

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter June 2025



2025/2026 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 10, 2025 (after 3:00 PM.) It will be presented to the GFCSD Board of Directors during their special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2025, 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 that is properly noticed and held prior to September 1, 2025.

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.

WATER METER BOX ACCESS ISSUES

Thick vegetation is making it nearly impossible for staff to locate water meter boxes. **Per GFCSD Ordinance 88-1: "The property owner shall ensure that the water meter (service connection) box remains accessible at all times. Access to the service/meter box shall not be restricted by a fence, bushes, debris or any other obstruction."** Please keep the water meter box clear at all times (including winter) so that it can quickly be accessed during an emergency.



BUYING OR SELLING A PROPERTY IN GRIZZLY FLATS? BE SURE TO CALL US!

When selling a property with a water service connection, the transfer of the water service occurs on the date escrow closes. Once we are notified of the escrow closure, we read the water meter at the home or property and use that to accurately calculate your final bill. The current rate structure charges for actual water usage, so it is in your best interest to give us a call as soon as escrow closes. Also, please ask your realtor to forward our contact information to the new property owner(s) and have them contact our office to set up their new account as soon as possible. We would greatly appreciate it!

GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

We are happy to announce the completion of two important grant projects, and updates for continuing ones!

The first grant project was funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount \$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.

- Tree felling activities damaged the diversion line, so a construction crew was procured to repair the pipeline and install clean-outs which allow us to inspect inside the pipeline with a push camera. After all work was completed, staff was able to use the remaining funding to purchase a skid-steer to maintain vegetation along Eagle Ditch.

The second grant was funded via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$2,530,000 for the Clearwell and Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project, and \$300,000 for the Reservoir Lining Rehabilitation Project.

- The Clearwell Tank Installation Project is officially complete, and the new tank is in operation.
- Construction of two new Water Treatment Modules is underway and preparation work to replace the aging equipment is in progress. We anticipate receiving the new units for installation in August 2025.
- Last year, a dive team performed an underwater survey to identify the amount and types of debris located on the HDPE liner within our raw water reservoir. We awarded the contract 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.

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

- **Burger Nights** – starting June 21, 2025 and continuing every Saturday through August 16, 2025 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** – June 28, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at 7802 Hermosa Vista Drive, Somerset, CA 95684. Dinner will be served by the Burger Night crew from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
- **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.

