

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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October 2025

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday each month at 6:00 PM

July

The Board approved Staff applying for the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council (MRFSC), Critical Infrastructure Fuel Reduction Grant which aims to reduce fuel around critical infrastructure to prevent fire hazards.

Staff: General Manager Dumas reviewed the monthly maintenance for June 2025 and new details that were added to the report regarding the Aquifer Health, Distribution System Health, and Wastewater Systems Collection information. General Manager Dumas continued his report announcing the District's newest employee, Phillip Noyes. General Manager Dumas informed the Board of his passing the Wastewater I certification, that Caltrans is installing cement guard rails which requires moving a manhole. General Manager Dumas continued his report updating the Board on the Cross Connection Policy revisions, the Hazard Mitigation Plan, RCAC (Douglas Leal), assistance in the ARCGIS mapping, that he is meeting with the California Rural Water representative to work on source water issues, that he is working on a Board calendar, and his planned attendance at Running Springs Water District Board meeting on July 18, 2025 regarding a joint venture water tank. General Manager Dumas concluded his report by informing the Board that the Fire Department was keeping the KME Engine and the Expedition, that Tony at the District's engineering company was working on a Grant for the District regarding a water tank planning Grant, and reviewed the preliminary final budget numbers.



Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls for the month of June 2025. Chief Lindley also notified the Board that the Department was called out on (2) fires.

August

General Manager Dumas reviewed the monthly maintenance for July 2025 and the report regarding the Aquifer Health, Distribution System Health, and the Wastewater Systems Collection information. General Manager Dumas continued his report announcing the District's scheduled tour of the Running Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant, reviewed the final FY 24-25 Wastewater Treatment Plant amounts after their reconciliation, notified the Board that the District would now be testing for Lithium. General Manager Dumas continued his report by informing the Board of the status of the CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant, stated that Abilene with RCAC assisted staff in mapping items like hydrants and valves using the meter reader tablets, gave a report on the Ad hoc committee formed for the purpose of receiving assistance with weed abatement from the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council (MRFSC), reported on the malfunction of the lift station pump, and reported he found plans for a Cla-Val and a 200,000 gallon tank, reviewed the issues with the current Cross Connection Control Policy, and concluded his report by giving Administrative Staff a compliment for the use of the new County format for submitting Water and Sewer Standby Charges.

Chief Lindley reported on the calls for July 2025 and the anticipated revenue from outside agency fires.

September

General Manager Dumas reviewed the monthly maintenance for August 2025 and the report regarding the Aquifer Health, Distribution System Health, and the Wastewater Systems Collection information. General Manager Dumas continued his report by discussing various projects in the District, the results of the Lithium testing, the lift station pump, that he attended a CalPERS webinar, the status of the moving of the manhole for Caltrans, and that he changed the cell telephone service to T-Mobile.

Chief Lindley reported on the calls for August 2025 and informed the Board that a signal would be installed for the Fire Department to have the ability to stop traffic when responding to calls.

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



OCTOBER FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS

Change Your Clocks, Check Your Alarms

As Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2, the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department reminds residents to “Change your clocks, check your alarms!”

When you turn your clocks back one hour, take a few extra minutes to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Working alarms are one of the most important defenses against tragedy in a home emergency.

Quick Safety Tips:

- Test all smoke and CO alarms monthly.
- Replace batteries (unless you have 10-year sealed units).

- Replace any alarm older than 10 years.
- Install alarms on every level of your home, inside and outside sleeping areas.

These small steps can save lives and provide peace of mind through the colder months ahead.

Fall & Winter Safety: Wall Heaters and Home Heating Awareness

With temperatures dropping across the mountains, residents are turning on wall heaters, fireplaces, and other heating sources. Heating equipment remains one of the leading causes of home fires each winter, especially when units are not maintained properly.

Wall Heater Safety Tips:

- Have wall heaters inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician before use.
- Keep at least three feet of clearance around heaters—away from furniture, bedding, or curtains.
- Never hang clothing or decorations near or over heating units.
- Regularly vacuum vents and grills to remove lint and dust buildup.
- Do not block air circulation or use extension cords with portable heaters.

Also remember to test your carbon monoxide alarms regularly, especially if your home uses propane or natural gas. Preventive maintenance now can help avoid emergencies later.

Arrowbear Lake Achieves Firewise USA® Recognition

The Arrowbear Lake Fire Department is proud to announce that our community has officially achieved Firewise USA® recognition, a national honor through the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Being a Firewise community means that Arrowbear Lake residents, property owners, and the fire department are working together to reduce wildfire risk through defensible space, vegetation management, and home hardening projects.

This program not only improves our local safety and preparedness but also strengthens insurance ratings and community resilience. Residents are encouraged to participate in upcoming Firewise meetings, community cleanup days, and hazard reduction efforts to help keep our mountain neighborhoods safe.

Together, we are making Arrowbear Lake a safer, more wildfire-resilient place to live.

Thank you to all our residents and partners for your continued dedication to community safety. As we move through the fall and winter seasons, remember that prevention and preparation save lives.

Stay safe, stay aware, and thank you for helping make Arrowbear Lake a Firewise community we can all be proud of.

For any questions regarding any of these programs or opportunities, please contact me at (760) 514-7594 or p.lindley@ablfd.org.

Sincerely, *Paul Lindley*, Fire Chief

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