



August 2007

Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Capital Improvement Dedication

You are invited. **Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.**

Carpinteria Valley Water District is dedicating the completion of its Capital Improvement Program for safe drinking water on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. This special event will mark the completion of major projects constructed and funded by the District over the past five years: the covering of Carpinteria and Ortega Reservoirs, a new Well with Filtration Plant, and a 3 million gallon Storage Tank.

The integration of these four projects into CVWD's distribution and treatment system helps to ensure that Carpinteria Valley has safe and adequate drinking water for many years to come.

The Dedication will be held at the District Office located at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue. An informal "Meet and Greet" reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. A formal presentation by agency and elected officials will start at 5:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Manager Receives Certificate of Recognition by Grand Jury

On July 2, 2007, Business Manager Norma Rosales, representing General Manager Charles Hamilton, was presented a Certificate of Recognition in a ceremony held by the Grand Jury. The Certificate, signed by Judge Rodney Melville of the Superior Court and Albert Mercado, Foreperson of the 2006-2007 Civil Grand Jury, acknowledged Manager Hamilton's knowledge and thoroughness in explaining the Water District's complex delivery system to the Grand Jury. Copies of the Grand Jury report about the District and the District's response can be obtained at the District, and can also be downloaded from the District's web site: www.CVWD.net.

New Billing Statements

Please contact the District if you have any questions about the District's new bill format. Online billing and payment capabilities will soon be available, please contact us for more information.

August Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Meeting for the month of August will be:

Wednesday, August 22nd

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

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.

Steelhead Restoration and Hilton Creek Supplemental Watering System Project

One of the Several Steelhead Recovery Projects Supported by
Carpinteria Valley Water District

Article By Timothy Robinson, PhD, Sr. Resource Scientist with the
Cachuma Conservation Release Board

Hilton Creek, a tributary to the Santa Ynez River just downstream of Bradbury Dam, is thought to be an important creek for southern steelhead recovery. The Hilton Creek Watering System was completed in phases in 1999 and 2003, and was built to improve summer steelhead rearing habitat in a creek that would otherwise be dry during the summertime. It was constructed as part of the seismic modifications to Bradbury Dam. A gravity-fed piping system brings water from Lake Cachuma to lower Hilton Creek at two different locations to enhance habitat conditions. A flexible intake pipe and pumping system draws water from deeper in the lake as water levels change over time to achieve optimum water quality conditions. The watering system now provides a permanent source of cool, oxygenated water for the endangered steelhead and rainbow trout residing in Hilton Creek and in the Santa Ynez River below Lake Cachuma. The project has allowed a steady increase in the number of steelhead/rainbow trout in Hilton Creek and the Lower Santa Ynez River. Migrating juvenile steelhead heading towards the ocean have been observed every year since 2002, and this year biologists counted over 1,300 steelhead and rainbow trout. In addition, 40-foot stands of willow, alder, cottonwood, and sycamore trees have colonized the creek. Hence, the Hilton Creek Watering System has significantly improved the steelhead/rainbow trout fishery within the Lower Santa Ynez River.



Juvenile steelhead swimming in Hilton Creek.



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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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