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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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3 Million Gallon Storage Tank Update

The construction of the District's three million gallon tank has been completed and the backfill operation will begin in the next several weeks. The tank will be completely buried and landscaped to minimize any visual impact on the Carpinteria Valley. The Project is one of several CVWD projects that will help the District to meet new water quality regulations as well as bolster the water delivery reliability. The tank and associated infrastructure are expected to be put into service by April of 2007.



Ortega Reservoir Update

Recent water quality testing in the Ortega Reservoir indicated an elevated presence of bacteria including some coliform bacteria. The Montecito Water District staff took remedial action to fix the problem by maintaining chlorine residual in the reservoir. Additional follow up analysis showed no presence of coliform bacteria in the reservoir. In addition, samples were taken in the distribution systems of both Montecito and Carpinteria water districts to ensure the purity of the water supply. All samples showed no presence of coliform bacteria. The Reservoir has since been taken out of service and drained for cleaning and construction work. Pictured below is the Ortega Reservoir cover being constructed. After the cover is complete the potential for bacterial contamination will be greatly reduced.



Holiday Schedule

The District Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day Holidays.

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

*Happy Holidays from the
Board of Directors and Staff!*

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.

ET Irrigation Controllers

CVWD has several ET Irrigation Controllers available for residential customers who wish to participate in a countywide high-tech landscape water efficiency program.

The controllers automatically use data collected from weather stations to adjust irrigation timing to match the actual needs of plants, especially grass, each day.

Please phone Rhonda at (805) 684-2816 for more information or to schedule a site evaluation.

Toilet Flapper Replacement

Leaking toilets cause more water waste than any other fixture in the home. Even a silent toilet leak (that's one you normally can't hear) will waste from 30 to 500 gallons of water per day! The leaks you can hear will waste much, much more. Such wastage can normally be attributed to a faulty water level adjustment or to a leaky flapper.

In order to find out if the flapper needs replacement, put some food dye in the tank and then leave for 15 minutes. When you return, look into the toilet bowl to see if the water has changed from clear to the color of the dye. Dye colored water, a hissing sound or visible water running in your bowl are indications that it is time for a new flapper valve!



Ask Us!

Q. Is there a website you can direct me to that has information regarding the maintenance of waterless urinals?

A. Yes, you can find general cleaning guidelines at www.buildings.com/Articles/detailBuildings.asp?ArticleID=3188 or if you wish specific guidelines from Falcon Waterfree Technologies (the company that donated the waterfree urinal to the District), you can download instructions in English and Spanish from their website, www.falconwaterfree.com/pdf/028-EN-ES.pdf

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.



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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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