

## Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter May 2019



*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.*

### Join GFCSD on Facebook!

Did you know that the Grizzly Flats Community Services District is now on Facebook? Keeping up on District activities and information is now easier than ever! Click on the following link, or search for “Grizzly Flats Community Services District” to like and follow our page: <https://www.facebook.com/Grizzly-Flats-Community-Services-District-289164634950282>

### 2019/2020 Budget Process

The District’s annual budget process will begin soon. The proposed budget will be available for inspection by the public on June 12, 2019 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 Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:30 pm 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 11, 2019.

### Scheduled Rate Increase

As a reminder, customers will see the water rates change in August (the water statements dated July 31, 2019). In 2016, GFCSD performed a Water Rate Study and adopted a 5 Year Rate Structure that gradually increases the rates over time. The Water Rate Study, Prop 218 notice, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found on our website, under the “Customer Info” tab for anyone looking for more information. ([http://grizzlyflatscsd.com/?page\\_id=10](http://grizzlyflatscsd.com/?page_id=10))

The basic rate will be **\$66.41** and the volumetric charge will be **\$1.19 per hundred cubic feet**.

### Adopted 5 Year Rate Structure

	Prior to 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Monthly Base Rate	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 Board of Directors and Budget & Finance Committee will review the District’s financial position during the budget process to verify that the scheduled rate increase is needed. Our expenses continue to be on track with the projections used in the Water Rate Study so we don’t anticipate any changes to the adopted rate structure.

## **Proposition 84 Grant**

GFCSD received Proposition 84 grant funding from the Department of Water Resources to do several improvements to our water system. We installed a 55,000 gallon backwash tank and installed Cathodic Protection Systems in four of our potable water storage tanks. We are now working on wrapping up the remaining components:

- **Meter Replacement Project**

We will be continuing work on our Meter Replacement Project for the next 8 weeks. A total of 300 water meters were identified for replacement (about half the meters in our distribution system). These meters were 20+ years old, didn't have leak indicators or had extremely high reads. We will be prepping sites a week or so in advance and will make every effort to contact an adult at the location by phone or by hanging a tag at the property. Water service will be interrupted for approximately 30 minutes while the replacement is done. In rare situations, it may take longer if leaks are found or other issues occur. Our goal is to average 25 replacements per week and complete the project by the end of June!

- **Leak Detection Program**

We have created a Leak Detection Program and are now working to implement the recommendations. We will be performing a system-wide survey with leak detection equipment the first week of May. Every water main and service line will be checked for leaks. Leaks are tricky and don't always surface. This survey will let us determine if there are leaks out in the distribution system that we can't see. We are training our staff on using the leak detection equipment so surveys can be done on an annual basis.

- **Clearwell Meter Installation -**

We are installing flow meters on the 12" and 6" distribution lines that leave the Clearwell tank (located near the District's office). Those meters will give us an accurate measurement of the water sent out to the distribution system and we can then improve the accuracy of our reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board.

- **Air Release Valve Installation**

We will be installing an Air Release Valve (ARV) in the Eagle Ditch pipeline, which will allow us to release air pockets that developed in high spots in the pipe. That air has the potential to stop the flow of raw water to our reservoir. An ARV will give us a mechanism to release the air as needed.

## **Other Projects:**

The District is also working to complete our Hazardous Tree Removal Project along Eagle Ditch. Our contractor, Brian Oneto, will be working out along Eagle Ditch finishing up the removal of 131 trees that were identified as a hazard to our water infrastructure. This project is paid for with a grant from CalOES (75%) and CalFIRE (25%).

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Meter Reading**

We are looking for volunteers who can help read water meters! We provide training and a fancy volunteer t-shirt! A route usually takes about 2-3 hours to read and must be completed between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. Contact us for more details!

- **District Treasurer**

District Treasurer is appointed by the Board of Directors. They work closely with the General Manager to manage the finances of the District. Specific duties include signing and approving payables and serving on the Budget & Finance Committee. Due to the sensitive work involved, you must be bonded and insured by the District. If you are interested, please contact the District for more information on how to apply.

If interested in either volunteer opportunity, contact us at (530) 622-96226 or [gfwater@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gfwater@sbcglobal.net).