# The Waterline



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### PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY DURING FIRE SEASON

Due to all the moisture our mountain communities received this winter and spring, and the increased vegatation it produced, fire season is already here. Vigilance is needed by all of us to keep our community safe. First and foremost you need to make sure your property has had all fire hazards removed (dry grass, vegetation, dead trees, and branches). Should a wildfire occur, the action you have taken to create a defensible space on your property will greatly reduce the risk of fire and may save your property. It is your responsibility to ensure that your property is maintained in a "fire safe" condition to protect your family and your neighbors around you. Finally, remain



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attentive. If you see a fire hazard, fix it or report it. It takes all of us to keep our community safe and fire free.

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

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

**April** – Field Operations Supervisor Weber Supervisor Weber gave a report on the monthly repairs and routine services performed in February and March. Supervisor Weber also complimented the work and attitude of the new Utility Workers Logan Stinson and Tim Fernandez. Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls for the month and announced the upcoming Pancake Breakfast and Firefighters' Association Picnic. General Manager Huff reported on the completion of the 21-22 Financial Audit. The Board passed a Mutual Aid Agreement with Running Springs Fire Department, passed a resolution expressing appreciation for District employees and Fire Department

personnel who performed admirably during the severe storms, reduced water conservation from Stage 2 to Stage 1, and approved live streaming of Board Meetings.

**May** – Field Operations Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District. Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls for the month of April. Chief Lindley also thanked those who supported the pancake breakfast. General

Manager Huff reported on the completion of the rate comparisons, employee recognition of efforts during the recent storms, and that Tim Fernandez passed his 90 day probation. There was a presentation of the FY 2021-2022 Audit by Adam Cisneros of Halliday & Company. The Board passed a motion to accept the Audit. The Board also approved resolutions for Appropriations Limits, Water and Sewer Standby Charges, and the annual NIMS adoption.

June – Field Operations Supervisor Weber was excused for the meeting and General Manager Huff reported on his behalf to the Board. General Manager Huff reported that the personnel exercised valves, inspected and operated hydrants, and that Running Springs Water District water was turned back on at 35 GPM. Chief Lindley was excused from the meeting and Staff reminded the Board of the upcoming annual Firefighter's Association Picnic. General Manager Huff reported that the District received the funds from the Internal Revenue Service for CARES ACT Relief for payroll taxes and a portion of health insurance paid during the COVID 19 outbreak. The Board adopted a motion providing for Fire Department cost recovery fees, increased coverage compensation for Fire Department personnel, approve the financing of a new sewer jetter, sewer inspection setup, and skid steer with attachments, and approved the 23-24 Budget. Due to General Manager Huff's employment contract expiration, the Board directed the Personnel Committee (Chairperson Bunyea and President Bonito), to meet and discuss recruitment options for the position of General Manager and directed staff to support the Committee by drafting and placing advertisements, placing an announcement on the District's website, as well as any other support needed.

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





## **ARROWBEAR LAKE** FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

In June, ArrowbearLake Fire Department graduated five academy recruits. These five new recruits will be serving the department in the capacity of firefighters.



We also recently had our annual firefighter association picnic. It was the largest turnout we have had to date and was a fun day for everyone. Thank you to all who came out and joined in the festivities. We love seeing our community members gather together and have a



good time. We look forward to an even bigger and better event next year.



Stay tuned for upcoming Arrowbear events as we get ready to prepare more near the end of the year.

Paul Lindley, Fire Chief

Sincerely,

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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