

# The Waterline



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## WATER CONSERVATION

California's drought continues to make headlines as April's snow pack levels came in as the lowest they have been on record. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Governor directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25 percent. This savings amounts to approximately 1.5 million acre-feet of water over the next nine months, or nearly as much as is currently in Lake

Oroville. Arrowbear Park County Water District is awaiting further direction from the State Water Resources Control Board as to how the Governor's directives will be implemented. As we receive direction, we will pass this along to residents and customers through information included in the monthly bills. Additional information can be found at <http://ca.gov/drought> as well as water conservation information at [saveourh2o.org](http://saveourh2o.org).

### 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!



## DISTRICT BEGINS ITS FIRST 2 INCH WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT OF 2015 – FALLING LEAF LANE.



**Trench Excavating**

Arrowbear Park County Water District broke ground in April on the first 2 inch main replacement project for 2015 and the second for the District. Falling Leaf Lane was chosen because of the frequency of repairs needed recently and the amount of homes that would benefit from increased water flow. This project will replace about 800 feet of 2 inch, 60 year old steel water main while extending the water main 120 feet to add a new fire hydrant. Also included in the project will be a second new hydrant, new meters, and service lines. Residents are asked to be patient and understanding during the project. Access will 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 6 inch line will be able to handle much more water flow for use in fighting a structure or brush fire and the addition of the two fire hydrants will allow firefighters to connect fire hose closer to the fire. The anticipated life of the new C900 PVC pipe is 75+ years. The next streets to undergo pipeline replacement will be connecting Badger and Porcupine to the main line on Deep Creek in the summer, and Truman in the fall. The full, tentative ten-year list of pipeline replacement projects is available at the District office.



**Pipe Laying  
& Trench Filling**

## SAVE THE DATE – 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

The annual community picnic this year will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2015 at 10:00 am at Arrowbear Park. This is a great time for you to meet your Fire Department and us to meet you. We will have most of our apparatus and equipment there for you to see and plan on getting everyone "WET"... Don't forget your towels and sunscreen. Due to our State's drought conditions, the water fun will be limited to 3 ten-minute times during the day.



## FIRE SEASON – BRUSH CLEARANCES

Annually, all improved lots and parcels in Arrowbear need to comply with weed abatement measures to provide for fire defensible space around your property for your safety and for the safety of your neighbors.

With fire inspections around the corner, we ask you, the community, to remember your property cleanup and to remind you we will be looking for fuels thinning and removal again this year. That means thinning and or removal of the small trees (under 4" within 10' of another tree and within 15" of any structure) and high energy shrubs (junipers, manzanita, buck thorn, etc.) To see the guidelines you may look at the Arrowbear Park County Water Districts web site ([www.arrowbearwater.org](http://www.arrowbearwater.org) - on the Newsletter Page), the County of San Bernardino (909) 884-4056, or their website [www.sbcounty.gov/calmast/sbc/html/defensible\\_space.asp](http://www.sbcounty.gov/calmast/sbc/html/defensible_space.asp). You may also pick up a copy of the guidelines at the District Office at 2365 Fir Drive. We ask you to help us protect you, your property, and the beautiful place in which we live. Inspections will start June 1, 2015 and Abatement notices will be sent out July 1, 2015 for noncompliance.

Sincerely,

Isaiah Hall, Fire Chief

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Board Meeting Highlights

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

**\*\*Please Note – The May and July Meetings will be on the Fourth Thursday at 6:30 PM\*\***

**January** – Supervisor Miller reported on the repairs and service issues completed in December. Chief Hall reported on the Fire Department's completion of the ISO inspection and an improvement in our rating. The ISO rating is an indication of the ability of the Fire Department and Water District to provide fire protection services and determines commercial insurance rates for the District. The Board elected officers for 2015 with Director Mark Bunyea elected to position of Board President and Director Sheila Wymer elected as Vice-President. The Board also discussed revision/updating of policy to reflect the recent rate increase. The Board approved a motion to send Board Secretary Caroline Rimmer to the California Special District Associations Board Secretary Conference in San Diego in February.



**February** – Resident Ouida Rendelman asked the Board about the protocol for the election of Board Officers. Chief Hall announced that the annual Firefighters Association's Picnic will be held Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Board Secretary Caroline Rimmer reported on the California Special District Associations Board Secretary Conference in San Diego. General Manager Huff reported on a staff meeting where the field personnel discussed experience gained from the completion of the first main replacement project. The Board passed a resolution to adopt the State compensation standards for the Fire Department personnel supporting firefighting outside the District (Mutual Aid).

**March** – Resident Judy Pedery-Edwards voiced concerns that the District did not have a way to compensate residents who were making conservation efforts. The Board commented on the difficulty of doing this in a small District and still maintain a fair way to provide for the District's budgetary needs. Supervisor Miller reported on the general repairs and system maintenance for the month. Chief Hall reported on the effects of the drought and the early start to the fire season. He also reported on the return of the bark beetles and efforts by fire agencies to deal with the fire hazards associated with them. General Manager Huff reported on a water sampling certification class he attended with the other Treatment Operators in the District. Manager Huff also reported that the next main replacement project, Falling Leaf Lane, would begin April 6<sup>th</sup>. The District's Auditor, Linda Devlin, presented the audit for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to the Board. The Board voted to accept the audit as presented. The Board adopted a resolution to go back to holding the Election of Directors with the General Election in November (as opposed to the mail ballot in August). There are 3 Director Positions that will be elected this year. Interested residents may contact the District Office or the County Registrar of Voters Office for more information. The Board also approved an Employee Handbook and purchase of a new portable air compressor.

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