

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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Sewer Repairs Starting in May

Be on the lookout for APCWD crew working around the community in the coming weeks. Our staff will be making targeted sewer line repairs based on issues previously identified using underground camera inspections. These repairs are essential to maintaining the health of our system and preventing future emergencies.

Some of the main concerns being addressed include:

- **Water intrusion** – Groundwater entering the sewer system increases the volume we send for treatment, which raises costs. Stopping this now helps reduce unnecessary expenses and protects our infrastructure.
- **Root intrusion** – Roots from nearby trees can break into aging pipes, causing blockages, backups, or even collapse. Early removal and repair prevents more extensive and costly damage.

These repairs are part of our long-term effort to keep the system reliable, safe, and cost-effective. By investing in routine maintenance now, we're helping to avoid major future costs — and that's one way we work to keep your rates as low as possible. If you see our crew out working, please drive carefully around the area — and feel free to wave!

Board Meeting Highlights

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

January

The Board held its annual elections, nominating Terisa Bonito as President and Craig Carpenter as Vice President. Caroline Rimmer was re-appointed as Secretary to the Board. The Board also approved revisions to the District's Educational Reimbursement Policy. The Board approved up to \$70,000 to purchase and outfit a new Fire Department command vehicle and authorized a Diesel Exhaust System purchase and installation for \$46,058.30, funded through a San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Grant. **Staff:** Field Operations Supervisor Weber reported on work orders for December. Chief Lindley reported that the Fire Department responded to 98% of calls in 2024, began CERT volunteer training, and completed kitchen repairs. General Manager Dumas provided updates on the Rate Study, Well 2 water rights and generator needs, emergency preparedness, including the CLAWA connection, diesel pump and tank, and the need for pressure reducing valves.



February

The Board conducted the Arrowbear Park County Water District Financing Corporation Annual Meeting and appointed District officers to corresponding Corporation roles. The Board reviewed and approved the 2024 SSMP Audit and committee assignments for 2025. The Board authorized the Fire Department to purchase a commercial extractor for \$5,996.18 funded by a San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Grant. **Staff:** Field Operations Supervisor Weber reviewed the January work orders. Chief Lindley reported on Fire Department responses and announced an upcoming Volunteer Training Tower beginning March 1, 2025, along with Driver Operator training in partnership with the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. General Manager Dumas congratulated Chief Lindley on earning his Fire Marshal credentials, discussed a 30-day notice from San Bernardino County Fire regarding hazardous waste documentation, and provided updates on the Rate Study, and sale of the 1975 dump truck.

March

The Board accepted the Fiscal Year 2023–2024 Audit as presented by Halliday & Co. and voted to retain the firm for the 2024–2025 fiscal year. The Board approved the purchase of 10 voice amplifiers for \$6,605.18 and storage lockers for the Fire Department for \$12,103.31, funded through a San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Grant. The Board authorized the surplus of four mattresses, four lockers, and a 2012 Ford Expedition, and approved Chief Lindley's request to apply for a \$75,000 staffing grant through the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District. The Board also approved the purchase of additional auto extrication equipment for Engine 271 and Brush Engine 271 with funds from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Grant. The Board approved the implementation of an internship program for the District. **Staff:** Field Operations Supervisor Weber reported on work orders and repairs for February 2025. Chief Lindley provided a summary of monthly Fire Department responses and current projects. General Manager Dumas gave updates on the RCAC Rate Study, upcoming Proposition 218 notice mailings, the arrival of funds from the auctioned 1975 Dump Truck, and plans to auction the District's Ford F-150.

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 FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Arrowbear Lake Fire Department is proud to welcome four new probationary firefighters to our ranks. After completing 10 weeks and over 275 hours of intensive training through our internal academy, Jens Sorensen, Brett Gibson, Brian Cobian, and Chris Valdez are now officially serving the Arrowbear Lake community. These dedicated individuals will continue developing their skills over the next 12 months as they complete their probationary period.

As part of our ongoing commitment to community safety and wildfire preparation, we encourage residents to get involved with Arrowbear Lake Firewise. The program hosts monthly meetings on the last Friday of each month at 6:45 PM in the training room at Fire Station 271. These meetings provide valuable resources and updates on defensible space, evacuation readiness, and fire risk reduction. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Join us for the Wildland Fire Expo on Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Fire Station 271!

This family-friendly event will include live demonstrations, information booths, fire safety tips, and interactive displays for all ages. Meet your local firefighters, learn how to create defensible space, explore emergency preparedness resources, and see wildland fire equipment up close. There will be activities for kids and giveaways while supplies last. Don't miss this great opportunity to prepare for the fire season and connect with your community!

Mark your calendars! The Arrowbear Lake Firefighter Picnic is scheduled for June 28th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We look forward to spending a fun and relaxing afternoon with our firefighters, their families, and the community.

With warmer weather approaching, rattlesnake season is officially here. Residents and visitors are reminded to stay alert while hiking, walking pets, or doing yard work, especially in brushy or rocky areas where snakes may be hiding. Rattlesnakes are most active during the day in spring and fall, and during cooler evening hours in the heat of summer. Be cautious when stepping over logs, reaching into woodpiles, or working near dense vegetation. If you encounter a rattlesnake, give it space and do not attempt to handle or harm it. If you are bitten, stay calm and call 911 immediately. Keeping your property clear of debris and tall grass can also help reduce the risk of snake encounters. Stay safe and aware this season!

We're also excited to announce that planning is underway for our next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Stay tuned to our social media channels—dates will be announced soon! If you are interested in joining the Arrowbear CERT Program, please email info@ablfd.org for more information and an application.



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

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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