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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Crew Works Through Night to Repair Leak

Repairing leaks is one of the many tasks performed by CVWD field personnel and more often than not, the repairs are made with minimal, if any, impact to customers. On Thursday, January 4th, at approximately 4:00 p.m., a routine repair in the vicinity of 6900 Casitas Pass Road was hampered when the valve ruptured and sent water surging out of the main pipeline. Foreman Danny Rada and field crew members, Joel Cox and Daniel Rodriguez, pictured here, immediately began the process of locating and shutting down subsequent valves in order to contain and repair the leak. Approximately fifty-five accounts were affected by the repair work and loss of water. Assisted by General Manager, Charles Hamilton, Engineering staff, Bob McDonald and Brian King as well as Water Treatment Operators, Greg Stanford and Joey Mendoza, the crew, worked tirelessly throughout the night temporarily repairing the valve so that customers would have water to meet their early morning water demands. On Friday, January 9th, District field personnel along with a contractor were able to replace the temporary valve repair job with a new permanent valve.



Save the Dates

CVWD Preliminary 2007-2008 Budget Meetings

Wednesday, February 21st

7:00 P.M.

Carpinteria City Hall Council
Chambers

5775 Carpinteria Avenue

Wednesdays, March 28th & May 16th

4:00 P.M.

CVWD Board Room
1301 Santa Ynez Avenue

The public is encouraged to attend Board meetings and submit comments during all Rate and Budget deliberations.

Please phone the District office (805) 684-2816 to confirm dates and times.

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.

Wind Damage

Like so many Carpinteria businesses and residents, the District's facilities had its share of broken tree limbs and debris scattered throughout. In addition, the District received numerous calls from residents concerning broken water lines caused by uprooted trees and broken tree limbs. On-call Customer Service Representative, Joey Mendoza, responded to the calls throughout the night. His quick and efficient response minimized water loss to customers.



Clarification

Last month's newsletter notified customers that Directors Drain, Lemere, and Roberts were appointed to a new four year term by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. It should be noted that the three directors were appointed in lieu of an election because they ran unopposed.

Ask Us!

Q. Why is my water usage this month exactly the same as last month? Is my meter actually being read?

A. Yes, your meter is read each month. It is in fact read by different field personnel each month. There is usually very little variation in water usage from month to month unless we have had very wet or dry weather. Other reasons for increased water use can be attributed to company or family visiting during the holidays, leaks, or newly installed landscaping. Some reasons for decreases in water use can be due to water use efficiency, vacationing residents or less family members present in household.

Q. Who is the host of the California Water Series?

A. Huell Howser, known for his informative *California Gold Series*, is also the host for the *California Water Series*.

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

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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