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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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## *Water Quality*

Water sample test results received at the end of February show that Carpinteria Valley Water District's water quality is back in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rolling annual average standard for the Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). This is of course good news. The concern remains, however, that without greater production and blending of higher quality local groundwater, the standard could be violated again in three months and another public notification letter will be required.

Please also be advised that the risk associated with failure to meet this standard does not require the use of an alternative supply such as bottled water. The risk becomes a problem when TTHMs remain in water in excess of the maximum contaminant level of 0.080 milligrams per liter over many years. For additional information, please call Engineering Technician, Rhonda Gutierrez (se habla español) or the General Manager, Charles Hamilton at 684-2816.

## *3 Million Gallon Storage Tank*



The tank site on Rancho Monte Alegre is now ready for construction. The 3 million gallon storage tank is the largest infrastructure project in the Carpinteria Valley since the 1950's when the Cachuma Project was built. Construction is scheduled to begin in March. Shown from left to right are Board Directors, Matt Roberts, June VanWingerden (Vice President), Jim Drain, Fred Lemere (President), and Bob Lieberknecht.

## *Reminder*

*Carpinteria Valley Water District  
Board Meeting  
Regarding Proposed Draft  
Fiscal Budget 2006-2007*

*Wednesday, March 29, 2006  
7 p.m.*

*Carpinteria City Hall  
Council Chambers  
5775 Carpinteria Avenue*

*The public is encouraged to attend  
and submit comments.*

*The proposed Budget and Rate  
Increase are scheduled for  
final action on May 24, 2006.*

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.

## *GardenWise Guys Landscape Television Program*

GardenWise Guys is a thirty-minute television show about designing & maintaining a sustainable garden. The quarterly show is produced by City TV and funded by the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, Goleta Water District, and the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department. It is hosted by two local landscape architects: Owen Dell, of County Landscape & Design, and Billy Goodnick, City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Department. With a unique sense of humor, the GardenWise Guys will give viewers the basic information they need to start making changes in their own yard. How can you select plants for your garden that don't require excessive pruning, fertilizing, or watering? The GardenWise Guys will give you all the answers!

The show airs on government access television (GATV) channel 20, Monday thru Wednesday at 10 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m.



## *Bradbury Dam Tour*

As part of the District's *Water Issues Study Group*, ten Carpinteria residents toured Bradbury Dam on Tuesday, February 14, 2006. Dam Tenders Robert Berkshire and Colin Fallat provided the group with a history of the Lake Cachuma project, a presentation of recent seismic upgrades to the Dam, how water is released for anadromous fish in the Santa Ynez River and daily operation and maintenance procedures. The highlight of the tour was an up-close view of the massive radial gates that regulate Lake levels during spill events. An enlightening trip to the bucolic Santa Ynez Valley!



## *Ask Us!*

**Q.** I am on a fixed income. Does CVWD have a program to help low or fixed income customers?

**A.** Yes, CVWD's Lifeline Customer Assistance Program provides reduced rates for customers of Southern California Edison's Care Program. Bring in your Edison bill confirming your participation in the Care Program and CVWD will apply a 20% credit to your total 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**

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*

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Alex Keuper

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