

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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District Welcomes New General Manager Benjamin Magaña Jr.

With the resignation of General Manager Norman Huff in August, the District would like to introduce our new General Manager, Benjamin Magaña Jr. Mr. Magaña comes from Porterville, CA in the Central Valley. Mr. Magaña has been in the Water/Wastewater Industry since 2006. Mr. Magaña has extensive knowledge of project management and is also dual-certified in the States of California and Texas in Water Distribution and Wastewater. Mr. Magaña has previously served as General Manager to a Community Service District in California and to a County Water Control & Improvement District in the State of Texas. Mr. Magaña is a family man; father to six children all active in sports. Mr. Magaña looks forward to getting to know the people in the Community of Arrowbear and to helping improve the District, along with picking up with the projects the previous General Manager started.



Let it Snow! Winterization Tips

Winter is right around the corner and hopefully that means colder temps and SNOW! Home and cabin owners are encouraged to protect their property by winterizing and ensuring that they are ready for cold and freezing temps. The three main causes of frozen pipes are: quick drops in temperature, poor insulation, and thermostats set too low. If pipes freeze and break, a 1/8-inch crack in a pipe can spew up to 250 gallons of water a day, causing a very high water bill, flooding, serious structural damage, and the immediate potential for mold. Prepare now by, insulating pipes in your home's crawl spaces, buildup, and attic. Seal leaks that allow cold air in near where pipes are located and use your shutoff/stop-and-waste valve to shut off and drain water from your pipes and outside faucets if leaving the home unattended. More tips and help can be found on the Winter Tips tab on our website: <http://www.arrowbearwater.org/winter-tips.html>



Board Meeting Highlights

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

July – Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as continued meter box repair/replacements. Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls and thanked the Board for coming to the Fire Fighter's Annual Picnic. General Manager Huff reported the start of the Audit and the continued effort of Supervisor Weber and staff of continuing to seal district manholes, which has saved the District money.

August – Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well as completion of the fence and weed abatement at the CLAWA Station. Chief Lindley reported on the Fire Department calls and the Fire Station upgrades. General Manager Huff reported that the District was on track with the Highway Project and introduced incoming General Manager Benjamin Magaña Jr. Incoming General Manager Magaña spoke to the Board about himself. Outgoing General Manager Huff concluded his report by thanking the Board for his tenure.



September – Supervisor Weber reported on the maintenance and repairs in the District as well and spoke about purchasing certain equipment attachments to help with District equipment. Chief Lindley reported on calls and responses for the month of August. General Manager Magaña reported on current potential grants for the pipeline project and electronic water meters, and informed the Board of the Minutes from the Fire & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2023 at the Fire Department.

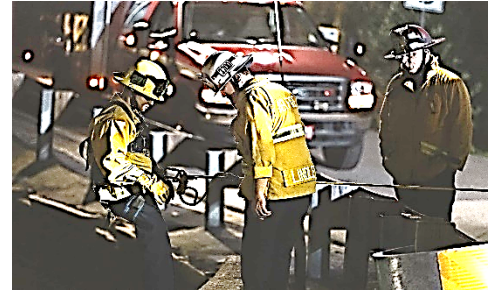
NOTE: THE MOST RECENT FULL MEETING AGENDAS, APPROVED MINUTES, AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT'S MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, ARROWBEARWATER.ORG



ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Arrowbear Lake Fire Fighters in Action

On September 24th, ABLFD conducted an over-the-side, high angle rescue training on the Arrowbear Drive Bridge. This rescue allowed our firefighters to hone in on skills that allow them to remove victims from areas with restricted access. This life-saving training was a beneficial learning experience for our crew, and is also one that we do not get to practice every day. Pictured below are photos from the rescue.



Fire Department Awarded Grant from Cal Fire

Recently the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department accepted a grant from Cal Fire for new wildland personal protective equipment valued at \$20,000. This equipment will provide personnel with the ability to safely and effectively respond to, and mitigate, wildland fires.

Current Events -

On October 28th, 2023, from 11 AM to 1 PM, the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department will be hosting our annual Open House. We invite the community to visit us at Fire Station 271 and partake in the festivities. Demonstrations and explanations of some of the tools and techniques used in rescue operations. Hands on CPR is taught. Complimentary food and beverages are served throughout the event. It is a free event for the community to help promote safety and awareness to the public.

Holiday Meal Disbursement - in conjunction with Mountain Helping Hands, the ABLF Association donates monetary funds to purchase Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for some of the local residents of Running Springs, Arrowbear Lake, and Green Valley Lake. The Fire Department will be collecting non-perishable goods that can be donated at Fire Station 271. These will be distributed to families in need.

Lastly, with daylight savings approaching on Sunday, November 5th, 2023, we would like to take this time to remind everyone to check their smoke alarms and their carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they operate properly. Also, remember to change the batteries if you do not have the ten-year smoke alarms.

Thank you again for all your support, we hope to see you all at the open house October 28th.

Sincerely,

Paul Lindley, Fire Chief

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