

Christian Valley Park, Community Services District Board Meeting Survey

In the past, District Regular Board Meetings have been scheduled at 7:00 pm, on the second Tuesday of each month. Occasionally, the Board will meet a half-hour earlier to accommodate a longer agenda. The meetings usually last two to three hours. The Board encourages members of the community to attend the Board meetings and would like to know what the best meeting time is for the majority of Christian Valley residents. Please answer the answer the following survey, either online at www.christianvalley.org or in paper form (return it to the District Office -address below).

Question #1

Would you like the District to change the day and/or time of the Regular Board Meetings?

- Yes, change the day or time
- No, keep them the same

Question #2

What is your preferred time of day to attend a Regular Board Meeting? (mark all that apply)

- I prefer the same time of 7:00 pm.
- I would prefer to meet in the morning.
- I would prefer to meet in the early afternoon between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.
- I would prefer to meet between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Question #3

What day of the week is best for you to attend a Board meeting? (mark all that apply)

- I prefer the same meeting day, Tuesday.
- Monday only
- Wednesday only
- Thursday only
- Friday only
- Any weekday Monday through Friday
- Weekends only

Question #4

What types of meetings would you be most likely to attend? (mark all that apply)

- All meetings
- Regular Board Meetings
- Special Meetings where water rates or large financial projects are discussed
- Special presentations from consultants or contractors
- I am not likely to attend any meetings

Please return your paper or online survey to the District by July 31st, 2022. If you are sending in a paper survey, (which you may include with your bill payment), please use the following address:

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Summer 2022 Newsletter/Important Updates

U.S. Department of Agriculture Loan for Tank Project

The District recently finished the construction of two new 750,000 gallon water storage tanks and the tanks are now fully operational and serving District residents. This has been a successful project and will provide reliable water storage for many years into the future. The cost of the tanks is being financed by the USDA. On June 28th, 2022, the District secured a 40-year loan for \$3,371,000 with the USDA at an interest rate of 2.5%.

New Water Plant Operator (coming soon)

Hydros, Inc., owned by Gerry LaBudde, has subcontracted with the District for the past 22 years, conducting all plant operations, including water treatment and water distribution. We have been fortunate to have had many years of excellent service. However, Hydros, Inc. will be leaving the District as our Plant Operator and the District is currently assessing bids from several companies to replace them. Operational costs have increased, so the District will be faced with increased expenses going forward.

Water System Infrastructure

The District is facing aging water lines and associated infrastructure that will need to be replaced or ungraded in order to continue to provide a consistent, reliable water supply to Christian Valley residents. Hydros Engineering, Inc. prepared a comprehensive Capital Improvement Projects report which outlined projects needed to be completed in the next ten years. This may not seem like a pressing issue, but when considering the cost of approximately 20 million dollars, with a total of only 631 homeowners to share in that cost, it clearly becomes an issue that the District needs to address now. The District is considering any and all ideas in an effort to be both financially practical as well as having a system that will continue to be reliable for many decades to come. There may be available grants for communities with low income (which our District most likely does not qualify for), "green" projects which are great for the environment, emergency supply situations, or consolidation with a larger water agency or district.

Exploring Consolidation with Placer County Water Agency

Partly because of the upcoming expenditures mentioned above, the District asked Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) to conduct a general evaluation of the cost associated with consolidating our system with PCWA's. The purpose of a consolidation would be to ensure that the District has affordable and reliable water into the future. PCWA is a large water agency that has the capacity to cover all aspects of maintenance and operations of the District's water system. PCWA considered two different types of consolidations, partial and full. The initial evaluation showed that the cost for a partial consolidation was more expensive than for a full consolidation. Additionally, State grants may be available for the full consolidation option, and could possibly cover part or all of the cost. This evaluation is in its very initial stages and any decisions regarding whether or not to go ahead with the consolidation will require much additional analysis and discussion. If the Board decides in favor of the consolidation, a majority vote from District residents will be needed to approve it. The process of consolidation is a long one and could take up to 5 years to complete.