled rate increase was needed to continue to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

The table below shows the adopted 5 Year Plan for water service charges:

	Prior to 2016	Approved Water Rates (by Fiscal Year)				
		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: (i) a monthly basic rate for all customers within the District's service boundaries that have a meter installed and (ii) a volumetric charge based on the volume of water actually consumed by the customer. This rate change was approved in 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.

Long-Term Water Conservation Legislation Fact Sheet

We've received some questions about the recent legislation signed by Governor Brown regarding long term water conservation. The new legislation is directed at "urban water suppliers". GFCSO is not considered an "urban water supplier" at this time. Although, water conservation is important to our District and we encourage all of our customers to use their water wisely, the framework adopted in the new legislation will not have an impact on you as a water customer at this time. Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more information!

Grizzly Flats CSD joins Facebook!

Yes, we have finally joined Facebook! Please like our page which can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Grizzly-Flats-Community-Services-District-289164634950282/>

New Appointments, Election and Vacancy Notice for the Grizzly Flats CSD Board of Directors *(See the full vacancy notice posted on our website or at the Grizzly Flats Post Office.)*

It's been a busy time for our Board of Directors! In the last six months we've had three out of our five Board members resign. All three moved out of California to various places. We appointed Mr. David Robinson to the Board in February and Mr. Shawn Morgan to the Board in July. They join our Board Chair, Doug Updike and Board Vice Chair, Don Sutton.

Unfortunately, July was Director Skip McLaughlin's last meeting. So, we are again looking to fill a vacancy! You may contact the District for more information on the vacancy if you are interested in serving as a Board member. It is a volunteer position and requires you to attend one Board meeting per month. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 10th. Meetings are held at the District office (4765 Sciaroni Rd.) and begin at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to attend a meeting to see your District in action.

There's no requirement to know the water industry. The General Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the District. The Board's job is to set strategic goals and objectives for the District and ensure accountability by reviewing policies, budgets, monthly financial and operational reports. The only requirement is that your primary residence must be within the GFCSD boundaries and you must be a registered voter of the District. GFCSD staff is here to support you in your role as a Board member and we work as a team to maintain the highest standards for our customers.

We also have an election coming up in November where all five of our Board seats are up for election! Anyone who is interested in a seat on the Board will need to file with El Dorado County Elections Department before **August 10th**. This deadline is approaching quickly, so please don't delay if you have any interest in serving on the Board. Contact our office today for more information either by phone (530) 622-9626 or email Kim (GFCSD's Board Secretary) at gfwater@sbcglobal.net.

District Treasurer Needed

GFCSD is looking for a qualified individual to fill our District Treasurer position. The District Treasurer is a volunteer position and is appointed by the Board of Directors. **This position may only take an hour of your time every other week.** Attendance at Board meetings is not mandatory unless there is a specific issue to discuss.

The District Treasurer works with the General Manager to ensure accountability for the finances of the District. Specific duties and responsibilities include:

- Following the procedure for signing checks for payroll and vendors of the District.
- Determining if invoices and demands against the District conform to the District's approved budget.

If you are interested, please send in a letter of interest outlining your experience which qualifies you for this position. Resumes are also acceptable and may be sent to gfwater@sbcglobal.net.

