

**Grizzly Flats Community Services District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
September 9, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Grizzly Flats CSD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 PM by Director McKillop.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

Present: Directors Davidson, Hannblom, and Malonson

Called-in: Director McKillop

Absent: Director Chigazola (was muted during meeting)

Others: Kim Gustafson and Jodi Lauther

SALUTE TO THE FLAG was led by Director McKillop.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Director Davidson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Hannblom 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – ABSENT, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – Tim Smith said that he is working to obtain a semi-truck load of 16 oz. water bottles which he is willing to store at his house for distribution to Grizzly Flats residents.

D. CALDOR FIRE EMERGENCY – Lisa Soutar asked how to get additional information about Code Red and the evacuation orders. Director McKillop said that she should contact the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office for that information. Ron McCoy mentioned that when the fire was small on Saturday and Sunday, it did not seem that anyone was concerned about it. Director McKillop responded to thank him for his comment but was unable to address his comment since the district is not a firefighting agency.

- 1. Review the most recent Caldor Fire Status Reports** – Jodi Lauther referred the Board to the weekly updates dated August 24, 2021, and September 4, 2021. She said that since the fire came through Grizzly Flats on August 17, 2021, staff has had issues getting access due to ongoing fire activity and unsafe conditions. She said that staff was allowed in for a few half days, but not at all last week. Jodi said that the district office and water treatment plants survived, and that although the reservoir liner sustained damage, it is full and not leaking. She mentioned that the reservoir intake was repaired so that we now have water coming back into the reservoir. Staff's current priority is to get water to the remaining homes.

Tony Ouellette (H2Ou) said that staff has been taking a methodical approach to assessing damage to the facilities. Most of the remaining residences are on the far end of town. Staff is testing small sections of one to two blocks at a time, filling the lines with water, and pressurizing them. A main break was discovered today. The current goal is to get water restored to the Blue Mountain area which repopulated first, and then other locations. It will likely take staff several weeks to complete the damage assessment.

Scott Myers (H2Ou) said that the district needs to follow strict guidelines while completing the damage assessment to ensure the opportunity for Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) funding. Staff began work on the gravity system where they discovered that service lines at locations that burned down have been destroyed, some of which are broken before the meter box. He mentioned that the district lost the Tyler and Winding Way pump stations and storage tanks during the fire.

Tony Ouellette (H2Ou) said that they met with CalOES and FEMA and were told to keep detailed records including pictures and to document each step of the recovery process.

Jodi said she has been working with the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB, DDW) to establish the water testing program. Notices were posted on remaining residences in the Blue Mountain area to notify returning residents that water will only be available for flushing toilets when it is restored. Customers cannot boil or consume the water at this time. She also mentioned that Director Davidson and Kenny Hooley inspected Eagle Ditch.

Director Davidson said that the diversion weir at North Canyon appeared to be ok, as did the intake pipes. However, there is a major break in the Eagle Ditch pipeline that will need to be repaired. At Big Canyon, the weir and 10" plastic intake pipe burned and will not convey water. Although there are burned and dangerous trees around this area, it will be easier to fix and will be prioritized over the North Canyon repairs. He noted that the diversion flows increased significantly after the fire.

Scott Myers (H2Ou) presented a rough schedule which estimates timelines for water system recovery efforts. He said that the water system assessment is half done and should be completed in approximately one week. He said that work to isolate and pressurize the system should be done in the next week or week and a half. H2Ou staff will then complete a report summarizing system damage and recommended repairs. Phase 1 work to restore non-potable water to the gravity system has begun, and they are halfway to the Blue Mountain area. Scott noted that automation of the water system can't work without the pressure system. The goal is to restore automated water treatment by the end of September 2021, and the deficiencies in the gravity system in November 2021. Phase 2 addresses water contamination concerns including ash and soil run-off into the source water and capping off services to destroyed structures. Water quality testing for the gravity system is estimated to start in early October 2021, and mid-October 2021 for the pressure system. Work to restore water to the pressure zone will include purchasing and installing booster pumps and is estimated toward the end of September 2021. Temporary power via a propane generator should be installed for the pressure system by mid-October. The damaged pipe and appurtenances above the reservoir should be replaced by mid-November and the surrounding building is estimated to be replaced by July 2022. Finally, the pressure system storage is estimated for replacement by April 2022.

2. **Update on emergency actions performed in accordance with Resolution 2021-01, and approve associated expenses** – Jodi Lauther said that she has had very little time in the office and was not able to prepare a summary of expenses accrued in accordance with Resolution 2021-01 for the Board's approval. She noted that staff purchased equipment for the plant alarm to work off cell service for approximately \$1,300.

Jodi then went on to say that the El Dorado Water Agency approved \$79,000 in grant funding to assist the district with recovery efforts, and that they are providing 100% coverage with no requirement to match funds. \$24,000 was authorized for Prozio Communications for public communications services, \$10,000 was approved for legislative assistance through Smith Policy Group, \$15,000 was approved for recovery funding and grant assistance by Stantec, \$10,000 was approved for management assistance with Mimir Environmental Consulting and an additional \$20,000 was approved for task orders deemed necessary for GFCSO assistance.

- E. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIRECTORS COMMENTS** – Director Malonson and Director Hannblom offered to assist in any way needed. Director McKillop thanked staff for their efforts during the emergency.

- F. **ADJORNMENT- Director Davidson made a motion to adjourn. Director Malonson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – ABSENT, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.** The next regular meeting will be held via teleconference starting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Minutes submitted by:

Kim Gustafson, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Sherry McKillop, Board Chair

Date:
