



The Waterline



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WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE PORCUPINE, BADGER, & KEATER COMPLETE!

Arrowbear Park County Water District has completed the new water mains for Keater, Badger, and Porcupine. The pressure testing was completed, disinfection done, the bacteriological testing passed, and so we began connecting new service lines to customers' meters. When we were performing the tie-in to existing mains and disconnecting the old mains that will not be used any more, we encountered problems with 50+ year-old valves that did not function. In order to restore water service to all residents, our Field Technicians worked through the night and into the early morning hours. They overcame the issues and water service was restored. The District cannot thank the residents in this area enough for their patience while water service was interrupted, street closures, and some dust during these projects. During the first week in October, permanent paving was done as the finishing touch to the projects. The next street on our schedule for main line replacement is Richmond. We will begin this project in the spring of 2017, weather permitting.



Board Meeting Highlights

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

July – Supervisor Miller reported on current water and sewer maintenance issues as well as the pipeline project progress. He reported that Porcupine should be completed soon and that manhole raising was continuing in preparation for the annual sewer cleaning and video inspection. Chief Hall reported on the Departments calls, participation in Mountaintop Days, and the donation of the old SCBA's to the Rim High School fire program. General Manager Huff reported to the Board that there was no new information on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Agreement. Linda Devlin, of the accounting firm Ahern, Adcock, & Devlin, LLP., presented the audit for FY 2014-2015. The Board accepted the audit and voted to engage the firm for the FY 2015-2016 audit. The Board reviewed and voted to confirm the current District Conflict of Interest Code.



August – Supervisor Miller reported that that the pipeline installation on Badger, Keater,

and Porcupine was complete and they were in the process of pressure testing. Chief Hall reported on Department calls and the Department's support of the Pilot Fire with personnel and the water tender. General Manager Huff reported on the treatment plant permit amendment progress, research regarding pseudomonas aeruginosa, and FY 2015-2016 audit preparation. The Board held a closed session to perform the annual review for General Manager Huff. When the session was opened, the Board voted to extend General Manager Huff's contract for another year.

CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION: STAGE 3

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

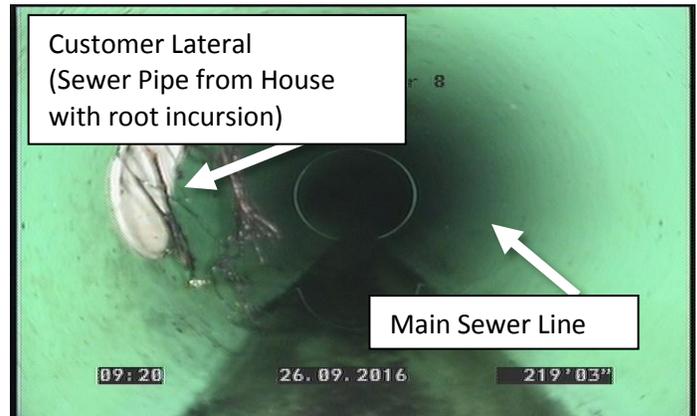


September – Chief Hall reported on calls, weed abatement, code compliance efforts, and the Fire Department's upcoming Open House and Recruiting Drive to be held Sat. Sept. 17. General Manager Huff reported on requesting and receiving a proposal from KWC Engineering for an independent study to look at WWTP agreement issues. He also reported on the aging meter replacement progress. The Board approved the FY 2015-2016 budget surplus allocations for future projects and reserves.

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

SEWER CLEANING AND VIDEO INSPECTION

Ever wonder what it looks like inside the sewer pipes? Every year we take a look at about 3 miles of the 15 miles of sewer lines in the system. First, we use high pressure water to clean each section of the line (from one manhole to the next). This cleans out any solids and grease that may have accumulated in the bottom of the pipe. To help with this, please **DO NOT** wash grease down the drain or flush “flushable” wipes. These are the primary human causes of blockages and damage to sewer pumps. Next, we send a remote operated vehicle equipped with a camera down the pipe that sends a video feed back to the truck where we watch the video (and record it for future identification of trouble spots). With this video we can see if a pipe is damaged, blocked with roots, or has sag points. We can then perform needed repairs on the lines. The picture to the right shows some of the issues we discover during this process. At some point, these roots may cause a blockage at the customer’s home and they will need a plumber to come out to clean out their line going from their house to the street (lateral). Customers are responsible for their lateral lines.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Open House / Volunteer Recruitment Drive – The Fire Department held an Open House in connection with a recruitment drive on Saturday, September 17th. We would like to thank everyone for coming out to our 1st Annual Open House / Volunteer Recruitment Drive. We really enjoyed meeting everyone and are excited to consider the many applicants. If you were not able to make it we hope that you were able to see us streaming live on our Arrowbear Lake Firefighter Association Facebook page where we are constantly updating it with photos and proudly sharing all the training and other fun stuff we do.

Arrowbear Fire Department Support on the Pilot Fire – The Fire Department dispatched Volunteer Firefighters and the water tender to help fight the Pilot Fire by Lake Silverwood. Our Firefighters played a critical role, providing water to CalFire and other departments in the Pinnacles area northwest of Lake Arrowhead.



Our Department received a Certificate of Recognition and was recognized by a resolution of the LACSD for their efforts.

Fire Safety - I would also like to remind everyone that winter is coming quickly and as you start gathering firewood to battle the cold, remember to get your chimney swept. Chimney fires are not only scary and expensive, but in some case can be devastating. Please use a licensed chimney person when having your annual service and remember to never burn any kind of trash or waste as it most commonly plugs your spark arrester screen and can back up into your home.



Sincerely,
Isaiah Hall, Fire Chief

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