

# Grizzly Flats Community Services District

## Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board

### November 14, 2013

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Grizzly Flats CSD Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 AM by Director Davidson.

#### ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

Present: Directors Davidson, Ball, Updike and Sullivan

Absent: Director Legrand

Others: Jodi Lauther, Mel Kelley, and Lyle Tomlin

#### B. PUBLIC COMMENT - There was no public comment.

#### C. FIELD TRIP TO GFCSD'S WATERSHED FOR BIG CANYON

Before heading out to the field, the group reviewed maps of the area they planned to visit. The groups' first stop was a pond that we referred to as the "Drafting Station", just off of Capps Crossing Rd. The creek and pond are part of the watershed that feeds the District's Big Canyon diversion.



The group discussed how the Drafting Station in past years had been full, but in recent years has been pretty dry. The group looked at the area and discovered the creek that fed the Drafting Station was filled with debris and brush which obstructed the natural flow of water.



*Meeting attendees looking at the Drafting station (unnamed pond).*



*The Drafting Station*



*Culvert in Drafting Station*



*Area above Drafting Station*



*Water source for Drafting Station, notice debris and brush blocking water*



*Green vegetation growing around creek.*



*Downed trees and debris blocking natural water flow.*

There was discussion about how the community of Grizzly Flats is dependent on the water from this watershed and that it would be prudent if we open discussions with other agencies to ensure the proper management of the watershed. There was more discussion about watershed management and meadow restoration that could benefit the District's water supply now and in the future. The 2nd site the group visited was a location near Big Canyon Loop referred to as "Long Canyon Creek". The water from this area feeds into the Big Canyon diversion as well. Director Davidson has seen a significant amount of water flowing in the creek, but noted that not all of it seems to make it to the Big Canyon diversion.



*Culvert feeding Long Canyon Creek (left side in brush)*



*Overgrown creek bed (Long Canyon Creek)*



*Overgrown creek bed*



*Water in the creek*



There was concern that if the watershed is not maintained, eventually water flow could be restricted. To prevent that the group was in agreement that GFCSD needs to take some proactive steps by opening communication with the U.S. Forest Service and maybe other agencies. The watershed areas are in the National Forest, so these issues must be discussed with the U.S. Forest Service before any work can be done.

*\*At approximately 10:48 AM, two more individuals from the public joined the meeting, Frank Showers and Don Bishop.*

**Director Davidson made a motion to contact Duane Nelson at the U.S. Forest Service and invite him to come to a Board meeting to discuss the Board's concerns about the District's watershed. Director Ball asked that the motion be amended to include that we ask the Grizzly Flats Fire Council to also be involved in the discussion as well. The motion and amendment was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Ball. Director Davidson called for a vote. The motion and amendment passed with all directors present voting aye.**

The Board then discussed selecting a day to visit the watershed for the North Canyon diversion to see the conditions there as well. A date of Wednesday, November 20, 2013 was selected. District personnel and the public are welcome to meet at the District office at 9:00 AM and carpool to the location. An agenda will be posted for this special meeting.

After next week's meeting, Jodi Lauther will contact the US Forest Service to see if a representative can attend our Board meeting in January. Jodi will also make contact with Mark Almer, President of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council, and invite him to participate. The discussion will focus on our concerns about the debris and overgrown brush in our watershed, and what our agencies can do to mitigate the issue.

**D. ADJOURNMENT- Director Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Director Updike 2nd the motion. Director Davidson called for a vote. The motion passed with all directors present voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM.** The next regular meeting will be at 9:00 am on Friday, December 13, 2013 at The Grizzly Flats CSD office.

Minutes submitted by:

*Jodi Lauther, General Manager*

Approved by:

*GFCSD Board Chair*

Date: