



December 2007

Carpinteria Valley Water District

H₂KNOW

District Hears Proposals about Safe Drinking Water and System Reliability

The District held a special televised evening Board meeting on December 5 at 7 pm at Carpinteria City Hall to increase customer awareness about upcoming decisions related to the needs of our **aging water system** and ever more stringent state and federal **safe drinking water standards**.

A presentation was made by City of Santa Barbara engineer Cathy Taylor about proposed water treatment strategies involving chloramines and ozone to help the south coast Cachuma member agencies meet new **safe drinking water standards** that take effect in 2012. The Santa Barbara Cater Water Treatment Plant treats all water from Cachuma (including State Water) that is distributed to Santa Barbara as well as Montecito and Carpinteria Valley Water Districts. The District's current cost share for Cater Treatment Plant capital improvements is about 20%.

A second presentation was made by Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board (COMB) engineer Brett Gray about major improvements and funding needed to address and ensure **reliability** of the COMB South Coast Conduit system and facilities that deliver Cachuma (and State) water to Carpinteria Valley. The District depends on COMB facilities to supply over half of the water delivered to its customers in Carpinteria Valley. The District's current cost share for COMB capital improvements is about 12 %.

If you were not able to attend the December 5 meeting, and wish to view a replay on Carpinteria's local channel 18, please call Rhonda at the District (684-2816) for information about the viewing schedule and times.

The District encourages customer participation in all that it does, and welcomes calls, letters and attendance at its many committee and Board meetings. Board meetings are typically held on third or fourth Wednesdays of the month. The meeting schedule is periodically updated on the District's web site. Dates and times can change, so please call 684-2816 in advance to confirm.



Holiday Schedule

The District Office will be closed at noon on Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday and at noon on Monday, December 31st through Tuesday, January 1, 2008 for the New Year's holiday.

In case of emergency, call (805) 684-2816 for assistance.

Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors and Staff!

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.

December Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board Meeting in the month of December will be:

**Wednesday, December 19th
4 p.m. District Boardroom**

The District's Boardroom is located at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave.



Drought Watch

This is the first of a series of "Drought Watch" updates to follow in H2KNOW for the foreseeable future. We want customers to know what is happening with water supplies and what actions the District is taking in anticipation of another dry year like the one just experienced in 2006-07. While Carpinteria Valley Water District has not yet declared that we are in a drought, a number of other southern California water agencies have done so, particularly those that depend heavily on Colorado River or State Water supplies.

What happens if this year is again very dry and produces very little runoff into Lake Cachuma, the District's main source of water supply?

Another very dry year will likely result in the lowering of Lake Cachuma storage capacity to 100,000 acre feet (one acre foot is enough water to sustain water service for up to 4 households a year). If this happens, all Cachuma member agencies including Montecito Water District, the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, Santa Ynez Water District and Carpinteria Valley Water District may voluntarily begin taking delivery cutbacks from Lake Cachuma to prolong the useful supply remaining in the Lake.

What other actions is the District taking or contemplating?

1) Dry Year Program. Already some agencies including Carpinteria Valley Water District are signing up for possible participation in a **Dry Year Program** offered by the **State Water Project Contractor's Authority** that will sell water made available from rice farmers north of the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta. This water would be delivered into Lake Cachuma through State Water Project facilities for the use and benefit of Carpinteria Valley Water District. Dry Year Program participation may become valuable in light of the November 21, 2007 Notice to **State Water** Project Contractors by the California Department of Water Resources that supplies are now projected to meet just 25% of requests by contractors. Through its membership in the Central Coast Water Authority, Carpinteria Valley Water District contracts for State Water annually for up to 2,000 acre feet of water as a back-up supply for its Cachuma water.

2) Water Banking. In conjunction with the Central Coast Water Authority, Carpinteria Valley Water District is also pursuing an option to store or "bank" some of its unused 2007 State Water allotment in a groundwater basin in another County for possible use over the next 5 years.

3) Local Groundwater. The District is actively planning to re-drill its El Carro well to increase current groundwater production capability.

Please continue to conserve and use water wisely!



Visit our website at www.cvwd.net for new and updated information.

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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