



# The Waterline



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## 2016 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT ON KEATER AND RICHMOND

Arrowbear Park County Water District will return to work replacing the nearly 4 miles of 60-year-old 2" steel water mains in the District on April 25<sup>th</sup>. **Residents on Keater and Richmond are asked to be patient and understanding during**



**the project. Access may 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 8 inch line will be able to provide much more water flow for use in fighting a structure or brush fire and the addition of new 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 Porcupine to the main line on Deep Creek to the new line being installed on Keater. This next project will begin in the spring of 2017. The full, tentative list of pipeline replacement projects is available at the District office.

## Board Meeting Highlights

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

**January** – Supervisor Miller reported on water and sewer maintenance issues resolved in December and introduced the latest new hire of the District, Utility Worker I, Bryant Jackson. Bryant gave the Board a brief biography and answered their questions regarding his experience. Chief Hall reported on the upcoming manufacturer visit to Pennsylvania for the new Type I Fire Engine. General Manager Huff updated the Board on the progress of the discussions with Running Springs regarding a new Wastewater Treatment Plant Agreement. The Board elected officers for 2016. Director Wymer was elected President with Director Bunyea as Vice-president. The regular Board meeting date and time was affirmed (3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. @ 6:30pm) by motion. Appointment of currently constituted officers was made by motion.

**February** – Supervisor Miller reported on snow poles installed and that meters would be read after two months of estimated readings due to snow. Chief Hall introduced Captain Jim Ozias who reported on the new Type I Fire Engine manufacturer visit where options were finalized. Chief Hall reported on plans for an open house at the Fire Department when delivery of the new Type I Fire Engine was made in December 2016. General Manager Huff presented his PowerPoint presentation he had prepared to give to the Running Springs Board regarding a new Wastewater Treatment Agreement. Per District policy, President Wymer appointed Directors Bunyea and Oberlies as signers on the District accounts.



### CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION: STAGE 3

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!



**March** – Supervisor Miller reported on winter maintenance projects that included meter box maintenance and vehicle maintenance. Chief Hall reported on the calls responded to in February, upcoming hazard abatement, and that the Annual Fire Fighter's Association Picnic will be held Saturday, July 2, 2016 at Tucker Field in Arrowbear. General Manager Huff reported on upcoming staff training and his meeting with District Legal Counsel Brad Neufeld. He also reported on how the presentation and discussion went with the Running Springs Board about the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Agreement and outlined some of their concerns that would need some more research and analysis to address. The Board approved by motion a modest increase for Fire Department officers shift coverage compensation from \$160 to \$180 for a 24-hour shift. The Board also approved two annual resolutions, one to affirm the District investment policy and the other affirming the use of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) as the District investment account.

**NOTE: THE MOST RECENT, FULL MEETING AGENDAS AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, ARROWBEARWATER.ORG**



# 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 small trees (within 10' of another tree and within 15" of any structure) and high energy shrubs (junipers, manzanita, buck thorn, etc.). Maintain a 100-foot defensible space around structures:

- 10-foot ignition zone
  - 30-foot clean zone (or to property line)
  - 70-foot reduced fuel zone (or to property line)
- Tips for creating a defensible space:
- Clear ALL flammable vegetation from within 10 feet of propane tanks
  - Use hard surfaces (concrete, stone, asphalt, brick, etc.) in your landscaping
  - Trim tree branches within 10 feet of a chimney or stovepipe
  - Remove all needles and leaves from beneath decks and within two feet of any structure; in open areas, restrict needles and leaves to a depth of 2 inches to prevent erosion
  - Trim grass to 4 inches in height except where soil erosion is an issue, where 18 inches is allowed
  - Eliminate ladder fuels that allow flames to climb upward (such as tall shrubs, small trees, low-hanging branches) in addition to other debris beneath trees
  - Space trees 20 to 30 feet apart, officials recommend



To see the complete guidelines please reference the Arrowbear Park County Water District's web site ([www.arrowbearwater.org](http://www.arrowbearwater.org) - on the **IMPORTANT MESSAGES** Page), the County of San Bernardino (909) 884-4056, or on their website, (link can be found on our website), or at [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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## SAVE THE DATE – THE 2<sup>ND</sup> OF JULY

The Annual Fire Fighter's Association Picnic this year will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 10:00 am at Arrowbear Park/Tucker Field. This is a great time for you to meet your Fire Department volunteers 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.