

Canebrake County Water Board - Equipment report

Equipment activity - By Daryl Holmes Jr.

DUMP TRUCK (BETTY)

Brand Ford
Model F600 Dump truck
Condition Good

Latest Review 12/16/2023

12/16/2023 Vehicle was started and driven by Daryl Holmes Jr., Washed and cleaned inside and out.

GOLF CART

Brand EZGO
Condition Good

Latest Review 11/29/2023 No issues

Vehicle in good working order. Maintenance should be performed, oil change and filter cleaned or replaced. The vehicle was moved to Mr. Bucheit's residence to make room for storage of new TRACK STEER.

BACK-UP Generator

Brand Hardy Diesel
Condition Good

Latest review 12/16/2023

Vehicle in good running order. Vehicle started and ran for 15 minutes on 9 /06/2023 by Daryl Holmes Jr. and Dean Kuns. No issues. Dean to run again week of 1/8/2024. *Fellow Canebraker Merle Vogel suggested that we hook the generator up to the community building as a safety drill. Great suggestion. We suggest a training session for our potential equipment operators.*

BACKHOE

Brand CASE

Model 580K

Condition Poor

Latest review 12/16/2023

Per CCWD board directive the 580K Backhoe vehicle was advertised and sold. We received two offers...

HAWTHORNE CAT offered \$6,500 for the 580K and our D4 bulldozer combined.

A full price offer was received from Mr. Kent Dover for \$7,000. The offer was accepted. The vehicle was sold and physically picked up by Mr. Dover on December 16, 2023.

**** See attachment dated September 6th: previous notes and report rationale for selling vehicle from our CCWD equipment inventory...***

FORD RANGER Water District Pick-up

Condition Good

Latest review 12/16/2023

Basic maintenance required. No issues.

Mr. Dean Kuns was able to make a repair to the shifting neutral safety switch, saving CCWD a costly repair.

USED CAT 239D TRACK-STEER - NEW equipment to CCWD

Year: 2018 Hours 1568 Date purchased: November 15, 2023

Condition Excellent

Our new-to-us TRACK-STEER was purchased from Hawthorne CAT in San Diego, CA. On November 30th, the vehicle was delivered to Canebrake. From the direction of CCWD board and six months of vetting for the right equipment, CCWD was very fortunate to acquire a vehicle of this quality, newness, with low hours for a very good price Presently, we are looking to acquire a forklift attachment. Hawthorne CAT has quoted us \$640 for used and \$1,021 for new.

Training

On November 30th Mr. Gus Pena from Hawthorne CAT visited CANEBRAKE and spent 2 1/2 hours with a training course that included several of our Water Board members, employees and Canebrake volunteers. Training covered all aspects of operating and maintaining our new TRACK-STEER including safety tips. Chris McDonald and Daryl Holmes operated the vehicle per Mr. Pena's guidance. We were impressed with the ease of operations. *On Site, Bob Mooney, Dean Kuns, Daryl Holmes, Chris McDonald and Dennis Stucke.* Further training has been proposed by board member, Bob Mooney.

TRACK_STEER Activity

11/30/2023: TRACK-STEER was operated by board member and volunteer for training purposes under the guidance of Hawthorne CAT.

12/16/2023: TRACK-STEER was operated by Daryl Jr. for approximately one hour. We were able to move all previous backhoe attachments and deliver them to the new owner of our old 580K. The attachments were very heavy however the new tractor easily reached the equipment and moved it out of our tractor building.

WE HAD A SERIOUS NEED FOR TRACK-STEER USE

12/22/2023: CANEBRAKE was hit by a major flashflood. The need for our new TRACK-STEER to be used came a lot quicker than we anticipated. Stafford's crossing was entirely washed out. Within an hour after the flash flood damage CCWD reached out to our Water Manager Dean Kuns and Ron Akey. Plans were for Daryl Jr. to immediately come out for repairs. Dean and Ron both said that there is too much water and mud on the ground and asked to delay repair until the ground was more solid **or** we were subject to sinking our new tractor.

An hour after damage, CCWD contacted Canebrake owner Patti "Stafford" Coulter and shared damages as they were directly affected by the flood. CCWD requested permission from Ms. Ann Whitely to allow our Water board, manager and neighbors' alternate access. Within a few minutes Ms. Coulter returned our call and shared Ms. Ann Whitely's permission for us to use the alternate access. On the morning of December 26th. Ron Akey, Dean Kuns, and Daryl Holmes arrived at Staffords Crossing. Within two hours the crossing was repaired by 11 a.m. Ron Akey commented that the time involved with the last flood repair four years ago took himself and volunteers eight hours to fix.

Later that day Ron, Dean and Daryl arrived at Canebrake Road near our Mooney well and repaired an 18" trench erosion washout in less than an hour.

Our TRACK-STEER far exceeded our performance expectations.

D4 CAT Bulldozer

The board has suggested that we put the unit up for sale. We do have one offer pending. A suggested price will be proposed by Mr. Bucheit.

NEED for MINI COMPACT EXCAVATOR.

Per our previous meeting and minutes, the plan of going from an obsolete backhoe to a TRACK-STEER and MINI EXCAVATOR was an accepted strategy by our CCWD water board. Per previous meeting, CCWD board directed Daryl Holmes Jr look for a MINI Compact Excavator.

Daryl Holmes is proposing the acquisition of a used CAT 2020 MINI COMPACT EXCAVATOR 303S for our community currently available at Hawthorne CAT.

These two units of superior quality will serve the CANEBRAKE Community for years to come. We will need 21st century dependable equipment on hand now and for future use.

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Three Canebrake property owners have offered to volunteer time to our community to operate CCWD equipment. Jerry Bucheit will cover this.

COMMUNITY BUILDING CONDITION AND USE

12/16/2023: Community beautification day was performed at our CCWD Community building and property. Everyone involved did a tremendous job and made a huge difference to the property. The Canebraker community is amazing! Two “Action items” were addressed with the building.

- Septic smell. Several Canebrakers shared their concerns about the smell of septic odor. While participating in Beautification Day, Bill Dimmock and Daryl Holmes ran a Plummer’s snake into the sewer drain all the way to the tank. We determined “no blockage.” Daryl Holmes noticed the smell while working on the dump truck. Bill and Daryl found a separate drain coming from the building sinks that dumps gray water near the garage. Bill Dimmock ran a sewer snake up that line and found the clog and cause of the septic smell. The problem was resolved.
- Vermin infestation: While cleaning out the garage during Beautification Day, Daryl Holmes witnessed vermin running in storage area and into office next to storage. When Daryl opened office a rat’s nest was discovered under old stored “cup a soup” cases dated February 1994. Daryl with the help of Tom Stucke removed old, contaminated food and cleaned up the mess. Recommendation... No more food storage in garage office.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Holmes Jr.

1/8/2024