

The Waterline



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SAVING WATER AROUND THE HOUSE

Drip. Drip. Drip. The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons each year from easy-to-fix water leaks—that's the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry. If that doesn't seem like a lot, consider that across the country, easy-to-fix household leaks can add up to more than 1 trillion gallons of water lost every year. There are easy steps residents can take to help save water in their community now and for future generations. Fixing household leaks not only saves water but reduces water utility bills—by about 10 percent. Start saving water today with three simple steps: **Check. Twist. Replace.**

1. Check. First, check your home for leaks. An easy way to start is to examine your winter water use. If it exceeds 6,000 gallons per month for a family of four, you probably have leaks. Walk around your home with eyes and ears open to find leaks, and don't forget to check pipes and outdoor spigots. You can also detect silent toilet leaks, a common water-wasting culprit, by adding a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank and waiting 10 minutes

before flushing. If any color appears in the bowl during that time, your toilet has a leak. **2. Twist.** Apply pipe tape to be sure plumbing fixture connections are sealed tight and give leaking faucets and showerheads a firm twist with a wrench. If you can't stop those drops yourself, contact your favorite plumbing professional. For additional savings, twist an aerator onto each bathroom faucet to save water without noticing a difference in flow. Faucet aerators that can save a household more than 500 gallons each year—the amount of water it takes to shower 180 times! **3. Replace.** If you just can't nip that drip, it may be time to replace the fixture. Replacing an old, inefficient showerhead will shrink your household's water footprint by 2,900 gallons annually while still letting you shower with power. With less hot water passing through, efficient showerheads can also save enough energy to power a television for a year. Want to do more? For more information and tips about how to save water, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense>.

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Board Meetings are the Third Thursday at 6:30 PM

Jul – Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the Conifer Camp Rd. pipeline project progress. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls, the new recruits, and the Battalion Chief recruitment. General Manager Huff reported on the scheduling of the tank inspections and the positive year-end fiscal outlook. The Board approved Chief Ozias' Employment Agreement, voted for a CSDA Director, approved participation in Tank Rd. repairs, discussed a customer's request to waive shutoff fees, and approved the biennial review of the Conflict of Interest Policy.



Aug – Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance issues for the month and the completion of the Conifer Camp Rd. pipeline project and start of Cougar/Fox project. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and his attendance at the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council meeting. General Manager Huff reported on the receipt of the new SWRCB permit. The Board approved an amendment to the FD policy to allow compensation for the Chief and Battalion Chief when serving as PCF on an out-of-district incident. The Board held the annual closed-session review of GM Huff and upon reopening the open session announced a one-year extension of GM Huff's agreement.

Sep – Supervisor Miller reported on District maintenance, pipeline project progress, and the upcoming sewer wash and video. Chief Ozias reported on calls and responses for the month and recent joint training with RSFD. General Manager Huff reported on the auditor's visit for FY 17-18. The Board discussed and approved the FY 17-18 budget surplus appropriations.

NOTE: THE MOST RECENT, FULL MEETING AGENDAS AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, ARROWBEARWATER.ORG



WINTER FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Heading into winter, your Fire Department has a few helpful reminders: First we would like to remind everyone to be fire safe and get your chimney cleaned. One of the greatest causes of structure fires in our area are attributed to chimney fires. As fires are a big fear in our small community, most chimney fires can be prevented. Just a few helpful hints: **NEVER** burn trash or debris in your fire place or wood burning stove. Trash and debris is very likely to be full of deadly chemicals that could back up in your home, or leave flammable/toxic residues on the inside of your chimney. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a licensed professional. Make sure you have plenty of clearance inside your home around your fire place or wood burning stove. **NEVER** leave a fire or an electric heater unattended. **ALWAYS** use a screen for fire places and latch the door on wood burning stoves. Lastly, remember to make sure you have plenty of clearance around your chimney and remove leaves and pine needles from your roofs.



NO OPEN FIRES IN ARROWBEAR!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Remember we are still in a very dry fire season. Charcoal and gas barbeques are ok on your property, if it they are safe. **NO OTHER OUTSIDE OPEN FIRES.** California Fire Code 2013 edition Sections 307 and 308 define open burning and open flame devices. All open fires within Arrowbear, in your yard, and on your decks are by permit only, with the exception of barbeques (gas or charcoal). Any fires of any kind deemed unsafe or unattended with, or without a permit, will be extinguished at the responding Fire Agency's discretion.



We are not here to hinder your vacation or any recreation in our community, but to provide a fire safe community that we can all enjoy. To obtain a permit for open fires, welding, or any other outdoor hot work you can call:

CAL FIRE Running Springs Office: (909) 867-2680

Arrowbear Lake Fire Department (909) 867-3479



I would also like to remind everyone that the time changes November 3 (FALL BACK). That means it's time to check our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and or change the batteries.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" and if we all work together we can keep our community fire safe.

Sincerely,

Jim Ozias, Fire Chief

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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