

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter

June 2024



2024/2025 BUDGET PROCESS

The District's annual budget process is underway. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet this 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 21, 2024 (after 12:00 PM.) It will be presented to the GFCSD Board of Directors during their special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The public is welcome to participate in the meeting to provide comments. A final budget is expected to be approved by the Board in July, or at any special meeting properly noticed and held prior to September 1, 2024.

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!**



SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS.
EVERY DIG. EVERY TIME.

AUTOPAY IS RETURNING SOON!

Staff are working with our billing software provider to restore the "Customer Web Portal" which allows customers to register for autopay. Note that the software company charges a \$2.50 or 2.5% convenience fee (whichever is greater) when payments are processed through their portal. Monthly payments will be processed on the 15th of the month (or the next business day.) **Our goal is to restore access to the portal within the next couple of weeks, and we will notify customers once it is available.**

GRANT PROJECTS

We are happy to announce that two important grant projects are currently underway!

The first United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant provides \$998,250 for identification and felling of burned/dead trees along the full 3-mile length of our raw water diversion pipeline known as Eagle Ditch.

- Bids for phase one of this project will be presented to our Board of Directors during the June 13, 2024 regular meeting for the contract award. We expect the tree felling work to begin in June 2024.

The second American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant provides \$2,530,000 funding for the Clearwell and Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project, and \$300,000 for the Reservoir Lining Rehabilitation Project.

- Bids are currently being solicited for a replacement Clearwell tank which will be installed at the main District property. Once the new Clearwell tank is operational, work to replace the aging Water Treatment Plants will begin.
- A dive team recently performed an underwater survey to identify the amount and types of debris located on the HDPE liner within our raw water reservoir. We are preparing to solicit bids for debris removal work so that the reservoir liner can be cleaned before the end of fall. This will be the first time the reservoir liner has been cleaned since its installation in 2012.

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 and diversion 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

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

- **Burger Nights** – starting June 7, 2024 and continuing every Friday through August 9, 2024 at 7802 Hermosa Vista Drive, Somerset, CA 95684. Dinner will be served from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. If you're interested in volunteering, you can text Robin Kelley at (530) 317-7729.
- **Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council Firewise Day & 20th Anniversary Celebration** – June 22, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at 7802 Hermosa Vista Drive, Somerset, CA 95684.
- **Grizzly Flats Community Services District Regular Meetings** – the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4765 Sciaroni Road, Grizzly Flats, CA 95636. Meetings start at 6:00 PM.
- **Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council Meetings** – 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 more information.
- **Food Bank Distributions** – 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 1:00 PM. Located at the Grizzly Flats Community Church Parking Lot, 5061 Sciaroni Road, Grizzly Flats, CA 95636.

