

The Waterline



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The District sincerely hopes that each of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. With the end of one year comes the hope and promise of a New Year. With the beginning of the New Year the District is looking forward to continuing to provide consistent, high quality services. Here's some interesting advice for the New Year. Probably half of all adults want to lose

weight, exercise more, eat healthy, or give up a bad habit. If New Year's Resolutions worked, we'd all be thin, eating healthy, exercising more, happy, and having meaningful, purposeful lives. But, New Year's Resolutions obviously don't really help people do what they want to do—at least not all that often. Doing works better than talking. So this year, keep your promises to yourself and just do it!

Water saving tips and hints can be found on the saveourh2o.org website. You can even sign up for email alerts and tips!



DISTRICT COMPLETES FIRST 2 INCH WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – DONNER LANE.



New Fire Hydrant

Arrowbear Park County Water District completed the first 2 inch main replacement project on Donner Lane in November. In the spring the District will be paving Donner Lane as weather and temperatures prevented the permanent street paving at the completion of the project. The District truly appreciates the patience of the residents that were inconvenienced during the project. The next streets to undergo pipeline replacement will be Falling Leaf in spring of 2015, followed by connecting Badger and Porcupine to the main line on Deep Creek in summer 2015, and Truman in the fall. The full, tentative ten-year list of pipeline replacement projects is available at the District office.



LIKE ARROWBEAR LAKE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK!



Santa at the Fire Station

Many in the community enjoyed welcoming Santa to the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department in November. If you and your kids took pictures with Santa, those pictures are available on the Facebook page of the Arrowbear Lake Firefighters Association. While there, "like us" and leave a note or comment of support for the wonderful volunteers who serve in our community.

This past year has been an eventful one for your Fire Department with the retirement of long-time Chief Burt, who was recently honored, along with his wife Becca, for years of service and dedication



Thank you! Burt Family.

to the Department and community. This summer, many in the community enjoyed a great Fourth of July community picnic put on by the (continued on next page)



Arrowbear Lake Firefighters Association. Recently six Volunteer Firefighters successfully completed an intensive EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) class provided by the Fire Department in cooperation with the Morongo Fire Department. With 2014 behind us we are looking forward to a wonderful 2015. This year looks to be the year the Fire department is able to replace one of its aging fire engines with a new one. We are also looking to recruit and train some additional volunteers. If you or someone you know is

interested in serving the community as a Volunteer Firefighter, please contact the Department for an application.

Sincerely,
Isaiah Hall, Fire Chief

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Board Meeting Highlights

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

October – Supervisor Miller reported on the repairs and service issues completed and the progress of the Donner Lane pipeline replacement project. General Manager Huff reported on the status of the Districts claim with Running Springs over the treatment plant operating expense charges, that Running Springs felt that there must have been some agreement with prior management over the changes in the way expenses were billed and the District still maintains that there was no agreement to add overhead items to the operations expenses. The District’s legal counsel suggested mediation to solve the issue. The Board discussed and approved \$3,200 for snow poles to protect fire hydrants and \$4,200 for manhole raising. The Board also discussed the need to increase rates in the future to provide the District with appropriate revenue for increasing funding for rising expenses and infrastructure replacement. A motion passed to send out rate increase public hearing notices with the October billing per Prop. 218.



November – Resident Ouida Rendelman asked the Board about the Santa at the Fire Department event this year. There was a brief discussion about the event that is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th. Supervisor Miller reported on the completion of the Donner Lane pipeline replacement project. He reported that there were some issues with the pressure testing but those were resolved and the new pipeline is now in use. Fire Chief Hall reported on the successful completion of the EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) class by all six of the volunteers who participated. This training and certification will provide for better qualified medical response by the Fire Department. Chief Hall also reported on the progress of the weed abatement efforts in the community. General Manager Huff reported on the LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) seminar and how LAFCO affects local Districts like ours. The Board approved two resolutions, one to adopt the National Incident Management System for the Fire Department and another to increase the District ceiling for health insurance premiums. The Board also discussed increasing the Directors per meeting compensation as it had been several years since the last increase. The Board approved an increase by a vote of 4 to 1 from \$160 to \$175 per meeting.

December – Supervisor Miller reported on the general repairs and system maintenance for the month. General Manager Huff reported on the delivery of two new District vehicles from Fairview Ford and that the District was able to take advantage of the County’s special pricing for these vehicles. The Board opened the proposed rate increase public hearing. General Manager Huff gave a brief presentation on the most recent expense and revenue history of the District and the need to raise the rates to cover the operating expenses and infrastructure replacement costs of the District in the future. There were some questions and suggestions from the residents attending the hearing regarding projects and costs. Resident Craig Carpenter suggested the District explore a rate structure that did not include a base amount of water so that residents who conserved water would be rewarded with a lower bill. The Board directed General Manager Huff to prepare a fiscal analysis of this type of rate structure. After discussion by the Board, the Board approved a resolution to increase water and sewer rates by \$6 per month in Jan. 2015, 2017, and 2019. The public hearing was closed and the Board then approved by motion an agreement with Utility Cost Management to prove an electrical usage audit and a settlement agreement with Running Springs Water District for treatment plant expense billing.

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