

April 2007



Carpinteria Valley Water District

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## *Happy Retirement, Gabe Jaimes*

Congratulations to Gabe "Pockets" Jaimes, who after twenty one and a half years of service as a Water Utility Worker and Customer Service Representative, is retiring from the Carpinteria Valley Water District. Gabe's friendly and can-do attitude as well as his strong work ethic has made him an outstanding and valuable member of the Carpinteria Valley Water District team. Gabe is a dedicated employee who is always willing to go above and beyond the call of duty when helping customers and fellow employees. Customers have described Gabe as "wonderfully knowledgeable, helpful, pleasant, and efficient." One customer stated, "The quality of attention given by Mr. Jaimes was exemplary." Another said, Gabe "made having pressure regulator problems an educational experience, rather than a disaster!" Fellow employees echo the sentiments of CVWD's customers; expressing what a pleasure and honor it has been working with Gabe.

Fortunately, Gabe is a resident of Carpinteria and we will have opportunities to see him around town. We wish him a happy and relaxing retirement; he will be greatly missed by all of his co-workers.



## *2007/08 Fiscal Year Budget*

The District's budget process is well underway. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2007/08 Budget includes:

- Revenue of \$10.6 million, an increase of \$768,000 over the current year.
- Operating Expenses of \$5.35 million, an increase of \$652,000 over current year.
- Debt Service of \$5.2 million, an increase of \$447,229 over current year.

Please refer to your Notice of Public Hearing included with your monthly bill for further details. A public hearing is scheduled for May 23, 2007 at 7:00pm at the District office. You may also contact Charles Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary, at 684-2816 if you have any questions about the budget process or the proposed Water Rates and Charges increases.

## *April Board of Director Meetings*

The Board Meetings for the month of April will be: **Wednesday April 11th**  
**Wednesday April 18th**

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

## *Earth Day*



**2007 South Coast Earth Day Festival**  
**Sunday, April 22nd**  
**10 am to 5:30 pm**  
**Santa Barbara County Courthouse**  
**Sunken Gardens.**

The Earth Day festival features a children's activity area, live music from the solar-powered stage, free bicycle check-ups, an "energy village", presentations of new and upcoming technologies by environmental entrepreneurs and innovators, a Green Car Show and over 130 commercial and non-profit booths.

## *Business Owners*

### *Highest Rebates Yet!*

Rebate amounts have been increased for the Santa Barbara County Rebate Program, Save Water, Save a Buck Program! The program will be available for a limited time, so business owners now is your opportunity to get rid of high water using toilets, urinals, and clothes washers by replacing them with water efficient ones. Businesses can expect to see about \$60-100 a year in water and sewer bill savings for each fixture installed, along with reduced energy costs for clothes washers. The rebate amounts are:

High Efficiency Toilets	\$150.00 to \$300.00
Waterless or Low-Flush Urinals	\$300.00
High Efficiency Clothes Washers	\$350.00

Rebates are provided for commercial, industrial, and institutional water customers only; no rebates are given to single-family residential water customers. Fixtures must be purchased by December 31, 2007 and installed in the service area of one of the sponsoring water districts.

Rebates are offered in the service areas of the following program sponsors: Carpinteria Valley Water District, City of Santa Barbara, City of Lompoc, City of Santa Maria, Goleta Water District, and Montecito Water District. Businesses interested in their bottom line and saving water for our future, should visit [www.sbwater.org](http://www.sbwater.org) or call the "Save Water, Save a Buck" hotline at 1-800-215-7559. This program funded by the California DWR Prop 13 Water Use Efficiency Grant Program.

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.



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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**

Fred Lemere  
*President*

June Van Wingerden  
*Vice President*

Jim Drain  
Bob Lieberknecht  
Matt Roberts

### **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

### **Staff**

Charles Hamilton  
*General Manager*

Suzie Lara  
Alex Keuper

Engineering  
Bob McDonald  
*District Engineer*

Brian King  
Rhonda Gutierrez

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Norma Rosales  
*Business Manager*

Esperanza Barbosa  
Tootie Maier  
Patty Rodriguez

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Maintenance  
Omar Castro  
*O&M Manager*

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Gabe James  
Jon Macias  
Joey Mendoza  
Danny Rada  
Daniel Rodriguez  
Greg Stanford