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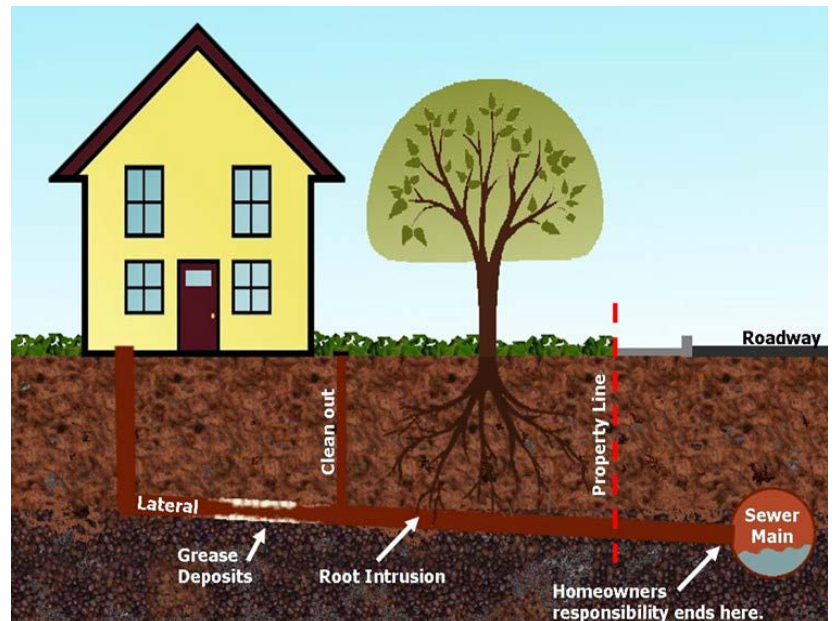
The Waterline



July 2018

SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE & HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

High on the list of experiences nobody wants to have is a sewer backup. The two most common causes of sewer backups are grease and roots. If cooking grease or oil is poured down the drain or flushed down toilets, even when followed by hot water, it eventually cools down, congeals, builds up, and hardens, forming a plug in both home and District sewer lines. Over time, this situation creates backups and overflows. This can be avoided if you do not pour grease down drains or toilets, scrape grease and food scraps into the trash, and do not put grease down the garbage disposal. Plant roots are another frequent cause of sewer backups. The roots of shrubs and trees naturally seek any water source. Roots find their way into the sewer line through any opening, such as a crack or a poorly sealed joint. Once the sewer line is penetrated, the roots grow into the line eventually blocking it. The best way to avoid root blockages is not to plant trees and shrubs close to your home's clean-outs or sewer service line. If trees or shrubs are already growing near the line, watch for reductions in flows down the drain. If a reduction in flow occurs, have a plumber check the line and clear the blockage if necessary. Most sewer backups can be prevented by maintaining your clean-outs, which are direct lines to the sewer that allow plumbers to access the line and clean it out. Homeowners are often unaware that they are responsible for maintaining their laterals (sewer line from the house to the sewer main) and clean-outs. A plumber can help you identify where your clean-out is and if there are any problems, including a common issue of broken or missing caps. Unmaintained clean-outs can cause infiltration of excessive water into the Wastewater Treatment Plant creating storage capacity and treatment issues. If you have any questions, please call the District office at (909) 867-2704.



Board Meeting Highlights

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

April – Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the pipeline project progress. Battalion Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls, grant status, and a new recruit. General Manager Huff reported on the progress of the new Serviceperson I, the CCR, and SWRCB fees. The Board approved the OPEB valuation, voted for a LAFCO Director, and directed GM Huff to draft a new public relations and communications policy.

May – Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance issues for the month and the progress of the Conifer project. Battalion Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and putting together a recruitment package for a new Battalion Chief. General Manager Huff reported on the cost to the District of credit card processing fees and SWRCB amended permit status. The Board approved and adopted the Public Relations & Communications policy and the FY 2018-2019 Master Plan.



June – Supervisor Miller reported on District maintenance and pipeline project progress. Battalion Chief Ozias reported on calls and responses for the month and gave an overview of the hazard abatement process. General Manager Huff reported on an SDRMA safety inspection. The Board discussed and approved the FY 17-18 budget as well as associated annual motions and resolutions.

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



CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Arrowbear Lake Fire Department wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Chief Isaiah Hall for his service to the Department and the community. Chief Hall recently announced his retirement from the Department after over 20 years of service. In his retirement announcement Chief Hall expressed his appreciation, "It has been one of my biggest life



Chief Ozias

pleasures serving the community of Arrowbear Lake for over 20 years and I will truly miss the friends and family I have made during this time." Chief Hall will be missed by the Department, the District, and the community and their thoughts and prayers go with him into the next chapter in his life. Thanks for your service, Chief Hall!!



Chief Hall

Battalion Chief Jim Ozias was promoted to Chief, effective July 1, 2018. Chief Ozias has been with the department for 20 years and has served as Firefighter, EMT, Engineer, Captain, and Battalion Chief. Chief Ozias is looking forward to leading the next generation of Arrowbear Lake Firefighters in the service of the community.

Community Support – The Fire Department would again like to thank the community for their support for the 4th of July Arrowbear Lake Firefighter’s Association Picnic. Everyone



enjoyed the wonderful food and the kids loved playing in the water. Thank you everyone who purchased raffle tickets and our local businesses and sponsors who provided prizes. It was great to see the community come together for a great day of food, fun, and friends. It is truly a pleasure to serve in our community. (Photos by Starlight Photography, Michael Lee)



Sincerely,
Jim Ozias, Fire Chief

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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