

# The Waterline



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## MAIN REPLACEMENT ON DEER LICK AND ENCINA

We are pleased to announce that, as of the end of 2020, Arrowbear Park County Water District has replaced over a mile and a half (8,000 feet) of the almost four miles of over 60-year-old, 2-inch steel, water mains in the District. This month we will once again begin work on more water main replacements. **Residents on Deer Lick Dr. and Encina 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 C909 PVC 6-inch water mains will provide decades of service and provide greater flows for use in fighting a structure or brush fire. The addition of a new fire hydrant on Deer Lick Dr. will permit firefighters to connect fire hose closer to the fire, allowing them to attack the fire with greater speed. The anticipated life of the new C909 PVC pipe is 75+ years. The next streets to undergo pipeline replacement in 2022 will be Willow Lane and then Pine Ridge Dr. The full, tentative list of pipeline replacement projects is available on the District website, [arrowbearwater.org](http://arrowbearwater.org) and at the District office.



## Board Meeting Highlights

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

**January** - The January Board Meeting was held using remote meeting technology. Supervisor Miller was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as the continued successful training of the newest Utility Worker. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and that four Volunteer Firefighters had completed the EMR class. General Manager Huff reported that an OSHA required COVID-19 program had been written and implemented and that quotes for a new water system controller upgrade were being compiled. Chief Vasquez from the Running Springs Fire Dept. gave a presentation describing the benefits of merging the RSFD and the ABLFD into a new entity, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The Board scheduled a Special Session Public Board Meeting for Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to further explore the proposal. The Board selected Director Wymer as Board President and Director Oberlies as Vice-President for 2021. The Board also approved updates to the Employee Handbook and related policies to comply with new/revised employment law.



**February** - At the February 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session Public Board Meeting, the Board thoroughly reviewed the Fire JPA proposal as well as additional information from RSFD and determined that there was not enough information to go forward at this time. The February Board Meeting was held using remote meeting technology. Supervisor Miller was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance issues for the month and that personnel was doing regularly scheduled maintenance done during the winter. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls for the month and current Department activities. General Manager Huff reported on his progress with annual reports. The Board discussed updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan and expanding its scope to include other emergencies. President Wymer made 2021 committee assignments and General Manager Huff presented the annual SSMP Audit, which the Board accepted.

**March** - The March Board Meeting was held using remote meeting technology. Supervisor Miller was excused and General Manager Huff reported on the maintenance issues for the month. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls and noted the increased coverage being provided by the Volunteer Firefighters. Due to Board concerns regarding potential emergencies in the District, the Board directed General Manager Huff to begin work on an Emergency Response Plan (ERP). The Board also approved the District's annual investment policy.

**NOTE: THE MOST RECENT FULL MEETING AGENDAS, APPROVED MINUTES, AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO VIEW AND PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, [ARROWBEARWATER.ORG](http://ARROWBEARWATER.ORG)**



# ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS** - We recently completed an inspection by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and due to a number of factors that have greatly improved, since our last inspection five years ago, we anticipate an improvement in our rating (final results will be available around the first of July). The ISO fire score is a rating that determines how well your local fire department can protect your community and home. Insurance companies use the score to help set home insurance rates, as a home that is less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire is cheaper to insure. However, the impact of your area's ISO score on your homeowners insurance policy varies by insurer. For more details, see <https://www.valuepenguin.com/iso-fire-rating-home-insurance>.

**WEED ABATEMENT** - I hope everyone enjoyed our cold but brief Winter. Now, it's time once again to start your property clean-up. The Fire Dept. along with the County is planning a "model home" in Arrowbear to show weed abatement and defensible space requirements. Look for more details in an upcoming newsletter issue. Until then, with fire inspections around the corner, we ask you, the community, to remember to 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
- 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
- Use hard surfaces (concrete, stone, asphalt, brick, etc.) in your landscaping
- Trim tree branches within 10 feet of a chimney or stovepipe
- 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). We ask you to help us protect you, your property, and the beautiful place in which we live. Inspections will start around June 1, 2021 and abatement notices will be sent out around July 1, 2021 for noncompliance.

**COVID-19** - Covid is still with us. Be safe, sanitize, wear your mask as needed, and if you so desire, get your shots. If we all stay vigilant, we will beat this.

Sincerely,

*Jim Ozias*, Fire Chief

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