

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter

June 2021



2021/2022 BUDGET PROCESS

The District's annual budget process is underway. The Budget and Finance Committee met last month to develop a proposed budget based on last year's spending and estimates of future expenses. The proposed budget will be available on our website on June 8, 2021 (after 3:00 PM.) It will be discussed by the GFCSD Board of Directors during their regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM. The public is welcome to participate in the meeting via teleconference and provide comments. A final budget is expected to be approved by the Board in July.

***NEW* - PROPERTY LIEN IN LIEU OF SERVICE DISCONNECTION**

Our District policy states that customers are subject to water service disconnection if their account goes unpaid for sixty (60) days. On April 2, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed executive order N-42-20 which restricted water shutoffs for non-payment to homes and small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this order, we have had some water accounts become severely delinquent. Due to the loss of revenue, **GFCSD will now file property liens against those parcels that would normally be disconnected due to non-payment.**

As a Community Services District, we are connected to the property NOT the individual. A lien ensures our District can collect any unpaid water charges if the home changes ownership. The cost of filing/releasing the lien (\$70.00 for the county fees and required notaries) will be applied to the customer's account. The customer will have access to water service. Monthly charges and any applicable late fees will continue to be charged. Customers will receive notice prior to lien filings on late fee notices that are mailed/emailed out on the 21st of each month and then again 7 days prior to the lien being filed. To avoid a lien, pay your account in full or you may call our office to see if you are eligible for a payment arrangement. If you have questions, our Late Fee and Disconnection policy can be found on our website (under the "Customer Info" tab):

[http://grizzlyflatscsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/DISCONNECTION_POLICY - REVISED FEB 20201.pdf](http://grizzlyflatscsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/DISCONNECTION_POLICY_-_REVISED_FEB_20201.pdf)

WATER CONDITIONS AND CONSERVATION

Winter was very mild this year, so we are all watching our water supply for the upcoming summer which is sure to be hot and dry! We currently have no restrictions on water use, but it is important to do your part by continuing to use our community's water responsibly. In 2015, the Governor made some water waste restrictions permanent. This included restrictions against watering lawns in a way that causes runoff onto nearby property or roadways, using non-recirculated water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, watering within 48 hours of any precipitation, hosing off sidewalks and driveways, and washing automobiles with hoses that do not have a shut-off nozzle. We will be watching our reservoir levels and will keep you posted if or when conservation becomes necessary. You can find ideas on how to conserve water on our website: http://grizzlyflatscsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Conservation_Ideas1.pdf

NEW WATER PUMPS AT TYLER AND WINDING WAY TANKS

We have been working on replacing the pumps at Tyler and Winding Way pump stations. They have been due for replacement for years. They were old and inefficient. The 10-hp pump at Tyler Tank was not starting up during power outages and we had a complete pump failure at Winding Way. Unfortunately, grant applications to pay for the replacements have been unsuccessful so we decided it was time to replace the faulty equipment at both locations using reserve funding from our Asset Management Account.

Our District Engineer and Operations team researched cost-effective solutions for replacing the old pumps with more efficient models. Tyler Tank's single 10-hp pump was replaced with a new dual pump system. The 30-hp fire flow pump was also replaced. This pump provides additional pressure when needed during a high demand event, such as a fire. The 20-hp pump at Winding Way was replaced with a 2-hp pump that can work in conjunction with the pumps at Tyler. Not only do these new pumps increase our water system's reliability, but we are also seeing a 50% reduction in power consumption at Tyler Tank!

METER READING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

GFCSD 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, 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.

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!

Whether you are a "Do-It-Yourself" homeowner planning a home-improvement project, or a contractor hired for a major remodel, under federal law everyone must call 8-1-1 at least two working days before starting your project. This is a free service for everyone. Taking a few moments to call before digging can save you potential neighborhood service disruptions and outages, high repair costs, or serious injury. This service contacts utilities that have underground lines (like GFCSD) so we can come out and mark where NOT to dig so you don't damage any infrastructure. In addition, **customers who plan on installing a fence should keep in mind that your water meter box must always be accessible from the street!**

AUTO-PAY IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Customers can register for auto-pay through our "**Customer Web Portal.**" There is a \$2.50 or 2.5% convenience fee (whichever is greater.) Monthly payments are processed on the 15th of the month (or the next business day.) To register, you will need your four-digit customer code and the main phone number listed on your billing profile. The link to our "**Customer Web Portal**" is available here and at the bottom of our website's homepage: <https://grizzlyflatscsd.azurewebsites.net/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

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

- Burger Nights – starting June 4, 2021 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/fcEjbGU>.
- Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council – meets the 1st Saturday of the month. Meetings start at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact the GFFSC at grizzlyflatsfsc@gmail.com for the Zoom log-in information.

