

CASTLE ROCK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes for December 5, 2015

Present: Fred Allen, Bob Deinhammer, Richard Hoag, Matt Smith
Absent: Bill Messick

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m.

Minutes Minutes previously distributed and approved by email.

Announcements: None.

I. Old Business:

1. Tank maintenance / repair
Currently no leaks, minimal algae – both good signs. The road up to the tank is getting eroded again, however. Matt will get an estimate on repair.
2. Engineering report
 - a. The Causey report calls for significant maintenance and upgrades of system, beginning with inventorying system assets, triaging required repairs, and creating a financing plan for improvements (since upgrades are far beyond CRCWD reserves).
 - b. One of the most pressing system problems is significant leakage, nearly 1 million gallons / quarter (16-18%, far above historical averages of 10%). Previous attempts to identify leaks have met with mixed results, and though some have been found and fixed there is still significant loss in the system.
 - c. Despite the leakage described above, the district is still within its conservation limits.

II. Review Financial Status for 2014-15

1. Review of audit and current rates indicate district is operating at break-even level, but is not contributing to reserves that will be necessary to maintain or repair system. However, due to 2015 13% increase in rates, board is reluctant to raise rates again. There is concern on board that typical CRCWD members are not aware of the aging condition of the overall system and the resources that would be required to bring it up to date. Matt Smith volunteered to write letter to membership outlining the system's antiquated condition and the commitment that would be necessary to restore it.
2. ***MOTION: Bob Deinhammer motions no additional rate increase in 2015, with a review in 6 months; Fred Allen seconds. Motion passes 4-0.***

III. LAFCO Efforts to Consolidate CRCWD with Contra Costa Water District

Negotiations with Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) are ongoing. Of particular concern are the 10 current customers who have no other water supply and as such are not hooked up to CCWD. President Fred Allen will speak to CCWD representative to see status of CCWD's outreach to those customers, and in particular calling a meeting with those families to outline their options and discuss possible CCWD incentives for conversion.

Reports

1. **President:** No report.
2. **Treasurer:** See above item 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.