

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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MAIN REPLACEMENT ON COUGAR AND EVERGREEN

We are pleased to announce that, as of the end of 2019, Arrowbear Park County Water District has replaced nearly a mile and a half (7,000 feet) of the almost four miles of over 60-year-old, 2-inch steel, water mains in the District. This month we will once again begin work on more water main replacements. **Residents on Cougar Ln. (from Fox to Evergreen) and Evergreen (from Cougar to Powers) are asked to be patient and understanding during the project. Access may be limited between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm and residents**

are asked to exercise caution in the work areas. Once completed, the new C900 PVC 8-inch water mains will provide decades of service and provide greater flows for use in fighting a structure or brush fire. The addition of a new fire hydrant in this area will permit firefighters to connect fire hose closer to the fire, allowing them to attack the fire with greater speed. The anticipated life of the new C900 PVC pipe is 75+ years. The next streets to undergo pipeline replacement in 2021 will be Independence Lane and then Encina Dr. The full, tentative list of pipeline replacement projects is available at the District office.



Board Meeting Highlights

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

January - Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the impact of the Thanksgiving snowstorm. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and the status of the newly procured truck that can be converted into a quick-strike vehicle. General Manager Huff reported that he had met with the County's utility coordinator regarding planned paving for Arrowbear in August 2020 and how that would impact the District's pipeline projects. He also reported on the completion of the sewer lift station controller upgrade. The Board selected Director Weber as Board President and Director Wymer as Vice-President for 2020. The Board also allocated funds for newly required segregated accounting and asset tracking software.



February - Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance issues for the month and that personnel was doing regularly scheduled maintenance done during the winter. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and his progress in putting together quotes to outfit the newly acquired quick-strike vehicle. General Manager Huff reported on the recent rate increases from CLAWA affecting the District's annual connection fee as well as the rates we charge Running Springs for water. The Board discussed some recently raised issues regarding the Fire Department and Chief Ozias' responses to those issues. The Board reinstated holding a Regular Board Meeting in December and approved the 2019 SSMP Audit.

March - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Governor's Orders, the March Board Meeting was held using remote meeting technology. Supervisor Miller was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance issues for the month and current administrative issues. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and newly implemented protocols for first responders and COVID-19. The Board allocated funds for the outfitting of the quick-strike vehicle (*see the January 2020 Waterline for more details on this apparatus*), approved annual resolutions for investments, and approved by motion special considerations for customers financially affected by COVID-19 (*see bill insert included in March's bill or the website for more details*).

NOTE: THE MOST RECENT FULL MEETING AGENDAS, APPROVED MINUTES, AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO VIEW AND PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, ARROWBEARWATER.ORG



ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department, First Responders, and You During the COVID-19 Pandemic – We have all been impacted in some way by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Those impacted the most have been our first-responders, medical professionals, and those who support them. As you may know, many of our volunteers also work full-time as EMT's and Paramedics. As your Chief, I have been tirelessly working with my fellow Chiefs and other officers with County Fire, Runnings Springs Fire, and other departments to ensure we are supporting each other with the latest protocols and protection for our personnel, while continuing to provide the life-saving services you depend on.



With this in mind, I want to let you know that we are working with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH) as they continue to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) as we all work to respond to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and react appropriately as the pandemic evolves. We ask that all Arrowbear residents follow local authority's directions. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health has said, **"Residents of San Bernardino County are encouraged to stay home as much as possible while only participating in essential activities, such as critical work functions and shopping for necessities. We know these measures are challenging, but social distancing will help to protect all of our communities. We encourage older adults and those with chronic medical conditions to take additional precautions to avoid getting sick with the disease. The [County Acting Health Officer has ordered the cancellation of all gatherings](#) based on [CDPH's Gathering Guidance](#) and provided other guidance to the public in an effort to protect our population from any possible spread of the virus.** Please stay home if ill, regularly wash hands with soap and water, clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily and practice social distancing. To prevent stigma and discrimination, it is important to remember that the risk of COVID-19 is not related to race, ethnicity or culture. Do not make determinations of risk based on race or country of origin and be sure to maintain confidentiality of people with confirmed COVID-19. All San Bernardino County residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to continue to practice good public health hygiene and follow guidance from CDC, CDPH and DPH to protect themselves from possibly spreading any illness. For the most updated information about COVID-19, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.](#)"

"San Bernardino County residents may call the County's COVID-19 hotline at (909) 387-3911 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. for general information and resources about the virus. The hotline is **NOT** for medical calls. If you are feeling sick, please contact your health care provider. Call 9-1-1 **ONLY** if you have a medical emergency. If you have questions about social services, please call 2-1-1."

Together we can make a difference and significantly slow, then stop, the spread of this virus.

Sincerely,

Jim Ozias, Fire Chief

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