

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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Paul Miller Retires After 30 Years

Paul Miller served the Arrowbear Park County Water District from October 15, 1991 to July 30, 2021. For several years, while an employee of the Arrowbear Park County Water District, Paul served as a volunteer firefighter with the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department and served the community with honor and distinction. He was respected and admired by board members, managers, fellow staff members, and the community for his commitment, hard work, and dedication to the Arrowbear Park County Water District. As the Field Operations Supervisor, Paul's staff enjoyed and respected his hard work and leadership as he endeavored to foster a positive and productive work environment. His extensive knowledge of the District and the systems used to consistently bring high quality services to the community and the District's customers will be missed. Paul was always committed to the success of Arrowbear Park County Water District and the accomplishment of its vision and mission. Everyone at the District wish him well as he enters this new phase in his life.



Board Meeting Highlights

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

July – Supervisor Miller gave his last staff report prior to his retirement. He reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the progress on the Deer Lick Ln. pipeline project. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and the great news that the Department's ISO rating improved to 2/2Y, an excellent rating that some full-time departments are not able to achieve. General Manager Huff reported on promotion of Jason Weber to Field Operations Supervisor, the progress of the new water controller system, and the status of the development of an Emergency Response Plan. The Board unanimously passed and presented to Paul Miller a resolution honoring his 30 years of service to the District. The lead auditor from SingerLewak presented their annual audit for FY 2019-2020 and the Board voted to accept the audit.

August – Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the progress on the Deer Lick Ln. pipeline project. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls, the progress of the station weatherization project, and firefighter promotions. General Manager Huff reported on new employee training and certification preparation, a potential source for a no-cost rate study, and water source status (well levels still in good shape) with regards to the drought situation. The Board approved a revision to the firefighter coverage compensation, performed the annual General Manager review, and voted unanimously to extend General Manager Huff's employment contract for an additional year.

September – Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the continuing progress on the Deer Lick Ln. pipeline project. Chief Ozias reported on calls and responses for the month and gave an update on the picnic and the Caldor fire. In his administrative report, General Manager Huff reported that audit preparations were going well. General Manager Huff presented the budget to actual amounts for FY 20-21 and the Board approved surplus allocations, discussed and approved the 2022 healthcare benefits ceiling limits by motion and resolution, and selected the accounting firm of Halliday & Company to perform the District's FY 20-21 audit.



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

Arrowbear Lake Fire Fighters Association Annual Picnic

YOU, the residents, made our annual picnic a great success. Despite it being over two years since the last one, our great firefighters brought it back with tons of food, fun, and friends. With the kids games and raffles, everyone there had smiles on their faces as we all enjoyed getting back to some form of NORMAL. Thank you again for your support and to my great crew for all their hard work.



Recent Events - On August 31st the Department's Water Tender 271 was dispatched with two Firefighters for two weeks to assist with the Caldor fire near Lake Tahoe (around a 12 hour trip each way). The Water Tender was well appreciated and admired for its great condition for being 15 years old. The 24 on 24 off shift coverage was hard, trying to catch a nap in the truck when we could, however the crew did their job admirably. Our taskforce also included Chino Hills, Apple Valley, and Upland. Crew members along with myself included Captain Nick Novelich, Senior FF Josue Macuil, and FF Eric Crider. Job well done crew, Thank you! Participating in the State's Mutual Aid program allows the Fire Department to provide resources to other communities to



help fight wildfires as well as mitigate damage caused by wildfires. In the past few years the Fire Department has provided this support all over Southern California. It is also important to note that during these deployments our firefighters provide additional coverage in order to maintain staffing and fire protection here in Arrowbear. Providing this mutual aid support is very important because should there be a wildfire in our community, many other departments would come to our aid to help protect our community.

Special Thanks!! A special thanks goes out to Mowbray's Tree Service for providing the boom truck and crew to help us replace the rope on the station's flagpole! What a great company working in our community willing to provide community service at a moment's notice.



Sincerely,
Jim Ozias, Fire Chief

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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