

# The Waterline



**Arrowbear Park County Water District**

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## RAIN, SNOW, AND GROUNDWATER

Arrowbear Park County Water District provides its customers with wonderfully clean and pure water from wells which pump the groundwater into the system. The water in the ground is part of the hydrological cycle where water on the surface of the earth evaporates into the air, condenses in clouds, and then comes back to the earth in the form of precipitation: rain and snow. The last few weeks have seen our area receive several inches of both rain and snow. The amount of water we are able to save within the ground depends on several factors. The rate of rainfall: A lot of rain in a short period tends to run off the land into streams rather than soak into the ground. The topography of the land: Topography is the lay of the land - the hills, valleys, mountains, and canyons. Water falling on uneven land drains downhill until it becomes part of a stream, finds a hollow place to accumulate, like a lake, or soaks into the ground. Soil conditions: different types of soil are better at absorbing water than others. Our mountain contains a lot of fractured granite that has many cracks and crevices that can hold large quantities of water. Density of vegetation: Greater amounts of plant growth helps decrease erosion caused by flowing water. Amount of urbanization: As a town is built, a lot of money and construction goes into moving water out of built-up areas. Roads, pavement, and parking lots create impervious areas where water can no longer seep into the ground, rather, water is funneled into lakes, creeks, and streams. Due to this ongoing precipitation, Arrowbear is fortunate to have suffered minimal drought impacts over the years and hopefully this will continue for years to come.

## Board Meeting Highlights

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

**October** – Field Operations Supervisor Weber was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the progress on the Deer Lick Ln. pipeline project. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls, gave an update on the recent brushfire near Snow Valley, and the acquisition of a surplus command vehicle from San Bernardino County. General Manager Huff reported on the status of the development of an Emergency Response Plan, the Governor’s extension of the moratorium on water shutoffs, and COVID-19 relief funds that may be forthcoming from the State. General Manager Huff made a presentation to the Board regarding a pension liability reduction investment fund from CalPERS and the Board approved allocation of \$20,000 into the fund for FY 21-22.

**November** – Field Operations Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the completion of the Deer Lick Ln. pipeline project. Battalion Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls, the success of the Department’s Open House, and the Department’s participation providing Thanksgiving meals for those in need. In the administrative report General Manager Huff reported on the audit progress, the cost savings associated with the new water SCADA system, and the completion of the first year of Matt O’Shea. General Manager Huff presented the first draft of the District’s new Emergency Response Plan which the Board reviewed and gave input on.



**December** – Field Operations Supervisor Weber was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District. Chief Ozias reported on calls and responses for the month and gave a report on the Santa at the Fire Station event. In his administrative report, General Manager Huff reported that audit preparations were going well, the rate study was underway, and that the District had received funds from the State to assist customers affected by COVID-19. The Board unanimously passed and presented to Arrowbear Lake Fire Department Chief James Ozias a resolution honoring his 23 years of service to the District. The Board then approved an employment agreement for newly appointed Interim Fire Chief Lindley, effective January 1, 2022.

**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](http://ARROWBEARWATER.ORG)**



# ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OZIAS RETIRES AFTER 23 YEARS

At the December Board Meeting Chief James (Jim) Ozias was honored by the Board of Directors of the Arrowbear Park County Water District with a special plaque and a Resolution of Appreciation for his 23 years of service to the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department (right, Board President Wymer presenting Chief Ozias with retirement plaque and resolution).



On December 18<sup>th</sup> a Retirement Celebration was held at the Fire Station where community members, friends, family, and the Fire Department gathered to honor Chief Ozias.



Chief Ozias served in the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department from June 15, 1998 to December 31, 2021. While a member of the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department Chief Ozias served as a Volunteer Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Fire Chief with the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department and served the community with honor and distinction. Chief Ozias was respected and admired by Board Members, General Managers, fellow Fire Department Volunteers and Officers, and the community for his commitment, hard work, and dedication to the Arrowbear Lake Fire

Department. As the Fire Chief, the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department benefitted tremendously from his hard work and leadership as he endeavored to provide the community with the highest quality fire protection and emergency response services. Some of Chief Ozias' recent accomplishments with the Fire Department included: completion of the training room project, increased coverage, securing a surplus command and brush patrol quick-strike vehicle, and the improvement of the Department's ISO rating to 2/2Y (an excellent rating that some full-time departments are not even able to achieve). Chief Ozias was committed to the success of Arrowbear Lake Fire Department and the accomplishment of its vision and mission. Everyone at the Arrowbear Park County Water District and the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department wish him much success and happiness in his future endeavors.



**Recent Events** - With the retirement of Chief Ozias it was my pleasure to accept the appointment offered by District General Manager Huff for the position of Interim Fire Chief. I hope to continue the tradition of dedicated community service that my predecessors have so well demonstrated. In addition, I hope to bring to bear my experience and leadership in providing fire protection and emergency response services to the community of Arrowbear that are second-to-none. I'm also looking forward to opportunities to roll out new programs that will highlight the Departments strengths and provide opportunities to enhance services offered to the community.

Sincerely,

*Paul Lindley*, Interim Fire Chief

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