

The Waterline



Arrowbear Park County Water District

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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 – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Governor's Orders, the July 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. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls, staffing in response to the Mount R fire, and the Fire Department's Firefighter Academy for new recruits that would be starting July 18th and continuing for several weekends. The lead auditor from SingerLewak presented their annual audit for FY 2018-2019 and the Board voted to accept the audit and appoint SingerLewak as auditors for the FY 2019-2020 audit.

August – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Governor's Orders, the August 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 the completion of the Evergreen and Cougar pipeline projects just prior to the County's paving of the streets. Chief Ozias reported on the Fire Department calls, participation in Mountain Top Days, and the progress of the Firefighter Academy. General Manager Huff reported on preparations for the annual audit and the completion of the annual sewer cleaning and inspection. The Board approved an allocation to purchase a dedicated Fire Dept. hydrant meter and discussed office fencing. After a closed session evaluation, the Board voted unanimously to extend General Manager Huff's employment contract for an additional year.



September – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Governor's Orders, the September 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. Chief Ozias reported on calls and responses for the month and gave an update on the El Dorado fire. General Manager Huff reported on the Utility Worker who was leaving and that the District would be recruiting for additional personnel. He also reported that audit preparations were going well. The Board discussed the residency policy for the Battalion Chief position, was presented with and approved surplus allocations, and discussed and approved the 2021 healthcare benefits ceiling limits by motion and resolution.

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



ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Arrowbear Lake Fire Department Fire Academy Graduation

Chief Ozias would like to introduce to the community the 2020 Graduating Cadets from the first Arrowbear Lake Fire Department Training Academy. These Cadets went through four and a half weeks of condensed Fire Training Basics. Over nine, eight-hour days, they dedicated their weekends to completing this important training. Under the guidance of the Chief, training was taught by the department's two, well-experienced Captains, Paul Lindley and Nick Novelich. The Academy started with the basics and guided the Cadets through more intense hands-on fire and rescue training to equip them with the knowledge and knowhow to become

proficiently trained crew members of the Fire Department in order to further the safety and protection of the residents and property of Arrowbear. The training also included some current department crew members for the "working as a team" aspect which is primary in the fire service. Congratulations for a job well done to new Arrowbear Probationary Firefighters Tyler Clark, Tony Frye, Chloe Urioste, and Amy Pierce.



Recent Events – On September 10th the Department's Water Tender 271 was dispatched with two Firefighters to assist with the El Dorado fire. 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

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