



December 2005

Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Re-Paving of Santa Monica Road

The District has completed the resurfacing of Santa Monica Road, north of Foothill Road. This was necessary after the District installed a new mainline and dug up much of the old road. The cost of the repaving was split equally by the District and Rancho Monte Alegre.



Season's Greetings



*Carpinteria Valley Water District's
Board of Directors and staff
sincerely wish you and your family
a safe and happy holiday season!*



Holiday Toy Drive

This year CVWD is participating in the Spark of Love Program which provides gifts to abused, neglected, abandoned and needy children. There will be a collection box located at the District Office for those that wish to donate a gift. Even the smallest of gifts can make a difference to a child, please support our efforts to make a child's Holiday Season a little brighter.

Check Water Before You Leave Home

During the holidays many of us travel providing an opportunity for leaks to go unnoticed. Be sure to check that toilets and sprinklers are not leaking prior to your departure. You may also want to turn off the house shut-off valve to avoid the possibility of leaks or flooding and a high water bill upon your return.

December/January Holiday Schedule

The District Office will be closed on the following dates:

December 23rd after 12 p.m.
December 26th
December 30th after 12 p.m.
January 2nd
January 16th

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

El Distrito es bilingue. Favor de llamar (805) 684-2816 con cualquier pregunta sobre su cuenta o el uso de agua, estamos aqui para asistirlos.

Water Quality Experts Address Carpinteria's Water Quality Issues

Carpinteria Valley Water District hosted a special Water Issues Study Group meeting on November 15th at Carpinteria City Hall. The meeting focused on water quality issues of concern to the Carpinteria Valley. Featured guests included Michael McGuire, PhD, a renowned water quality expert, Cindy Forbes, P.E., Chief of the Southern California Branch, and Kurt Souza, P.E., Chief of the Southern California Section of the California Department of Health Services—Drinking Water Field Operations Branch. Dr. McGuire noted that Carpinteria Valley Water District currently meets existing water quality standards, but can expect a challenge with the new disinfection byproduct standards soon to be announced. The District plans to blend groundwater, making use of the storage tank now under construction, to help meet the challenge.

Cater Water Treatment Plant Tour

CVWD would like to invite the public to join the Water Issues Study Group on a tour of the Cater Water Treatment Plant in Santa Barbara on December 13th at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 25 participants so please phone Rhonda at (805) 684-2816 or email info@cvwd.net to reserve your space for the tour or for further details. Transportation to Cater will be provided by the District.

Ask Us!

Q. Why does Ag get a lower water rate?

A. Agricultural water accounts deliberately receive a lower water rate. The rate does not pass along the District costs for drinking water, except for their residential use. This is because growers don't need drinking water for their irrigation. They do, however, pay their proportionate share of State water costs and all other water costs. There is also another basis for charging Ag customers a lower rate. Many growers have the ability to drill wells and many already have. If more growers drilled wells, because the District's price of water got too high, there would be a loss of water sales revenue to the District. The difference would then have to be collected from all other residential and commercial customers, causing their water rates to go up. Agricultural water sales now account for approximately twenty-five percent of the District's overall water revenue.

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.



Have you visited our web site lately?

New information is added and updated frequently.
Be sure to visit the website at www.cvwd.net

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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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