

# The Waterline



**Arrowbear Park County Water District**

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## District Participates in the “Is Your Address Up” Program

You may have noticed some individuals walking around neighborhoods in Arrowbear in bright yellow safety vests looking at homes and taking notes. Earlier this year the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council (MRFSC) received a grant to evaluate properties in the District which did not have a clearly identifiable address which would be offered (at no charge), reflective, 4” high letters so that emergency personnel can easily identify your property in the event of an emergency. The District put a call out for volunteers to help in identifying houses that needed corrections and we were overwhelmed by the amazing volunteers who stepped up to help. Many individuals stepped up to volunteer their time over three weekends to assist in this project. Volunteers included: Richard Fahrmeier, William Kopitsky, Don Fisher, Terisa Bonito, Michele Agosta, Claire Miller-McFarland, Yasuko Moore, Richard Dwyer, Martin Vrolyks, Juan Molina, Warren Carson, William Ladd, Cameron Edwards, and Randy Rimmer. With the help of these dedicated volunteers, we were able to compile a comprehensive list so that corrections can be made. Look for notification from the MRFSC offering to provide the appropriate house number identification. Remember, there is no cost to the homeowner and the MRFSC will even install the numbers for the home owner, with the home owner’s permission. If your property needs a post due to the distance it is set back from the road, the MRFSC can take care of this as well. Again, a HUGE thank you to the volunteers who helped, we couldn’t have done it without you! For additional information, please feel free to contact MRFSC at (866) 923-3473 or email at mountainrimfsc@gmail.com.



## Board Meeting Highlights

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

**July** – Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the progress of the Squirrel Ln. pipeline project. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and the success of, and support from the community for, the Fire Department Annual Picnic. The Board discussed and voted for a representative to serve on the CSDA 2019 Board of Directors. There was a discussion regarding Fire Chief compensation, but no action was taken.

**August** – Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance issues for the month and the ongoing progress of the Squirrel Ln. pipeline project. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and recent promotions of current volunteers. General Manager Huff reported on outstanding expenses from FY 18-19 and the Dry Creek Sewer Lift Station overflow. The Board approved allocations to replace a warehouse roll-up door and the Dry Creek Sewer Lift Station controls and notification system. The Board also discussed the Battalion Chief position and a motion to eliminate the position failed. The Board discussed and passed a motion to reduce Fire Chief additional compensation over time when the Battalion Chief position is not filled. After a closed session evaluation, the Board voted unanimously to extend General Manager Huff’s employment contract for an additional year.

**September** – Supervisor Miller reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the completion of pipeline installation, passing of pressure and bacti testing, and preparation for tie-ins on the Squirrel and Chipmunk Ln. pipeline projects. He also noted the completion of manhole raising for the upcoming annual sewer wash and video inspections. Chief Ozias reported on calls and responses for the month and plans for an Open House on October 26th. General Manager Huff reported on the new Utility Worker who completed his 90-day probation and was working out really well. The Board was advised of new legal requirements for nonpayment shutoff (SB 998). The Board discussed and approved the 2020 healthcare benefits ceiling limits by motion and resolution.



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



# ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Fire Department Improvements** – The Fire Department recently completed an interior addition to the Fire Station to



help improve services the Department provides the community. The recently completed interior addition of a new training room and additional bunk facilities is a welcome addition that will provide for the Department's needs, well into the future. To celebrate the addition, the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department will hold a Community Open House on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. where members of the community are able to tour the recently remodeled fire station and meet and greet our firefighters. At the Open House there will also be demonstrations and explanations of some of the tools and techniques used in rescue and firefighting operations. Hotdogs, beverages,

and Halloween candy will be provided. We hope that all who come will have a good time and get to know us a little better. On behalf of the entire Fire Department, we truly appreciate your support.



**Recent Events** – On October 10<sup>th</sup>, around 9:00 pm, the Department's Water Tender 271 was dispatched with two Firefighter Engineers to assist with the Sandalwood Incident in Calimesa. Participating in the State's Mutual Aid program allows the Fire Department to provide resources to other communities to help fight wildfires as well as mitigate damage caused by wildfires. In the past few years the Fire Department has provided this support all over Southern California. It is also important to note that during these deployments our firefighters provide additional coverage in order to maintain staffing and fire protection here in Arrowbear. Providing this mutual aid support is very important because should there be a wildfire in our community, many other departments would come to our aid to help protect our community.



Sincerely,

*Jim Ozias*, Fire Chief

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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