



February 2008

Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Revised 2008 Rate and Budget Meeting Schedule

Rate and Budget Meetings will be held at the District Boardroom, 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Customers are encouraged to attend. Please call ahead (805) 684-2816 for any schedule changes and agendas.

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| Thursday | February | 7 | 12:00 p.m. | Committee Meeting |
| Monday | February | 18 | 12:00 p.m. | Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday | March | 4 | 12:00 p.m. | Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | March | 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Board Meeting - Televised |
| | | | | City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave |
| Tuesday | March | 18 | 12:00 p.m. | Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | March | 26 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| Thursday | May | 15 | 12:00 p.m. | Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | May | 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Board Meeting - Televised |
| | | | | City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave |
| Wednesday | June | 4 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| Wednesday | June | 18 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |

Revised 2008 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

The 2008 Board of Directors Meetings will be held at 4 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue unless otherwise noted.

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| Wednesday, February 6 | Wednesday, June 4 |
| Wednesday, February 20 | Wednesday, June 18 |
| Wednesday, February 27 | Wednesday, July 23 |
| Wednesday, March 5 - City Hall - 7 p.m. | Wednesday, August 27 |
| Wednesday, March 26 | Wednesday, September 24 |
| Wednesday, April 23 | Wednesday, October 22 |
| Wednesday, May 21 | Wednesday, November 19 |
| Wednesday, May 28 - City Hall - 7 p.m. | Wednesday, December 17 |

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.

2008 Drought Watch

Prognosis: Optimistic

The two major rain events of January have contributed to the steady rise of Lake Cachuma. Storage in the Lake as of January 28th was about 179,086 acre feet (AF) . When storage drops to about 100,000 AF the five Cachuma member units - Carpinteria Valley, Montecito, Goleta and Santa Ynez Water Districts along with the City of Santa Barbara - begin discussions about reducing their use of Cachuma Water to prolong the life of the remaining supply. The Lake begins to spill when storage reaches about 188,000 AF. The member agencies are entitled to and usually take an average of 25,000 AF per year from the Lake. Carpinteria Valley Water District normally provides between 4,100 and 4,500 AF/year to its customers and relies on the Lake for up to 2,800 AF/year.

The rainy season officially continues for another couple of months, so optimism is the current prognosis.

It Could Spill This Year!!!

Cachuma Reservoir is one facet of the entire Cachuma Project, which also includes Bradbury Dam, the Tecolote Tunnel and the South Coast Conduit. Construction of Bradbury Dam and Cachuma Lake portions of the project began in August 1950 and ended in June 1953. The first water deliveries to Carpinteria occurred in 1955.

The Cachuma Project's construction was motivated by a desire to capture and store the floodwaters of the Santa Ynez River to ensure a more dependable water source for agricultural and municipal customers in South Santa Barbara County. Many opponents to the project thought the reservoir would never fill and that it would be a dry lake. Contrary to this belief, Cachuma has proven to be a very reliable water source and has overflowed some 20 times since that first spill in 1958.

Lake Cachuma can currently hold approximately 188,000-acre feet (AF). Recent alterations to Bradbury Dam have raised the spill elevation to approximately 753 feet above sea level. The recent winter storms have increased Lake Cachuma levels from 724 feet in early January to 747 feet as of January 28 – an increase of 57,500 acre-feet!



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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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