

# The Waterline



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## NEW TRAFFIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE DISTRICT

Arrowbear Park County Water District recently received a grant from SDRMA (our workers' compensation insurance provider) for safety equipment and so additional traffic safety equipment has been purchased that includes cones, barriers, and warning signs to help you get around during emergency work as well as our pipeline replacement projects. With our narrow streets and curvy roads, the key thing to remember is to slow down and be alert. The District's employees are out there taking care of the infrastructure to provide consistent services for each of us and their safety is very important. Being aware of your surroundings and following the direction of the safety warning signs will help keep everyone safe. Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we work in the community.



## 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 Richmond was completed and that Truman would be started soon. Chief Hall reported on the Department's calls and training for the month and thanked the community for their support of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July community picnic put on by the Volunteer Firefighter's Association. General Manager Huff reported to the Board on the LAFCO mountain area water service review as well as the inspection by State Water of the District's facilities. The Board reviewed and voted to approve a part-time employment agreement for Battalion Chief Jim Ozias, conference attendance by Board Secretary Rimmer, and a District water main extension on Conifer Camp Rd. In a closed session, the Board approved a position letter to be sent to the Running Springs Water District regarding continued wastewater treatment and the terms APCWD would continue to operate under, while also reiterating the desire to reach an agreement for future terms.



**August** – Supervisor Miller reported that the pipeline installation on Truman had begun with about 200' completed already and manhole raising was in progress to prepare for sewer cleaning and video inspection later in the year. Chief Hall reported on Department calls, new personnel recruiting and training, and the Department's support of the various wildfires with personnel and the water tender. General Manager Huff reported on meetings with Chief Hall regarding Fire Dept. leadership succession, and FY 2016-2017 audit preparation. The Board discussed and approved FY 16-17 surplus allocations, additional money for the new dump truck, and dissolution of the Fire Dept. Resource Assessment and Scope of Services Ad-hoc Committee while thanking the committee for its service. 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 2

Water saving tips and hints can be found on the [saveourh2o.org](http://saveourh2o.org) website. You can even sign up for email alerts and tips!



**September** – Supervisor Miller reported that the pipeline installation on Truman was going well and should be completed in October and manhole raising was almost completed for sewer cleaning and video inspection to be done in October. Chief Hall reported on Department calls and the issues with the Squad Vehicle's engine. General Manager Huff reported on personnel preparing for additional certifications, the upcoming delivery of the new dump truck, and the State Water Resources Control Board Sanitary Site Survey. The Board discussed and approved expenditures for the Squad Vehicle engine work and a new compactor.

**NOTE: THE MOST RECENT, FULL MEETING AGENDAS AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, [ARROWBEARWATER.ORG](http://ARROWBEARWATER.ORG)**

# NEW DUMP TRUCK ARRIVES

Over the years, Arrowbear Park County Water District has done a fabulous job of taking care of its equipment and making it last. The old, 42-year-old dump truck, was no exception, but eventually, even it needed to be retired. The District shopped around and received an excellent bid from Rush Truck Center in Whittier under their government agency procurement program. The new dump truck is a Rugby 5-7 yard dump bed on a Ford F-650 6.7L Power Stroke V8 Turbo Diesel (270 HP) regular-cab body. The District is looking forward to many years of service from the new dump truck



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Fire Season** – October is still fire season. Please keep in mind as winter approaches and the leaves start to fall, we are not out of fire danger yet and as typical Southern California goes we should start getting those Santa Ana winds here real soon. Please make sure you double check your defensible space and brush clearances. Defensible space means just that. Remember by helping firefighters defend your home through a good defensible space may make the difference in a wild fire. Above all, be ready. Have important papers, food, water, and clothes for a couple of days, and most importantly, an evacuation plan ready to put into place at a moment's notice.

**Winter Fire Safety** – Remember as winter approaches and if you haven't done so, it is recommended to have your chimney inspected and or cleaned. Chimney fires are scary and have been the cause of many dangerous and costly structure type fires in mountain communities. Please make sure you utilize a licensed, certified, and insured contractor.

**Open Fires** - As you may have seen us on occasion asking folks to extinguish their fires, there are a few steps you can



follow to ensure we are all safe from open fires and flames that can lead to possible wildfires. California Fire Code 2013 edition Sections 307 and 308 define open burning and open flame devices, as any outdoor open fires and are prohibited **except by permit only** and that the Fire Department has the authority to extinguish said fire.

All open fires within Arrowbear in your yard and on your decks are by **permit only** with the exception of Barbeques (gas or charcoal), TIKI style candles and table candles only if they are not on a RED flag day, they are secured, have plenty of brush or combustible material clearance, not left unattended, and a suitable fire extinguishing agent is on sight and does not conflict with California Fire Code sections 308.1.6.2 and 308.3. All other Open Fires or outdoor hot work are by **PERMIT ONLY**. Any fires of any kind deemed unsafe or unattended, with or without a permit, will be extinguished at the responding fire agencies

discretion. Fire and Hot work permits may be obtained through the Cal-Fire Running Springs station 909-867-2680. Remember we are not here to hinder your vacation, or any recreation in our community, but to provide a fire safe community that we can all enjoy. Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance.

Sincerely,

*Isaiah Hall*, Fire Chief

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