

Crystal Springs Water District

Domestic Water System

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September 18, 2025

President Mike McCafferty called the September Board meeting to order at 3:00pm. Other commissioners present were James Jans, Craig Ortega, and Larry Brown. Non-members present: Attorney Mark Womble, Tom Ferrell of Pace Engineering, intern Riley Stevenson of Pace Engineering, Superintendent Fred Schatz, and Office Manager Brian O'Shaughnessy.

Pledge of Allegiance.

President McCafferty opened the Public Comment period at 3:02. No members of the public were present.

Commissioners unanimously approved of the August 2025 regular meeting minutes.
(Brown/Jans)

Superintendent Schatz presented the August 2025 Treasurer's Report, providing an overview of revenue by category: residential, industrial, fire, and LIRA. (Jans/Ortega)

Superintendent Schatz provided an overview of August 2025 bills paid. The Board unanimously ratified the payment of the August 2025 bills. (Brown/Jans)

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

Superintendent Schatz reviewed one new water service application. Commissioners unanimously approved the request for the following... (Brown/Jans)

Laura Schwab / 4252 Cunningham Dr (3/4")

Tom Ferrell of Pace Engineering gave a quick overview of the master plan. He will give more detail next month once the commissioners have had an opportunity to review.

In addition, the commissioners reviewed a request from a customer for assistance with pump replacement cost. Due to a mainline break, there was a drop in water pressure, which resulted in their pump burning out. The Superintendent and maintenance crew gave recommendations to the customer on how to modify the replacement pump to reduce the chance of an airlock in the event of a future pressure drop. The Superintendent made a recommendation to comply with District policy, which states that it is not responsible for high- or low-pressure events. The commissioners unanimously agreed.

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

The Superintendent briefed commissioners on the Hood River County Forestry Departments' use of herbicides in the water protection area. He said that he has been encouraging the Forestry Department to move away from the use of herbicides in their management of this area, or if they would make concessions to spray less, the District would encourage them to do so. The board is on record of objecting to the use of herbicides and pesticides within the water protection area.

Superintendent Schatz presented his September Superintendent's report addressing the maintenance crew's progress on meter/valve replacements, and pipe projects for August. There was a total of 69 work orders, 28 locate requests, 8 leaks repaired, 12 pressure issues resolved, and 36 hydrants flushed/lubed. The Superintendent also gave an update on the meeting he had with representatives from the company that is purchasing the four remaining lots from the Port of Hood River. The next step involves obtaining the necessary fire flow estimates to accurately assess the water infrastructure requirements for the proposed development of these lots. Once the Superintendent receives these estimates, he will be able to issue a formal letter of intent to serve.

Tom Ferrell of Pace Engineering then gave an update on general services and CIP projects. Pace is currently working on updating District standards and met on site to fill in a missing piece for the backup power project for the District office. Pace also sent out a cultural survey to ODOT for the Cooper Spur project.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm by unanimous consent.

Mike McCafferty

President

Eric Cederstam

Secretary