September 2007



Carpinteria Valley Water District

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From the Desk of Charles Hamilton, General Manager

Zaca Fire Update



My participation in the Zaca Fire emergency preparations began on Tuesday, August 7, with an early morning meeting that included City Manager Dave Durflinger, Assistant Superintendent of the Carpinteria Unified School District, Cindy Abbott, and the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District Chief, Tom Martinez, who distributed copies of the Evacuation Plan prepared for our area. That meeting was followed by a meeting called by Dave Durflinger of various fire officials and other Carpinteria Valley agency managers at City Hall on Wednesday, August 8. We were briefed by key fire officials and further discussed the Evacuation Plan for our area. At that meeting I reported that Carpinteria Valley Water District has a new 1200 gallon per minute well the District could run on a diesel powered generator and fill a new 3 million gallon storage tank to gravity feed much of our service area. This could be critical in the event of a fire - related power failure that dramatically reduced our Cachuma water source. Beginning on Thursday I attended the first of four consecutive daily Cooperator Agency meetings at the Earl Warren Incident Command center. The Cooperator meetings were very informative, as I met and talked with the Incident Commander, Red Cross officials, CHP officers and others.

Our District on Friday evening, August 17, was contacted by the Carpinteria -Summerland FPD about water being taken off two of our laterals (11 and 13) for some tenders being readied for action. Fortunately they were not needed.

State Water Update

The District has begun formal discussions about the transfer and sale of up to 500 acre feet of State Water to the City of Guadalupe. This transfer, if completed, will result in a reduction of State Water Project costs borne by customers of the District, and also provide new funds to offset costs of future capital projects. The District has also begun discussions about participation in a water bank in Kern County owned and operated by the Irvine Ranch Water District. Participation in the underground water bank would enable the District to store unused State Water during one year for credit and use of State Water when needed in a future year.

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

You are Invited



The Carpinteria Valley Water District Board of Directors and Staff cordially invites you to its

Safe Drinking Water Capital Improvement Program Dedication Ceremony

- New Well with Filtration Plant
- Carpinteria Reservoir Cover
- Ortega Reservoir Cover
- 3 MG Storage Tank

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria

4:30 p.m. Meet & Greet Social Hour 5:30 p.m. Dedication Ceremony

For information phone Rhonda (805) 684-2816 or email rhonda@cvwd.net

September Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Meetings for the month of September will be:

Wednesday, September 12th Wednesday, September 19th - 4:30 p.m. CIP Dedication Wednesday, September 26th

The meetings will be held at 4 p.m. in the District's Board Room located at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.



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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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