# The Waterline



### **Arrowbear Park County Water District**

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## **CONSERVATION STAGE**

While Arrowbear Park County Water District is still committed to conserving our precious water resources and to that end the District has a Water Conservation Policy (which can be found at <a href="https://www.arrowbearwater.org">www.arrowbearwater.org</a>) the Board is pleased to be able to keep conservation measures at Stage 1 (more relaxed) measures.

Public Service Announcement:
National Prescription Drug Take Back Day April 27th, 2024

Turn in your unused or expired medications at your local prescription drop box.

TO FIND A DROP BOX NEAR YOU, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
TAKEBACKDAY.DEA.GOV

Current Water Conservation: STAGE 1

Water saving tips +and hints can be found at saveourwater.com

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# **Board Meeting Highlights**

Regular Board Meetings are the Third Thursday at 6:00 PM

January – Field Operations Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District, and that Service Person Stinson passed his Water Treatment Grade 2 exam in December and celebrated his 1 year Anniversary with the District in January. Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls for the month and that the department was starting a new training program with Volunteers graduating at the end of June 2024. General Manager Magaña discussed the new Cross Connection Survey requirements, and that he was continuing to work with the USDA and RCAC to obtain grants or funding for the Highway 18 Project. There was a presentation of the FY 2022-2023 Audit by Halliday & CO. The Board of Directors elected Sheila Wymer as President and Mark Bunyea was voted in as Vice President for the calendar year 2024. The Board also held the annual Arrowbear Park County Water District Financing Corporation meeting.

February – Field Operations Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District and that Service

Person Fernandez celebrated his 1-year anniversary and that Service Person Stinson passed his Water Distribution Grade 2 exam. Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls for the month. General Manager Magaña reported that there were no snow days used to-date, introduced the policy for Backflow and Cross-Connections as it pertains to water and sewer, and presented the 2023 SSMP Audit. There was a presentation by Ron Barrett of Rim Family Services regarding the Prescription Institutional Policy Partnership and the proper disposal of



prescription medication. The Board approved to provide information from Rim Family Services in the Waterline, bills, and District webpage.

March – Field Operations Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District and routine services performed in February and reported that the vehicle maintenance work had been completed and the Technicians were beginning their Spring Projects. Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls for the month of February. General Manager Magaña reported on the submission of the SSMP and EAR reports, and that Field Operations Supervisor Weber would be taking his Backflow class and certification at the end of March. General Manager Magaña gave the presentation in place of RCAC, as they were unable to attend. Mr. Magaña reviewed the current grant process and potential funding for the project along with repayment options.

NOTE: THE MOST RECENT FULL MEETING AGENDAS, APPROVED MINUTES, AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT'S MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, ARROWBEARWATER.ORG



# ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

# PREPARING FOR FIRE SEASON

The term defensible space refers to the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been managed to reduce the wildfire threat and allow firefighters to safely defend the house. In the event that firefighters are not available, defensible space also improves the likelihood of a home surviving without assistance. There are 5 simple steps to protecting your home.

### Step One

The defensible space size is usually expressed as a distance extending outward from the house in all directions. The recommended distance is not the same for every home. It varies depending on the dominant vegetation surrounding the home and steepness of slope.

### **Step Two**

Within the recommended Defensible Space Zone, remove:

- Dead and dying trees.
- Dead native and ornamental shrubs.
- Dead branches.
- Dried grass, weeds and flowers.

### **Step Three**

Within the Defensible Space Zone, native trees and shrubs, should not occur in dense stands. Dense stands of trees and shrubs pose a significant wildfire threat. Thin dense tree and shrub stands to create more space between them.

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### **Step Four**

Within the Defensible Space Zone, native trees and shrubs, (Jeffrey pine, white fir and manzanita) should not occur in dense stands. Dense stands of trees and shrubs pose a significant wildfire threat. Thin dense tree and shrub stands to create more space between them.

### **Step Five**

There are two goals for the Lean, Clean and Green Area. The first goal is to eliminate easily ignitable fuels, or kindling, near the house. This will help prevent embers from starting a fire in your yard. The second goal is to keep fire intensity low if it does ignite near the house. By proper management of the fuels near the house, a fire would not be able to generate enough heat to ignite the home. For most homeowners, the Lean, Clean and Green Area is also the residential landscape. This area often has irrigation, is planted with ornamental vegetation and is regularly maintained. The landscape should be arranged so that vegetation would not allow a fire to travel rapidly across the area.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The Pancake Breakfast originally scheduled for April 27, 2024 has been cancelled. We apoligize for the inconvenience.
- On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Arrowbear Lake Firefighters Association will hold its annual picnic at Tucker Field. Please join us as we celebrate the community and allow us to serve you lunch from 11:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. Remember to look for your tickets to the picnic in your May billing.

Sincerely,
Paul Lindley, Fire Chief

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