

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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ELECTIONS FOR 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEATS

The official date for individuals interested in participating on the Arrowbear Park County Water District Board of Directors began July 13, 2020 and ends August 7, 2020, at 5:00 PM. Any interested resident desiring to run for one of the 3 available director's seats, who meets the candidate requirements (available online at arrowbearwater.org or at the District Office at 2365 Fir Dr., Arrowbear Lake, CA 92382), may file their Candidate Filing documents at the Registrar of Voters Office located at 777 E. Rialto Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92415. For additional information (including how to setup contactless appointments) visit the Registrar of Voters Office website at sbcountyelections.com or call 909-387-8300. This election, there are 3 seats available, currently held by Jeffrey Mark Bunyea, Sheila Wymer, and Terisa Bonito. Voting can be done by mail-in ballot or in person. Mail-in ballots will be delivered to voter's mail boxes beginning October 5, 2020. The deadline to register to vote is October 19, 2020. The early voting period is from October 5, 2020 to November 2, 2020 with Election Day November 3, 2020. Become involved in your community, participate and vote.



Board Meeting Highlights

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

April - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Governor's Orders, the April Board Meeting was held using remote meeting technology. Supervisor Miller was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance issues for the month, precautions the District and employees were taking to protect against COVID-19, the potential donation of 2 lots to the District, and preparations for upcoming pipeline projects. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and presented a summary on the permitting process and safety precautions for the property on Hilltop that is storing and fueling vehicles with liquefied natural gas (LNG). The Board approved the FY 20-21 Master Plan, voted for a candidate for the LAFCO Board, allocated funds to start the Evergreen pipeline project early, and discussed (without taking any action) the District's policy on water sales through a hydrant meter.

May - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Governor's Orders, the May Board Meeting was held using remote meeting technology. Supervisor Miller was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance issues for the month, the County's paving schedule for Arrowbear, current water sales to Running Springs status, the new account connection (the first in years), and the number of customers affected by COVID-19 and suspending payments. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and recent promotions of two of the volunteers, one to Engineer and the other to Captain. Michael Heftman from BurrTec explained the liquefied natural gas (LNG) tank and fueling station at their facility on Hilltop and answered questions from the Board. The Board approved a resolution authorizing the General Manager to accept property on behalf of the District and another resolution authorizing a 3-year agreement with CALFire to provide dispatching services for the Fire Department.

June - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Governor's Orders, the June Board Meeting was held using remote meeting technology. Supervisor Miller was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance issues for the month, the progress being made on the Cougar/Evergreen pipeline projects, progress on the audit, and completion of plans for a new warehouse. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls, recruitment of new volunteers and their upcoming Firefighter I training, and the progress on outfitting the new quick-strike vehicle. The Board discussed and approved the upcoming FY 20-21 budget as well as associated annual motions and resolutions



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

What's expected for the 2020 California wildfire season?

In an *AccuWeather* article by the same name, written by John Roach, this year's earlier wet weather has led to an abundance of vegetation growth; that when dry becomes ample fuel for wildfires. "California is the top state in the U.S. for extreme wildfires with an estimate of more than 2 million properties at risk. During the 2019 California wildfire season, a total of 259,823 acres were burned, while the totals were 1.8 million acres in 2018 and 1.3 million acres in 2017."

Going into the Fourth of July weekend we received a wakeup call with the Mount R Fire headed towards our community. Thanks to the quick actions of our emergency responders and responding fire departments and agencies the fire was controlled before it reached homes. Still, some evacuations were called for in areas most threatened by this wildfire. When an evacuation is called, that is not the time to get ready. We should all be ready at a moment's notice, because, as history has shown, once an evacuation is called there is little time left for preparation. The state has had a wildfire preparedness campaign in place for years called "Ready, Set, Go!" This program offers this valuable advice: (www.readyforwildfire.org)

Get prepared for wildfire before it strikes by following Ready, Set, Go!

- **Be Ready:** Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers.
- **Get Set:** Prepare your family and home ahead of time for the possibility of having to evacuate. Ensure you have a plan of what to take and where to go – evacuation plans will be different this year due to COVID-19. Ask friends or relatives outside your area if you would be able to stay with them, should the need arise. If you do need to evacuate and plan to stay with friends or relatives, ask first if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have people in their home at higher risk for serious illness. If that is the case, make other arrangements. Check with hotels, motels and campgrounds to learn if they are open. Also get set by learning about your community's response plan for each disaster and determine if these plans have been adapted because of COVID-19.
- **Be Ready to GO!:** When wildfire strikes, go early for your safety. Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire.



Together we can make a difference by being prepared. Because when we are prepared we are better able to extend a hand to help others, should an emergency arise.

Sincerely,

Jim Ozias, Fire Chief

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