



November 2005

Carpinteria Valley Water District

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## Headquarters Well Lateral Project

The Carpinteria Valley Water District has begun construction of a 3400 lineal foot section of pipeline from the Headquarters Well to the South Coast Conduit along Santa Monica Creek. The purpose of the pipeline is to allow the District to utilize the Headquarters Well to its full potential. Currently the well is restricted in the amount it can produce based on conveyance limitations.

The cost of the project is approximately \$310,000 and is funded as part of a State Revolving Fund loan. In order to reduce costs, the pipeline will be constructed by District employees under the supervision of Omar Castro, District Operations and Maintenance Manager.



## District Pursues Sale of State Water

The District is currently in discussions with two prospective buyers for portions of the District's State Water entitlement. The two buyers are the City of Santa Maria and Plains Exploration and Production (PXP). The District is hopeful that at least one sale of a portion of its State Water entitlement will happen in time to have a favorable impact on next year's 2006-2007 budget and water rates. The District's total State Water entitlement including 200 acre feet of "drought buffer" is 2,200 acre feet. As much as 900 acre feet of District entitlement is under consideration for lease and/or sale.

## November Holiday Schedule

The District Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The District will reopen for business on Monday, November 28th.

In case of emergency, call (805) 684-2816 for assistance.

El Distrito es bilingue. Favor de llamar con cualquier pregunta sobre su cuenta o el uso de agua, estamos aqui para asistirlos.

## *Water Education*

### **Water Issues Study Group**

CVWD has successfully kicked off its Water Issues Study Group inaugural eight week session. The WISG offers community members an opportunity to learn about water issues as they relate to the Carpinteria Valley. Topics include water quality and supply along with an upcoming tour of the Cater Treatment Plant in Santa Barbara. The public is encouraged to attend the next WISG meeting to be held at the City of Carpinteria on November 15, 2005 at 7 p.m.

### **Cater Treatment Plant Tour**

We would also like to invite the public to join the WISG on a tour of the Cater Water Treatment Plant on December 13th at 1 p.m. Please phone Rhonda Gutierrez at (805) 684-2816 or [info@cvwd.net](mailto:info@cvwd.net) to reserve your space for the tour or for further details.



Aliso School students from Mrs. Person's and Mrs. Parker's 4th grade classes visit a District well site as part of their Adventures in Education program which focuses on marine, water, and environmental sciences.

## *Ask Us !*

**Q.** What does SWP stand for and why is it the largest service charge on my bill?

**A.** SWP stands for State Water Project. The District has a contractual obligation to pay its fair share of the capital costs associated with the construction of the Coastal Branch of the California Aqueduct which supplies State Water to our region. The "SWP Service Charge" is the primary way that the District passes these costs along to its customers. The District collects 100% of its State Water Project debt obligations, approximately \$3.0 million, through the SWP component of the monthly service charge.

Please submit questions you would like answered via our newsletter by mail at P.O. Box 578, Carpinteria, CA 93014, fax (805) 684-3170 or email [info@cvwd.net](mailto:info@cvwd.net).



## *Have you visited our web site lately?*

New information is added and updated frequently.  
Be sure to visit the website at [www.cvwd.net](http://www.cvwd.net)

## **Carpinteria Valley Water District Board of Directors**

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### **Board Meetings**

CVWD's Board of Directors meets on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Regular meetings begin at 4 p.m., are open to the public, and are held at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave., Carpinteria. For more information, phone (805) 684-2816

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