

Crystal Springs Water District

Domestic Water System

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President Mike McCafferty called the February Board meeting to order at 3:00pm. Other commissioners present were Eric Cederstam and James Jans. Non-members present: Attorney Mark Womble, Superintendent Fred Schatz, Office Manager Brian O'Shaughnessy, and visitor, Gunnar Sacher.

Pledge of Allegiance.

President McCafferty opened the Public Comment period at 3:05. Gunnar Sacher, treasurer of East Hill Estates, presented his request to the board for Crystal Springs Water District to take control of their water system. The Superintendent and commissioners will consider his request.

The January 2026 regular meeting minutes will be included in next month's meeting packet.

Superintendent Schatz presented the January 2026 Treasurer's Report, providing an overview of revenue by category: residential, industrial, fire, and LIRA. (Cederstam/Jans)

Superintendent Schatz provided an overview of January 2026 bills paid. The Board unanimously ratified the payment of the January 2026 bills. (Jans/Cederstam)

In "New Business," the following were discussed...

There were no new water service applications submitted for review.

In "Old Business," the following were discussed...

A customer addressed the commissioners at the January board meeting, requesting that they not be charged the base rate for an unused meter they have paid for. The commissioners discussed different options, which they will make a decision at a later time.

Superintendent Schatz presented his February Superintendent's report, addressing the maintenance crew's progress on meter/valve replacements, and pipe projects for January. He updated the commissioners on the February 5th 10" mainline break that occurred on Van Horn Drive, which resulted in the complete drainage of the Pine Grove Reservoir. An estimated 300 customers were left without water. Given the potential for contamination, a precautionary boil water notice was issued for all service areas north of Van Horn Drive. The break was repaired by 1:00 pm the same day, with service restored to most of the system by 3:30 pm. A critical priority was water sampling, so a sample was delivered to the laboratory prior to their closure.

for the day. The results allowed the Health Department to lift the boil water notice by 1:00 pm the following day. A week prior to the break, the District had installed new pressure monitoring equipment at the East Hills Estates pump house. The vendor responsible for the installation failed to correctly configure the alarm parameters, resulting in the delayed notification of District staff.

In addition, the Superintendent gave an update on the River Hawk project. This proposed warehouse development, which would be located on the Odell property currently owned by the Port of Hood River, is currently under review. Due to its size, the District's primary focus has been to collaborate with the developers to satisfy the requirements set forth by Wy'east Fire for enhanced fire suppression capabilities. A key requirement involves the installation of additional fire hydrants to adequately serve the facility. This modification will require a significant infrastructure upgrade, specifically the installation of approximately 800' of 10" ductile iron pipe to ensure sufficient water flow and pressure. The District is currently waiting for the developer's revisions to their preliminary plans that will meet the requirements for water system integration and fire flow. Once these changes have been made and submitted, the project will go to the final review phase.

Commissioners unanimously approved a motion to accept Pace's service contract to continue work on the rehabilitation project at Odell Spring. (Cederstam/Jans)

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm by unanimous consent.

Mike McCafferty President

Eric Cederstam Secretary